

St. Paul's and St. Matthias' Lutheran Churches
Sunday Worship Service Bulletin
September 12, 2021
GATHERING

(Vocal Musicians for this week are Diane Harrop, Deb Horn, Miguel Acta, and Fremont Ogle)

PRELUDE “Amazing Grace” *(Played by Fremont Ogle)*

WELCOME

CONFESSION

P/V: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

(This confession is sung.)

I confess to You, O Lord, that I have sinned.
I confess to You, O Lord, all my sin within.
I have failed to live for you in the things I say and do,
and have fallen short, of living in Your love.
Lord, have mercy on me. Lord, have mercy set me free.
O Forgive me, Lord, I pray, and take my sin away,
by the cross and empty grave for my soul.

I confess to You, O Lord, that I have sinned.
I confess to you, O Lord, all my sin within.
I have placed myself above and have hurt the ones I love,
and I know that only You can set me free.
Lord, have mercy on me. Lord, have mercy set me free.
O Forgive me, Lord, I pray, and take my sin away,
by the cross and empty grave for my soul.

P/V: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us, even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ. Our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith. **P/V Amen**

HYMN “Oh, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing”

ELW #886

1. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

WA: Word of God, word of life.

P/V: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

(Read by Dave Meeks)

WA: The holy gospel according to St. Mark the eighth chapter.

P/V: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I

am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The gospel of the Lord.

P/V: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Light Dawns On A Weary World" ELW #726

1. Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see
all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

2. Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread
and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of plenty comes. *Refrain*
3. Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn,
find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world:
the promised green of Eden comes. *Refrain*

APOSTLES' CREED

(Led by JoDee Hub)

WA: Together with Christians from all places and times let us confess our faith with 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.**



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (WA: Led by Jane Cuccia) (VC: Chad Mowbray)
Invitation to Prayer

WA: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

WA: Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your presence is experienced and shared. Lord, in your mercy,

VC: hear our prayer.

WA: Creating God, you brought life into being and called it good. Bring new creation to lands devastated by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, and other disasters. Restore forests and curb overflowing waters. Lord, in your mercy,

VC: hear our prayer.

WA: Protecting God, you desire all people to live in peace and safety. Provide for all who are in danger. Strengthen first responders to help meet the complex needs of others. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma themselves. Lord, in your mercy,

VC: hear our prayer.

WA: Forming God, you gather this community together. Shape our communal life, that in our prayer, praise, and worship, we honor you and encourage one another. Lord, in your mercy,
VC: hear our prayer.

WA: Redeeming God, you accompany your people through every stage of life. We ask for your healing and comforting powers especially for Herb and Teresa (*Schaepering*), Mary (*Cramer*), Lou (*Saugstad*), Charles and Audry (*Klien*), Michael (*Perron*) and sons, Charlie and Barbara (*Christ*), Barbara Ann (*Shepherd*), James (*Glass*), Emmy (*Volenberg*), Karen (*Braaksma*), Sharon (*Matusiak*), John (*Gannon*), Pastor Dale (*Erickson*), Leilani (*Gabriele*), Linda (*Johnson*), Marcia (*Engler*), Janice (*Fernow*) Tammy, LaDelle (*Daly*), Donna (*McClure*), Lisa (*Taylor*), Michael (*De Forrest*), Jim and Sandy (*Weaver*), the Horne Family and for those whom we name now aloud or in our hearts. **(Prayer leaders will pause and you are invited to unmute your mic and offer prayers.)**

WA: Lord, in your mercy,
VC: hear our prayer.

WA: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
VC: Amen.

OFFERING

P/V: At this time, we invite you to prayerfully consider your offering taking time to give thanks to God for all that God has given you. Our offerings are an act of our worship. Let us prayerfully consider our offerings now.

HYMN “What Feast Of Love” ELW #487

1. What feast of love is offered here,
what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life,
what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!
2. What light of truth is offered here,
what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life,
what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is given!
3. What wine of love is offered here,
what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life,
what precious blood is given?

This, this is Christ the king,
the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given!

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

V: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

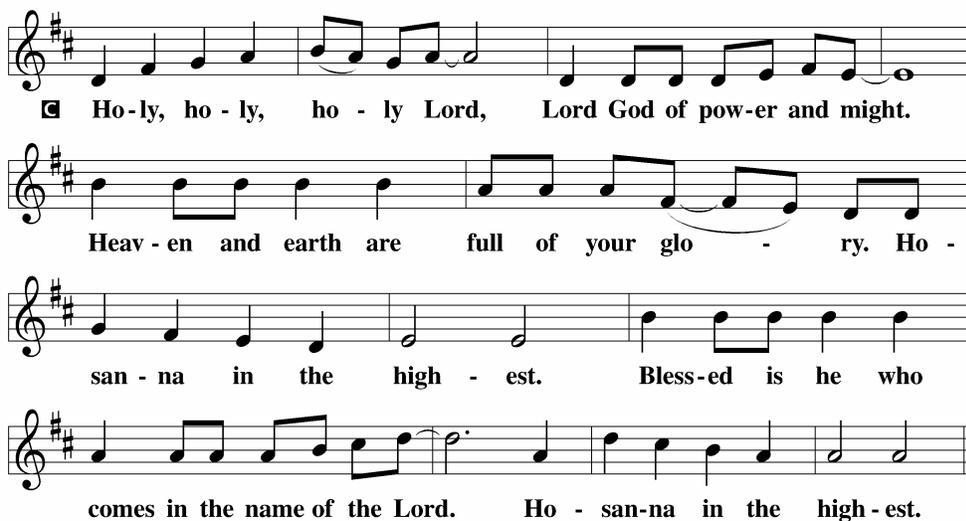
V: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

V: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills

of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen

.LORD’S PRAYER

P: Together let us prayerfully sing the prayer that the Savior gave 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

Those who are traveling in person to St. Paul’s commune at the drive up, please depart now your worship will continue with the Order of Service “Communion in the Car”.

Those who are unable to travel please stay on zoom and we will continue communion spiritually.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER *(Please pray along and if you don’t have the text please when I use the word I it is intended as me and intended that you too are praying this prayer and it is for you.) (From a prayer: “Spiritual Eating of the Sacrament”; in Seed-Grains of Prayer: A Manual for Evangelical Christians by Johann Konrad Wilhelm Loehe, Lutheran Pastor (1808-1872). Emmanuel Press, 2010; pages 59-60. Text edited and updated by PAS.)*

V. O Lord Jesus Christ, my God and my Savior, these are the noble, comforting words in which You Yourself witness to us the truth, that Your body and Your blood, which were given and shed for us, are truly here. I believe, O Lord, that Your words are truth and that heaven and earth must pass away before Your words would be false.

O Lord God, preserve, increase, and strengthen in me faith, love and devotion toward You in this Sacrament, for in the form of bread and wine Your holy body and Your precious blood are present—the body which You gave into death for me; the blood which You shed for the forgiveness of my sins.

You offer this body and blood to me, a poor sinner, out of love and grace as a true food, as a true drink of my soul, whereby it most certainly obtains forgiveness of all sins, unification with You, and incorporation into Your spiritual body and the communion of all saints; strength, comfort, and help in all temptation of the enemy; confirmation in love, in faith, and in hope; also preparation for the long road to an unknown land which stands before me.

O Lord, You have known well that I am a poor sinner; but still You have esteemed me so highly in this Your last testament. Therefore, I come, full of trust and desire, and because I cannot receive it today with my mouth, let me receive its sweet fruit spiritually into my soul.

I beseech You, my God and Savior, that You would not shut me out of Your Supper, but according to Your merciful promise (cf. John 6), You would feed me now with Your holy body and would give me to drink of Your blood, so that I may receive You spiritually into my soul and all my sins may be forgiven me; and so that a living faith, love, and hope be raised up, strengthened and confirmed: so that You only may reign in me mightily, and I may remain steadfast in You with my whole mind and heart.

I want also, my God and Lord, to believe fully in Your holy words without doubt. And because You are present to forgive sins, and I appear before You poor and hungry for Your mercy, You will give me, and I shall receive: no one can prevent this—the fruit of the Sacrament ought and shall be accomplished in me. For this be praise and glory unto You forever and ever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

(VC: Vicki Snyder)

P/V: We thank you, O God, for your life-giving Word,
for calling creation into being, (Gen. 1:3)
declaring forgiveness from the cross, (Luke 23:34)
and delivering the spirit of rebirth. (John 3:5)

We praise you, O God, for your Word.

VC: We praise you, O God, for your Word.

P/V: Your word is a lamp lighting our path, (Ps. 119:105)
a mirror reflecting our selves, (James 1:23)
a shield providing us refuge, (Prov. 30:5)
a fire burning for justice and truth. (Jer. 23:29)
Your word is sweeter than honey: (Ps. 119:103)
it nourishes our bodies like milk, (1 Pet. 2:2)
it sustains your people like bread. (Matt. 14:20)
We receive your promises, more treasured than gold. (Ps. 19:10)
We bless you, O God, for your Word.

VC: We bless you, O God, for your Word.

P/V: Open our ears to your prophets, apostles, and saints, (Eph. 2:19-20)
and to all the cries of the needy. (James 5:4)
Breathe into your church the mighty Spirit of Christ, (John 20:22)
that heeding your voice of beauty and power (Ps. 29:9)
we are strengthened to serve wherever we are called. (Rom. 16:25-26)

P/V: To you, Father, Son, and Spirit—the Source, Word, and Breath—
we offer our thanks for your life-giving Word.

VC: We offer our thanks for your life-giving Word.

Amen.

BLESSING

P/V: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

VC: Amen. (Vicki Snyder)

DISMISSAL (Everyone please unmute for response.)

P/ V: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God

COMMUNION IN THE CAR

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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