

## **WELCOME!**

We are glad to welcome you today as we gather together to worship God!

Please be sure you complete the salmon sheet inside your bulletin and turn it in to the collection plate at the time of communion.

This bulletin will assist you with participating in worship.

All parts spoken by the congregation are listed in  
**bold print and preceded by "C:"**

There are also instructions printed in *italics* that will indicate other helpful descriptions of the service.  
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*We are committed to **invite** and **welcome** all to Jesus Christ,  
to **equip** all with an active faith that works in real life,  
and together go into the world to **serve** in Jesus' name.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK: **Accessibility**

Beth Katterhenrich

PRELUDE: O God, Thou Faithful God

by Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*Both the prelude and postlude are by the German composer Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933). He is best known for his organ compositions which display dense, chromatic harmonies with the melodies often hidden underneath. Even so, his music is very tonal and listener-friendly.*

*Please stand*

## INVOCATION, CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

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.

*[Silence for reflection and self-examination]*

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.**

# HYMN 864 "Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven"



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.  
2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.  
3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for-giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.  
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en-dures un-chang-ing on.  
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!



## APOSTOLIC 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.

## KYRIE



*Pastor:* In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



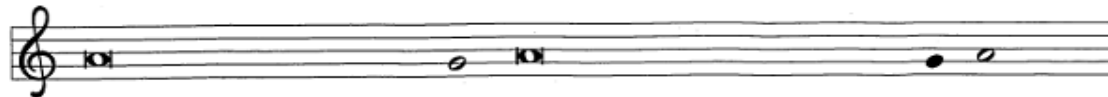
*All:* Lord, have mer - cy.



*Pastor:* For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



*All:* Lord, have mer - cy.



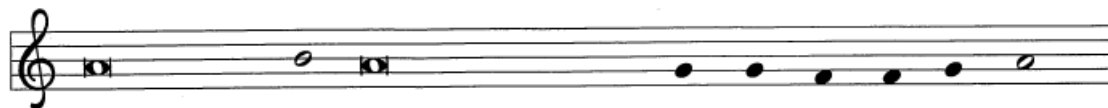
*Pastor:* For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



*All:* Lord, have mer - cy.



*Pastor:* For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. *All:* Lord have mer - cy.



*Pastor:* Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. *All:* A - men.

## THIS IS THE FEAST



*Pastor:* This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



*All:* 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



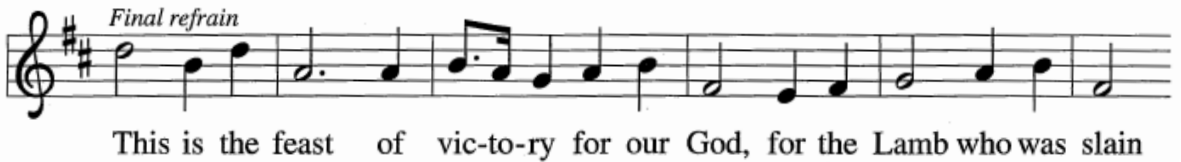
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to

him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So, he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant."

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-15**

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## 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.

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to the 17th chapter of Luke.

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

## HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**ANTHEM Chancel Choir, 8:15am "Gloria"** by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*Latin translation:* Praise the Lord, praise the Lord in the highest. And on earth peace, peace to all, to all people blessed with good will. We adore you, we give you glory. Thanks to you, we behold you, we proclaim all your greatness, all your glory. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord in the highest.

**ANTHEM Men's Chorale, 11am "Gloria"** by Franz Schubert



## HYMN 686 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
 3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
 to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.  
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

## APOSTLES' CREED

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.

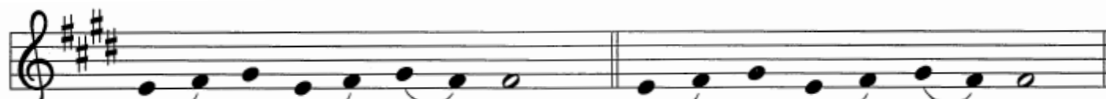
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Response:* P: ...Lord in your mercy,    C: **Hear our prayer.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING




*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.    *All:* And al - so with you.



*Pastor:* Lift up your hearts.    *All:* We lift them to the Lord.



*Pastor:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



*All:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...

... we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

## HOLY HOLY HOLY



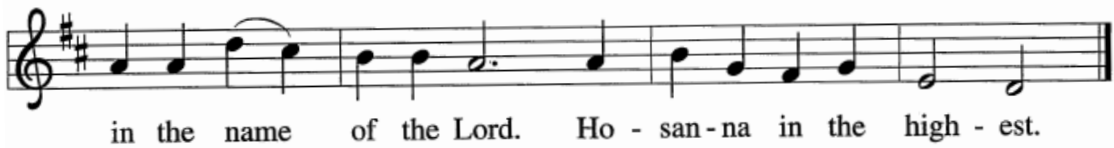
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

### HOLY COMMUNION

- ◆ *Persons who know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and believe in his real presence in the sacrament are invited to commune.*
- ◆ *Grape juice is available in the center of the tray.*
- ◆ *Adults who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Please indicate you desire a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.*
- ◆ *Children not yet communing may come forward with an adult to receive a blessing.*
- ◆ *If you are not able to come forward to receive communion, please let the pastor know by raising your hand as he/she scans the congregation. The pastor will come to you.*

### BLESSING, PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

# HYMN 713 "O God of Every Nation"



1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,  
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease  
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,




re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;  
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,  
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;  
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,  
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind-ness to your way,  
when hope and cour-age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;  
till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,





in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.  
 de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.  
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.  
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *Postludium*

by Sigfrid Karg-Elert

## Psalm 111:1-4

Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

# *Listening for the Promise*

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 23) – October 9, 2022

*“Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.”*

*–Psalm 111:1–*

Psalm 111, known as a hymn of praise, opens with a call to praise the Lord as the psalmist proclaims “I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart” (v. 1). The Hebrew word *lēbāb*, translated “heart,” helps us understand the depth and breadth of the thanks the psalmist offers the Lord. *Lēbāb*, according to Strong’s Concordance, includes the whole of one’s inner being, one’s mind, understanding, will, and affections.

It seems the totality of the psalmist’s being enters into adoring thanksgiving as he remembers the works of the Lord. His works are “great” and “studied by all who delight in them” (v. 2). They are “full of splendor and majesty” (v. 3). “He provides food” and “remembers his covenant forever” (v. 4). He gives his people “the inheritance of the nations” (v. 6). He establishes and makes known his precepts (see vv. 7-8). He redeems his people and keeps his covenant with them forever (see v. 9).

But significantly, the psalmist looks beyond the works of the Lord to the character of the Lord his works reveal. The Lord is righteous (see v. 3), “gracious and merciful” (v. 4), “faithful” (v. 7), “holy and awesome” (v. 9). His “great” (v. 2) and “wondrous” (v. 4) works, “full of splendor and majesty” (v. 3) reveal a great and wondrous God, full of splendor and majesty. God is powerful, and he uses that power to generously provide for his people (see v. 6).

Finally, and most notably, God redeems his people and promises to remain loyal to his covenant relationship with them forever. This great God whom the psalmist so beautifully portrays is a God who saves. He is a God who makes relationship with people, then and now, his priority. And, in the context of that relationship, he gives us his “just” and “trustworthy” precepts (see v. 7) that teach us how to live a whole and fruitful life in him.

No wonder the psalmist breaks out in praise! No wonder his whole being reverberates with affectionate thanksgiving.

And we can do the same as we remember and ponder all the wondrous works of God in our own lives that point to our wondrous God himself.