

**St. Paul's and St. Matthias' Lutheran Churches**  
**Sunday Worship Service Bulletin**  
**July 25, 2021**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** "Pachelbel Canon"

Dave Meeks, Flute and Dr. Will Goetze, Piano

**WELCOME**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**HYMN** "Open Now Thy Gates Of Beauty"

ELW #533

1. Open now thy gates of beauty,  
Zion, let me enter there,  
where my soul in joyful duty  
waits for God who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place,  
filled with solace, light, and grace!
2. Gracious God, I come before thee;  
come thou also unto me;  
where we find thee and adore thee,  
there a heav'n on earth must be.  
To my heart, oh, enter thou,  
let it be thy temple now!

3. Here thy praise is gladly chanted,  
here thy seed is duly sown;  
let my soul, where it is planted,  
bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
so that all I hear may be  
fruitful unto life in me.
4. Thou my faith increase and quicken,  
let me keep thy gift divine;  
howsoe'er temptations thicken,  
may thy word still o'er me shine  
as my guiding star through life,  
as my comfort in all strife.
5. Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,  
let thy will be done indeed;  
may I undisturbed draw near thee  
while thou dost thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows;  
here is balm for all our woes.

**GREETING**

P/V: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

*(The assembly is seated)*

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

1. For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God.  
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,  
thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
thanks be to God.
2. In the just reward of labor,  
God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor,  
God's will is done.

In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

3. For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## WORD

**FIRST READING:** 2 Kings 4: 42-44 (WA: *Read by Gretchen Bush*)

WA: A reading from the book of Second Kings the fourth chapter.

WA: <sup>42</sup>A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." <sup>43</sup>But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" <sup>44</sup>He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

WA: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*(Please stand to welcome the gospel as you are able.)*

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

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

**GOSPEL:** John 6:1-21

P/V: The holy gospel according to St. John the sixth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the

world.”

<sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

### **SERMON**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “How Firm A Foundation”

ELW #796

1. How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
2. "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you  
to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."
3. "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.  
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."
4. "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove  
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

*(The assembly is seated.)*

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

P/V: Together with Christians from all places and times let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed

**C: 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** (WA: *Gerry Glavin*) (VC: *Kristi Hackenmiller*)

WA: Creator God, we are grateful for your creation and we ask you to smile upon all your creatures everywhere. Bless those who know you and give grace to those who have yet to learn your ways. Hear us, O God.

**VC: Your mercy is great.**

WA: God of grace, thank you for the way you teach us by word and example to feed all those who are hungry. Our food rescue program and our gifts to R.C.S. are meant to share your love. May we continue to share food for the body and food for the soul. Bless our food ministries and those who help make it work. Hear us, O God.

**VC: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Generous God, you made a few loaves and fishes feed the multitude, with ample left over. Remind us that we you have blessed us with plenty, and that our love can echo yours. Bless those in legislative positions who seek to share our bounty with others, who look for ways to care for the poor and the marginalized. We are a nation of great wealth, both as individuals and as corporate entities. Remind us that, as we sometimes sing, “all that we have is yours alone, a gift, O Lord, from you.” Hear us, O God.

**VC: Your mercy is great.**

WA: God of all, this nation has become deeply divided over many issues. In a less tense atmosphere some issues would not even be seen as political in nature. Calm our fears and show us truth as you see it. Help us choose words and actions which reflect our concern for our country and our respect for one another. Hear us, O God.

**VC: Your mercy is great.**

We pray, God, for those who are ill and those who grieve. We ask that your love shine especially on 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*), John (*Toth*), Arthur Goetze, Linda (*Johnson*), Marcia (*Engler*), Janice (*Fernow*) Tammy, Diane (*Harrop*) and family, LaDelle (*Daly*), Donna (*McClure*) and those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.

**(Prayer leaders will pause and you are invited to unmute your mic and offer prayers.)**

*(Pause)* WA: Hear us, O God.

**VC: Your mercy is great.**

WA: God of mercy, we recognize and share in the grief felt by the families and friends of those who were trapped in the Miami building collapse. We pause now to remember those who died, nearly 100 men women and children. We lift our individual prayers to you in this moment of silence, marked by the tolling of a bell. ***Bell.... 30 seconds...Bell*** Hear us, O God.

VC: Your mercy is great.

WA: These things and whatever else we need, we ask of you. Hear us, O God.

**VC: Your mercy is great. Let all the people say: 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.

*(There are plates located in the back of the sanctuary and here in the front. Please place your offering in the designated places when you depart from worship today.)*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** “Your Love Compels Me” by Holck

## OFFERING PRAYER

P/V: Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with the gifts received today, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## MEAL

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

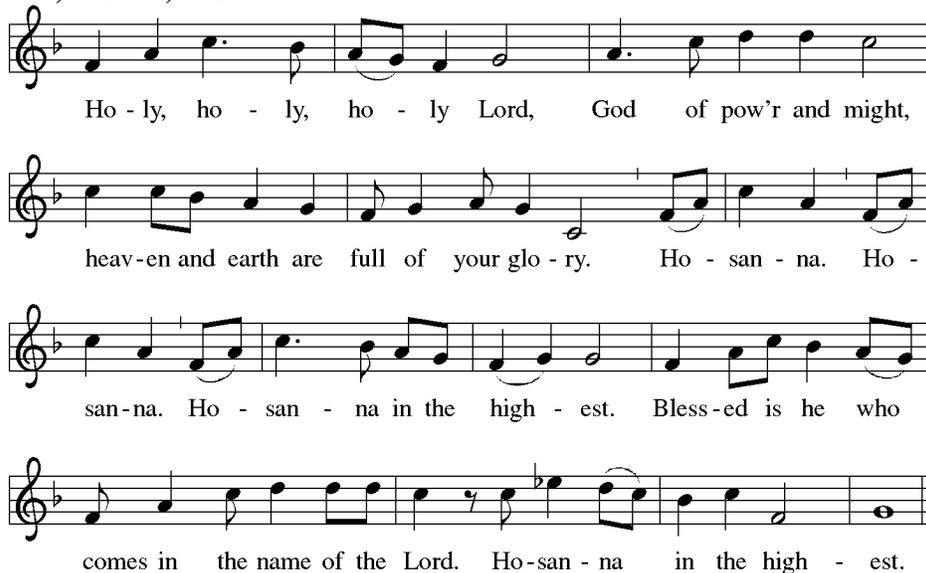
**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C: 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 and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,

and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**C: Amen, amen, amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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 COMMUNION**

Let's join in the banquet, for all is now ready.

### **COMMUNION**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

The body of Christ, given for all of us.

*(Everyone partakes of the body of Christ.)*

The blood of Christ, shed for all of us.

*(Everyone partakes of the blood of Christ.)*

*(After everyone partakes of the body and blood of Christ, we will sing "Lamb of God".)*

### **LAMB OF GOD**

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.

### **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.

**C: Amen.**

### **SENDING**

P: God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**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.**

**SENDING HYMN** "Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing" ELW #545

1. Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,  
trav'ling through this wilderness.
2. Thanks we give and adoration  
for your gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of your salvation  
in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
to your truth may we be found.
3. Savior, when your love shall call us  
from our struggling pilgrim way,  
let no fear of death appall us,  
glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
reign with you in endless day.

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**