



St. Mary's Lutheran Church ~ Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Saturday, September 20th ~ 4:00pm & Sunday, September 21st~ 9:00am
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- ◇ Please respect the beauty of reverence and quiet reflection as we prepare for worship.
- ◇ Turn off phones or silence them.
- ◇ Also know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! This is Christ's table and His invitation. You do not need to be a Lutheran, or a member of our church to participate. Also, if you wish to come up for only a blessing, please tell us when you approach, and we will bless you! If you are unable to come up for communion, tell the usher that you would like to receive communion at your seat, and someone will bring it to you.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand in body or spirit.

GATHERING SONG

Hymn #408 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.

Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ✚ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW Pg. 101 "This is the Feast"

PRAYER OF THE DAY (see insert)

PLEASE BE SEATED

WORD (see insert)

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 113 (read responsively)

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

KIDS CONNECTION

Please stand in body or spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED

SERMON

Please stand in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymn #692 "We Are an Offering" (sung twice)

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING

"To You, I Lift My Soul" - HANNIBAL

To you, Lord, I lift my soul, Lord, I place you in control. Those who wait upon you will be blessed.

Show me, Lord, which path to take, guide me in each choice I make. I am yours and I long for you each day, comfort me I pray.

Lord, my heart I give to you, with my hands, lift praise to you. Guide my feet to follow in your ways.

God will pardon every sin, make me pure and whole again, in my soul residing day and night, warming me with holy light.

Bring me out of my distress, and guard my soul, Lord, and deliver me.

Heal my brokenness, bring me peace and rest. I wait upon you, Lord.

Please stand in body or spirit

OFFERING

Hymn #712 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" vs. 1,4

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

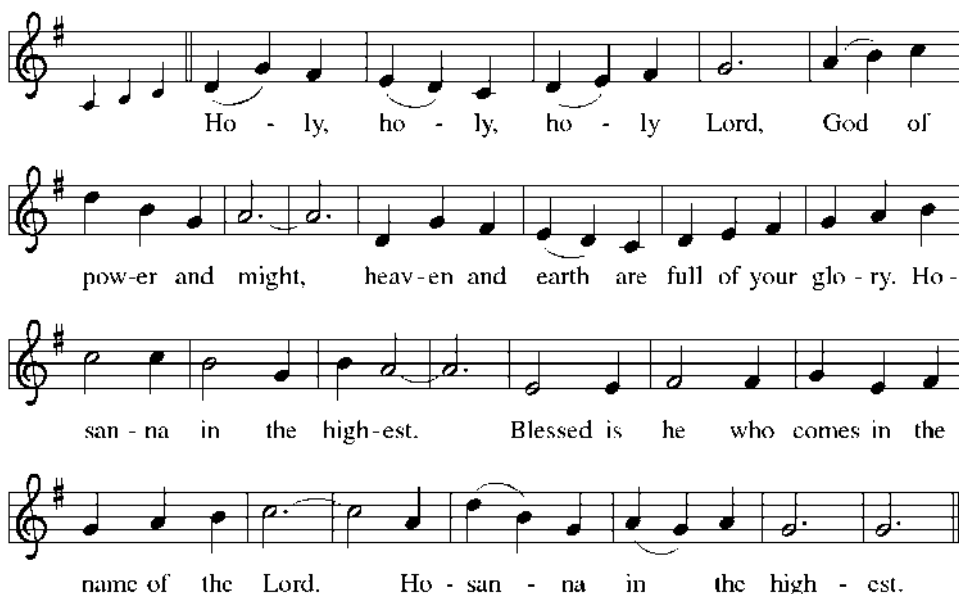
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE It is indeed right ...join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;**

and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever.**

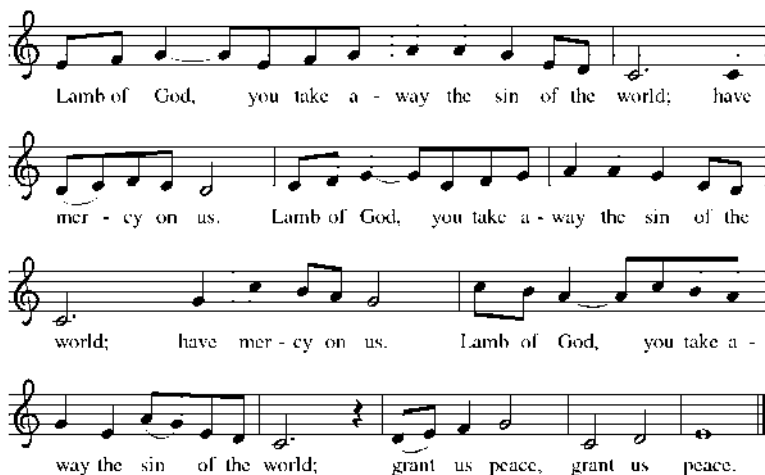
Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes all and eats with us. Come to this meal of mercy.

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COMMUNION COMMUNION SONG



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✚ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Hymn #858 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

DISMISSAL

We are God's people. **Followers of Jesus Christ.**
Gifted by the Spirit. **Go Pray. Go Love. Go Serve.**
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Our altar flowers are given in celebration of the end of summer! Enjoy!