



**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
LBW Setting One with Holy Communion
Sunday, August 7, 2022**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Lift High the Cross”

Weber

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

C we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

P Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

C Amen.

Stand

HYMN

Lift High the Cross

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

GREETING & LITANY

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.

A Our lives are in the care of God.

C God has given us abundance and hope.

A This day we have come to praise and thank God for all that God has done for us.

C We gather to celebrate God's love and to offer our lives in service.

A Come, let us open our hearts to the Lord!

C Let us rejoice in God's goodness and love.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray together,

C Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sit

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

SOLO "Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether"

Robert Pendergrast

FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 15:1-6

L A reading from Genesis.

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 33:12-22 (Read Responsively)

L ¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God’s heritage!

C ¹³**The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.**

L ¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

C ¹⁵**God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**

L ¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

- C** ¹⁷**The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.**
- L** ¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,
- C** ¹⁹**to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.**
- L** ²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.
- C** ²¹**Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.**
- L** ²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

SECOND LESSON: HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16

- L** A reading from Hebrews.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars

of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” ¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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: LUKE 12:32-40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Twelfth Chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your

possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Pastors Peterson

Stand

HYMN

Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

THE PRAYERS

A Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

A Let your lovingkindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty. Merciful God,

C Hear our prayer.

A Let your lovingkindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty. Merciful God,

C Hear our prayer.

A Let your lovingkindness be upon your world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence. Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice. Merciful God,

C Hear our prayer.

A Let your lovingkindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you especially...and all others we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid. Merciful God,

C Hear our prayer.

A Let your lovingkindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation and all who care for those in need. Merciful God,

C Hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life. Merciful God,

C Hear our prayer.

P Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P Peace of the Lord be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

Share Christ's Peace with one another.

Sit

OFFERING **“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”**

Heather and Violet Herrmann

The Offering is received.

Stand

OFFERTORY

The offering is brought forward and presented to the Lord.



C Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray, God of abundance:

C you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

MEAL

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

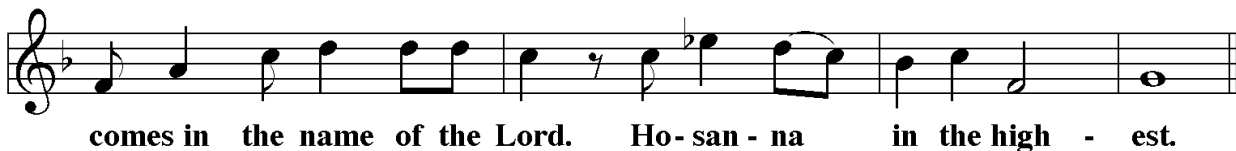
P Lift up your hearts.

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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

C **Amen.**

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.**

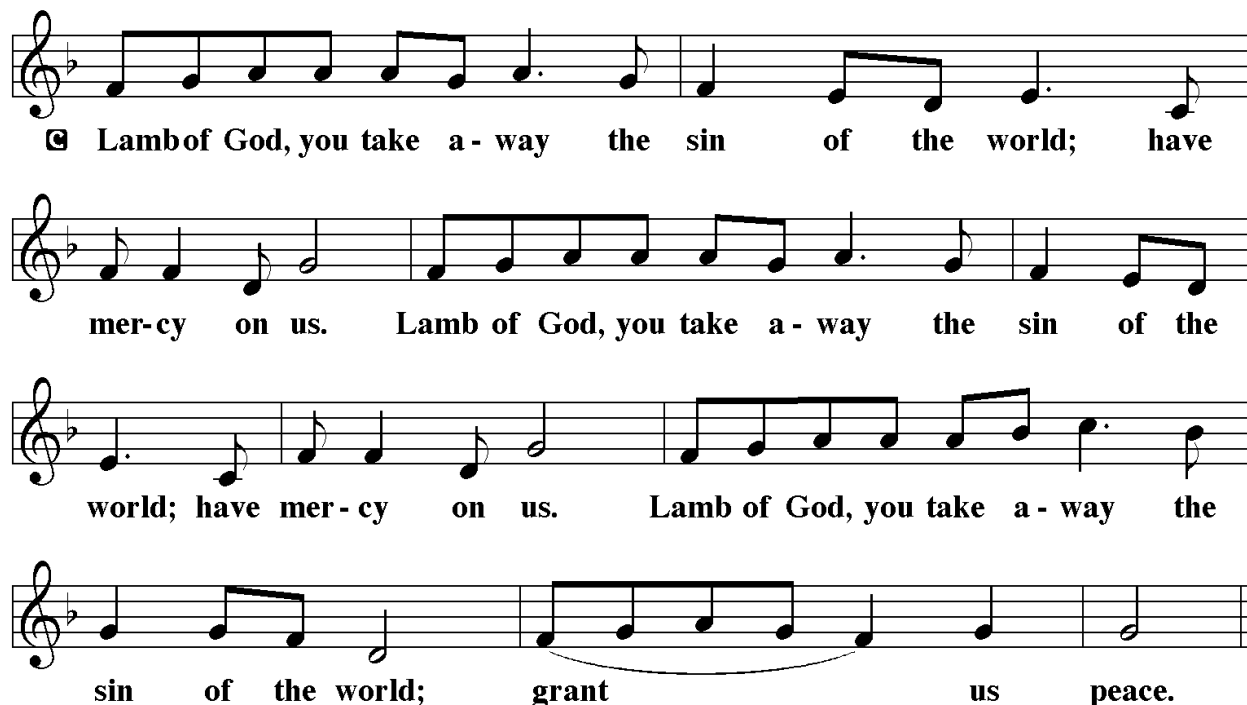
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Sit

COMMUNION CANTICLE



☐ 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

will be celebrated today at the head aisle. Simply take the host and consume. Proceed next to the assisting minister to receive the wine/grape juice and consume. After you are finished communing, we ask that you place your cup in the empty receptacle as you head back to your seat.

We believe that Christ is present in, with, and under each element. Children who have not received instruction are invited forward for a blessing.

All are welcome to the table of the Lord!

We will sing the following Hymns during Holy Communion:

(LBW 212) Let Us Break Bread Together

(LBW 448) Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

(LBW 492) O Master, Let Me Walk with You

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re- calls his prom- is - es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks- giv - ing. Al- le - lu - ia. Al- le - lu - ia.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C Amen.

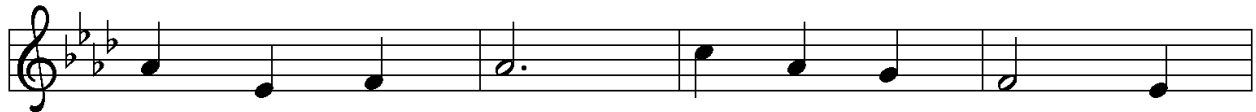
BLESSING

P The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C Amen

HYMN

Earth and All Stars!



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!



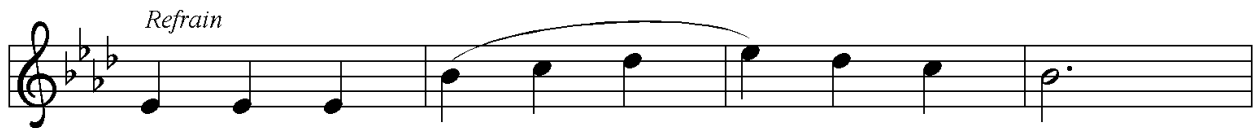
Sing to the Lord a new song!
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Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!
Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!
Daugh - ter and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



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God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Earth and All Stars”

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Upcoming

Today – 10:45am Usher and Assisting Minister Training

8/9 – 6:30pm Ministry Night

8/10 – 6:30pm Altar Guild Meeting

8/13 – 4pm Praise Team Practice

8/14 – 9:30pm Rally Day – Congregational Potluck after
Contemporary Worship

8/16 – 10am Bible Study; 6pm Council

8/18 – 6:30pm Bible Study

9/17-18 God’s Work, Our Hands Weekend

*The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”*
(Galatians 5:22)

We pray this week that LOVE grows in us.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors

Rev. Andrea Windsor-Peterson & Rev. Jason Peterson

Organist

Melinda East

Assisting Minister

Greeter

Julie Fillgrove/Nelson Family

Usher

Jamie Sadenwasser/Lynn Reed

Lector

Pam Tipler

Acolyte

Crucifer

CJ Nelson

Zoom Operator

Tara Schafer

Coffee Service

Lynn Reed