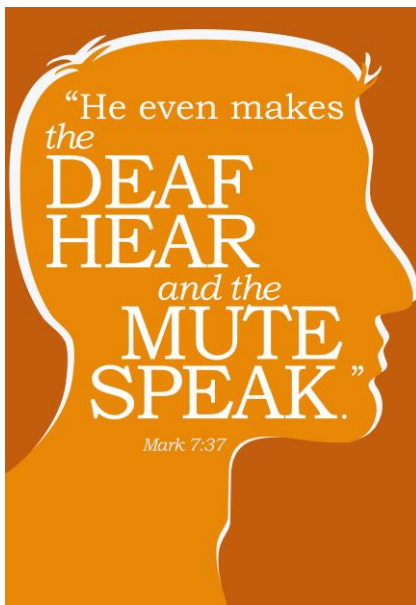


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16th Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, September 8, 2024  
10:30 am

## **The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life**

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey  
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ  
in our homes, our communities, and the world.

**We welcome all who worship with us today.**

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register located in the lobby.

If you are interested in joining our family of faith,  
please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

**Children are welcome and celebrated!**

The “Children’s Ministry” table and basket in the lobby contains a variety of items for children’s use during worship. Stop by to borrow a book, pick up some coloring sheets and crayons or take along a copy of this week’s children’s bulletin.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive.

Children may receive the sacrament if they have completed instruction with a pastor.

Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## **Gathering Music**

Sing a New Song

setting, Douglas Wagner

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*We rise in body or spirit.*

## **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Lord Jesus Christ, servant of the last and least, we give you thanks and praise.  
By your grace you serve us with humility and compassion,  
washing us clean from our sin.

**Teach us to serve others.**

Holy Spirit, source and strength of all life, we give you thanks and praise.  
By your power you strengthen us with the hope of your new creation,  
pouring out your gifts among us.

**Help us to strengthen others.**

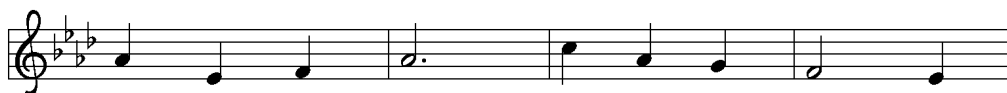
Eternal and Almighty One, who welcomed the world into being,  
we give you thanks and praise.

By your love you welcome us as the people of your covenant,  
claiming us as beloved children.

**Lead us to welcome others.**

For the gift and calling of our baptism we give you thanks and praise –  
Lord Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit, Eternal and Almighty One –  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen**



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!  
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!  
 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!  
 4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!  
 5 Knowl-edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!  
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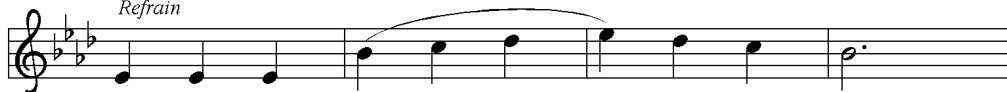


Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!  
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!  
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!  
 Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!  
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!  
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 Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!

*Refrain*



God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## Hymn of Praise

## Glory to God

WOV 5



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



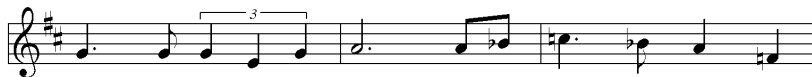
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

**I** Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.  
**II** For you a- lone are the Ho - ly One, you a- lone are the Lord,  
 you a- lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho- ly  
 Spir- it, in the glo- ry of God the Fa- ther, A - men.  
**I** Glo- ry to God, glo- ry to God, glo- ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo- ry to God, glo- ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth,  
 and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, you extend your mercy to all who are in need.

Feed us at your table and heal us by your touch,  
 that we may have new life and sing your praise to all;  
 through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Isaiah 35:4-7a**

Translation: NIV

A reading from Isaiah.

Say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, do not fear;  
your God will come, he will come with vengeance,  
with divine retribution he will come to save you.”

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy.

Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs.

In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17**

Translation: NIV

A reading from James.

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, “Here’s a good seat for you,” but say to the poor man, “You stand there” or “Sit on the floor by my feet,” have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right. But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. For he who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

Word of God, Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God!**

*We rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia

WOV 5

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



The Good News from Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Open our hearts, Lord.**

Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

“First let the children eat all they want,” he told her, “for it is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

“Lord,” she replied, “even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”

Then he told her, “For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.”

She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man’s ears. Then he spit and touched the man’s tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, “Ephphatha!” (which means “Be opened!”). At this, the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. People were overwhelmed with amazement. “He has done everything well,” they said. “He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

This is the Good News!

**Thanks be to God!**

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Pastor Tami Reichley

We rise in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day


Healer of Our Every Ill

ELW 612

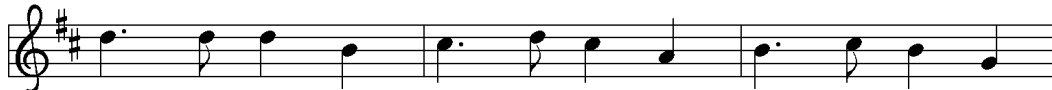
*Refrain*



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,




give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

*Refrain*



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Commissioning and Blessing of Teachers

## Prayers of the People

*Invitation to prayer:*

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

*After each petition:*

We place our trust in you, O God,  
**and know you hear our prayers.**

*Pastor's closing prayer:*

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God,  
in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen**

## Peace

As forgiven and reconciled children of Christ,  
let us share signs of reconciliation, love, and welcome with one another.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying,  
"Peace be with you."*

*The assembly is seated.*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Musical Offering**

"Balm in Gilead"  
Adult Choir

Spiritual/arr. Shepherd

*During the Offering Hymn, the gifts will be brought forward.*

## Offering Hymn

## We Are an Offering

ELW 692

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 7/8 time. It consists of six lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing." The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests, with some triplets indicated by a '3' over a group of notes.

We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Through these gifts and offerings, bless your world, O God.

Through our lives and our actions, bring love to your creation,  
that all may know your presence and live in your grace.

**Amen**

*We rise in body or spirit.*

## Great Thanksgiving

Beloved sisters and brothers, may the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We offer our hearts to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Thanksgiving is in our hearts, and praise in on our lips.**

With all your people, those on earth and those around your throne,  
those beside us in this moment and those with you throughout eternity,  
we join in everlasting song:

### Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord

WOV 5

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. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Words of Institution

## **Word in Meal**

May the Spirit of the risen Lord be poured out on us in this place,  
and on the gifts of the bread and the cup.  
As we take the loaf, we feast, not on the crumbs which fall from the table,  
but on the grace which makes us whole;  
on the hope which makes us one;  
on the love which calls us to serve:  
    to welcome the immigrants to our neighborhood,  
    to teach the little child to read,  
    to affirm the awkward adolescent,  
    to share our bread and all we have with those in need,  
until that day when Christ returns and all shall feast at his banquet in heaven.

## **Lord's Prayer**

God in Community, Holy in One, surround us in these moments and in all the ones to come, with your grace and love, as we pray together the disciples' prayer:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

## Invitation to the table

Come, here is your God.  
Jesus welcomes you to this table.

*The assembly is seated.*

## Distribution of communion

The body of Christ given for you.  
The blood of Christ shed for you.

## Agnus Dei

## Lamb of God

WOV 5



☪ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

Here is Bread

ELW 483



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.  
 Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.  
 We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



*Refrain*

In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

Communion Hymn

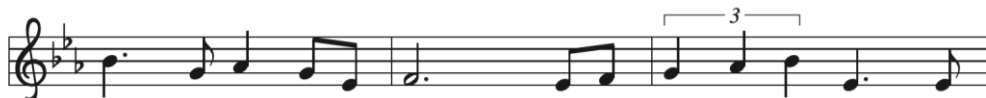
If We Live, We Live to the Lord

ACS 1025

Repeat as needed



If we live, we live to the Lord. If we



die, we die to the Lord. So then, wheth - er we live or



wheth - er we die, we are the Lord's.



*We rise in body or spirit.*

### Prayer after communion

Let us pray.

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table.  
Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### Blessing

God all mighty,  
God most merciful †† bless you, keep you,  
and give you peace.

**Amen**

### Sending Hymn

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing  
Verses 1, 2, 6

ELW 886



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

## **Dismissal**

Let us go forth from this place to fulfill the commandment of God:  
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sending Music**

God of Grace

Paul Manz

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