

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 7, 2022**

**8:00 & 9:30 AM**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

Welcome to the first in a series of four services in a series called *A Branch Raised Up*. Today we highlight Jeremiah 33:15—“I will cause a righteous branch to spring up”—and relate that verse to Christ who came to raise up our fallen race by covering us with his righteousness that we might be saved and grow in him. Let the faithful words of Scripture remind us that we have a Savior who is our Righteousness.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PRELUDE:** *Liturgical Prelude No. 3*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*“I will cause a righteous branch to spring up.” (Jeremiah 33:15)*

**GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)**

***Stand***

**HYMN:** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

*Printed on the next page.*

1. There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, Like the wide - ness of the sea;  
 2. There is wel - come for the sin - ner, And more grac - es for the good;

There's a kind - ness in his jus - tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty.  
 There is mer - cy with the Sav - iour; There is heal - ing in his Blood,

There is no place where earth's sor - rows Are more felt than up in heaven;  
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands Of new worlds as great as this;

There is no place where earth's fail - ings Have such kind - ly judg - ment given.  
 There is room for fresh cre - a - tions In that up - per home of bliss.

3 For the love of God is broader  
 Than the measures of man's mind,  
 And the heart of the Eternal  
 Is most wonderfully kind.  
 There is plentiful redemption  
 In the Blood that has been shed;  
 There is joy for all the members  
 In the sorrows of the Head.

4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;  
 It is something more than all;  
 Greater good because of evil,  
 Larger mercy through the fall.  
 If our love were but more simple,  
 We should take him at his word;  
 And our lives would be all sunshine  
 In the sweetness of our Lord.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

### *Kneel/Stand*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

- P** In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.  
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,  
and by his authority,  
I therefore declare to you  
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

*Stand*

**GREETING**

- P** 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.

**HYMN OF PRAISE (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO)**

- A** Glory be to God on high!
- C** And on earth peace, good will toward all.  
We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,  
we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father:  
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.

For you are holy;  
you only are the Lord;  
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.  
Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

*Sit*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

- A** A reading from Jeremiah.  
Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

- A** The word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

*Later service only.*

**PSALM 33:12-22** (*The congregation's verses are printed in bold font.*)

<sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God <sup>|</sup> is the Lord!

Happy the people he has chosen to <sup>|</sup> be his own!

<sup>13</sup>**The Lord looks <sup>|</sup> down from heaven,  
and beholds all the people <sup>|</sup> in the world.**

<sup>14</sup>From where he sits enthroned he <sup>|</sup> turns his gaze  
on all who dwell <sup>|</sup> on the earth.

<sup>15</sup>**He fashions all the <sup>|</sup> hearts of them  
and understands <sup>|</sup> all their works.**

<sup>16</sup>There is no king that can be saved by a <sup>|</sup> mighty army;  
a strong man is not delivered by <sup>|</sup> his great strength.

<sup>17</sup>**The horse is a vain hope <sup>|</sup> for deliverance;  
for all its strength it <sup>|</sup> cannot save.**

<sup>18</sup>Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon <sup>|</sup> those who fear him,  
on those who wait up- <sup>|</sup> on his love,

<sup>19</sup>**to pluck their <sup>|</sup> lives from death,  
and to feed them in <sup>|</sup> time of famine.**

<sup>20</sup>Our soul waits <sup>|</sup> for the Lord;  
he is our help <sup>|</sup> and our shield.

<sup>21</sup>**Indeed, our heart rejoic- <sup>|</sup> es in him,  
for in his holy name we <sup>|</sup> put our trust.**

<sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, <sup>|</sup> be upon us,  
as we have put our <sup>|</sup> trust in you.

## SECOND READING

Romans 7:4-6

**A** A reading from Romans.

Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*



# Chief of Sinners Though I Be

1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his blood for me,  
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love! High - er than the heav'ns a - bove,  
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part balm to heal the wound - ed heart,  
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;  
 5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford by your Spir - it and your word!

died that I might live on high, lives that I might nev - er die.  
 deep - er than the depths of sea, last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty.  
 peace that flows from sin for - giv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
 all my wants to him are known, all my sor - rows are his own.  
 When my way - ward heart would stray, keep me in the nar - row way;

As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.  
 Love that found me—won - drous thought—found me when I sought him not.  
 faith and hope to walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.  
 He sus - tains the hid - den life safe with him from earth - ly strife.  
 grace in time of need sup - ply while I live and when I die.

*The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.*

### **APOSTLES CREED**

**P** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 into hell.  
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

**A** Lord Jesus, righteous Branch of the house of David, you were raised up as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people, for our sins.  
Righteous Branch and living Vine,

**C** **You have raised us up to new life.**

**A** Lord Jesus, Righteous Branch of the house of David, bring healing to those in need, especially to those we name in our hearts...  
Righteous Branch and living Vine,

**C** **Raise us up to new life.**

**A** Lord Jesus, Righteous Branch of the house of David, make us bold witnesses to your life, death and resurrection and fill our lives with the fruit of love and service in your name.

Righteous Branch and living Vine,

**C** **Raise us up to new life.**

**P** Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** **Amen.**

## PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*Worshippers do not greet one another. The service continues with the Offertory.*

## LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

*The Offertory will be collected in the Narthex as you leave the church.*

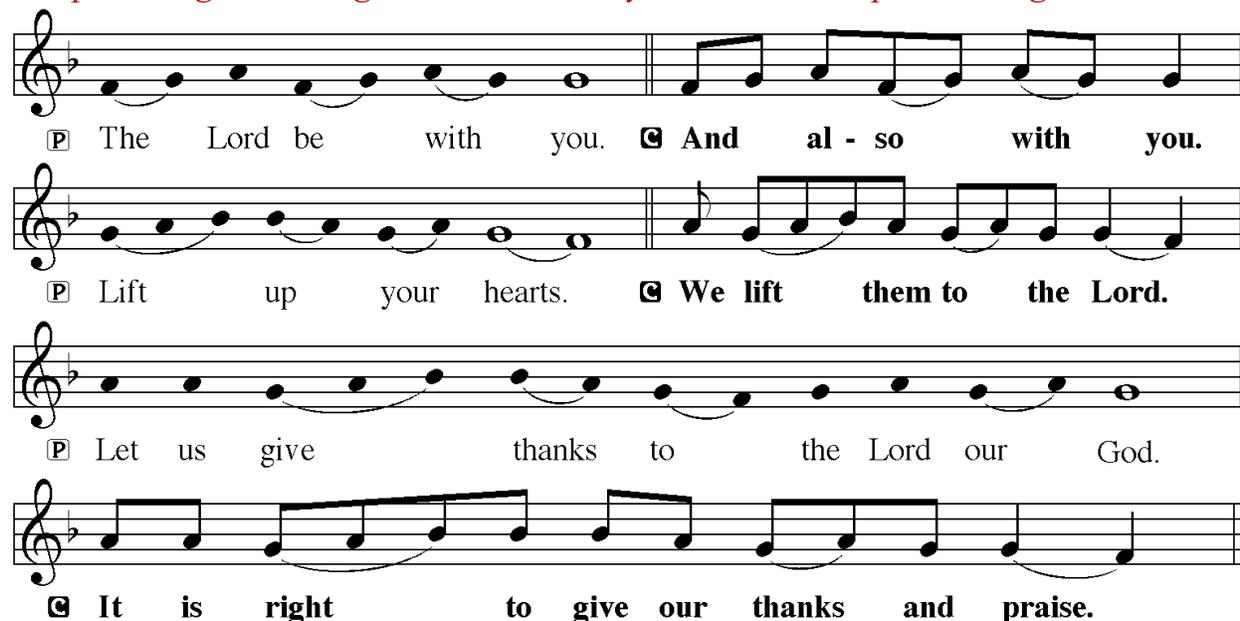
## OFFERTORY

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and  
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un-to me the  
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un-to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it."

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:*



**P** The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.

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

**G** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:*

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*The assembly sings the SANCTUS:*



**G** 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 in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



*The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.*

**P** 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.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**C** **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

**P** Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**C** Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.

*Sit*

## COMMUNION

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and each person may respond*

**R** Amen.

*We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are “truly and substantially” present “in, with, and under” the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing.*

*Music during Communion:*

## LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

**C** 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. A - men

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:**

*Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us*

arr. Smith

Gavin Elison, Violin Connor Elison, Clarinet

***Stand***

**BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

- P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C** Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

- A** 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

BLESSING (BENEDICTION)



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.



The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.



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

**C** A - men, A - men, A - men.

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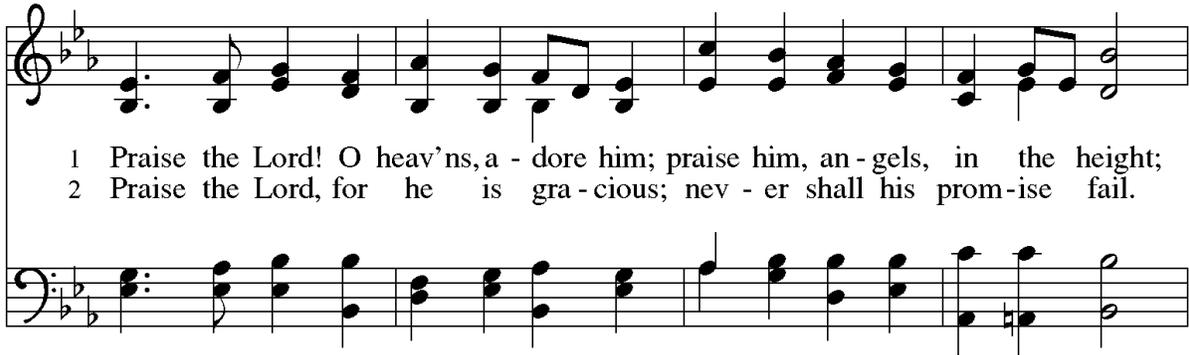
**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

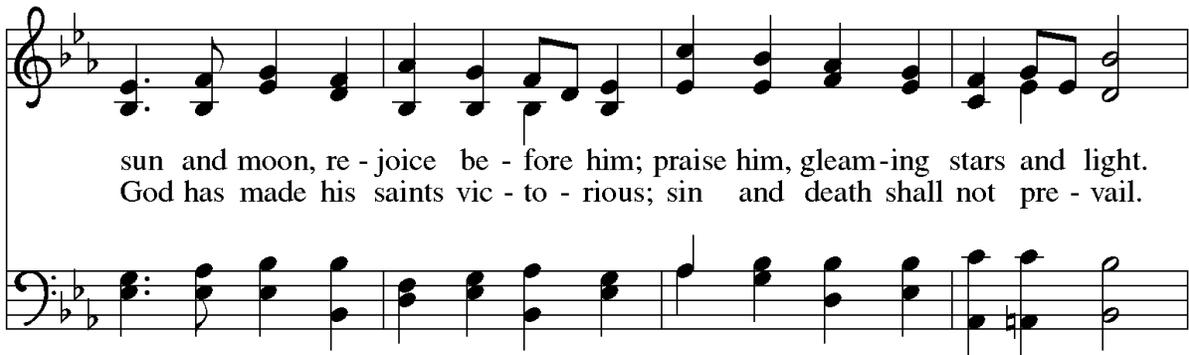
**HYMN:** *Praise the Lord! O Heavens*

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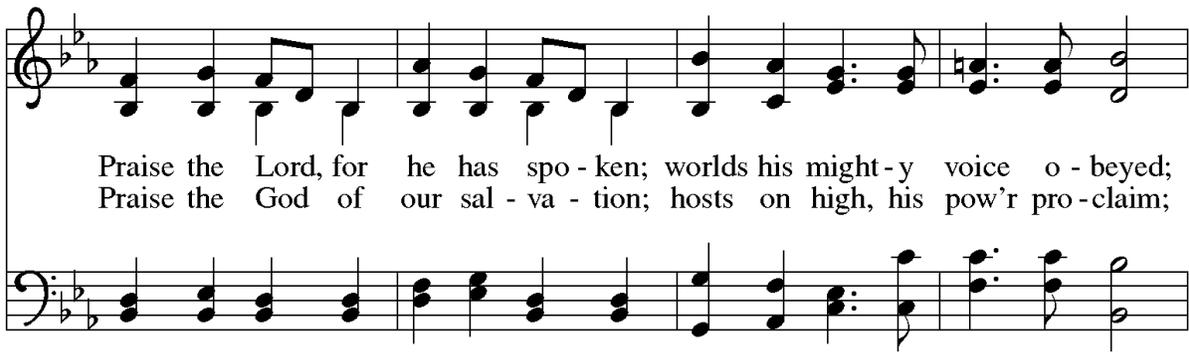
# Praise the Lord! O Heavens



1 Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, a - dore him; praise him, an - gels, in the height;  
2 Praise the Lord, for he is gra - cious; nev - er shall his prom - ise fail.



sun and moon, re - joice be - fore him; praise him, gleam - ing stars and light.  
God has made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre - vail.



Praise the Lord, for he has spo - ken; worlds his might - y voice o - beyed;  
Praise the God of our sal - va - tion; hosts on high, his pow'r pro - claim;



laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken for their guid - ance he has made.  
heav'n and earth, and all cre - a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his name!

## OFFERING

*The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.*

**POSTLUDE:** *Festive Finale*

Archer



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**The Time of the Church** is the season after Pentecost, beginning with The Holy Trinity and ending with Christ the King. These weeks focus on Christ's ministry and teaching.

**On Sundays for which the color is green**, it is appropriate to omit either the Kyrie or the Hymn of Praise, reserving both together for festival seasons.

**The liturgical color green**, symbolic of growth, is used for the season after Epiphany and after Pentecost.



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Altar Guild: Deb Scholl

Offering Tabulation: John Kochel, Sherry Jessee and Shane Elison

Video Production: Jim Lien, Jeannie Funk, or Jonathan Mueller.

The Flowers that Adorn the Altar are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. David Cornish in memory of loved ones.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rodenberger in honor of our anniversary and the anniversaries of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mills and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Holcombe.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by Jean Brunswick in thanks for blessings received.

Altar Guild Help Wanted: Altar Guild members attend to the altar on Sundays. They change the paraments, prepare Holy Communion, place the flowers, and a host of other small jobs that are so important to our weekly worship. No experience

Prayer Chain Volunteers Needed: Did you know Augustus's WELCA has a prayer group? People are invited to call the leader of the group, Carol Oelschlager, or the church office with prayer requests and a group of folks will say special prayers based on these requests. This group is now seeking additional people to pray for Oelschlager at 610-310-5008.

Iced Tea on the Lawn: Please stay and visit with your church family over some iced tea and refreshments after either service. If you are interested in hosting this long-standing tradition during a Sunday over the summer, please sign up on the board in the Muhlenberg Center.