

9th Sunday after Pentecost—July 30, 2023—9:45am

+ **Gathering** +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

“Forever” arr. by Carol Tornquist

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

+ Gathering Song

“Great Is the Lord”

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, by His power we trust
in His love.

Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true, by His mercy He
proves He is love.

Refrain: Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory.

Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise.

Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice,

Now lift up your voice:

Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

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+ Greeting

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

And also with you.

+ Prayer of the Day

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+Word+

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Genesis 29:15-28

A reading from Genesis.

¹⁵Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” ¹⁶Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. ¹⁸Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” ¹⁹Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” ²⁰So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

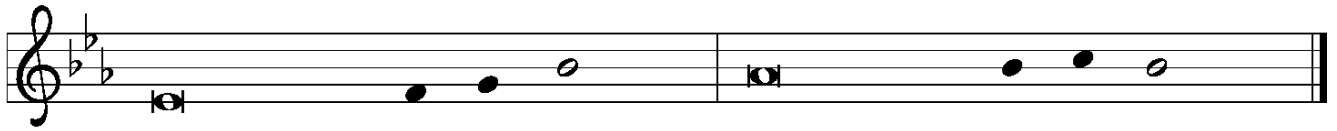
²¹Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” ²²So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. ²³But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. ²⁴(Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) ²⁵When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” ²⁶Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” ²⁸Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

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Let us sing Psalm 105, verses 1 through 11 and 45b responsively by verse as translated in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal.



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- ¹Give thanks to the LORD and call up- | on God's name;
make known the deeds of the LORD a- | mong the
peoples.
- ²**Sing to the | LORD, sing praises,
and speak of all God's | marvelous works.**
- ³Glory in God's | holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice.
- ⁴**Search for the strength | of the LORD;
continually | seek God's face.**
- ⁵Remember the marvels | God has done,
the wonders and the judgments | of God's mouth,
- ⁶**O offspring of Abra- | ham, God's servant,
O children of Jacob, God's | chosen ones.**
- ⁷The LORD | is our God,
whose judgments prevail in | all the world,
- ⁸**who has always been mindful | of the covenant,
the promise made for a thousand | generations:**
- ⁹the covenant | made with Abraham,
the oath | sworn to Isaac,
- ¹⁰**which God established as a stat- | ute for Jacob,
an everlasting cove- | nant for Israel,**
- ¹¹saying, "To you will I give the | land of Canaan
to be your allotted inheritance." ^{45b} | Hallelujah!

+ Gospel Acclamation

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



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

+ Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was

thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Young at Heart Message & Sermon

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

+ Song of the Day

“Shout to the North”

Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak; in your brokenness,
complete.

Refrain: (We will) Shout to the north and the south;
sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up, women of the truth; stand and sing to broken
hearts. Who can know the healing pow'r of our awesome
King of love?

We've been through fire, we've been through rain,
We've been refined by the pow're of His name.
We've fallen deeper in love with You; You've burned the
truth on our lips.

Rise up, church, with broken wings; fill this place with songs
again, of our God who reigns on high. By His grace, again
we'll fly.

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+ Apostles' Creed

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With the whole church, 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.**

* universal

+ Prayers of Intercession

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

+ Peace

+Meal+

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Thank you for supporting the mission of the church as you are able!

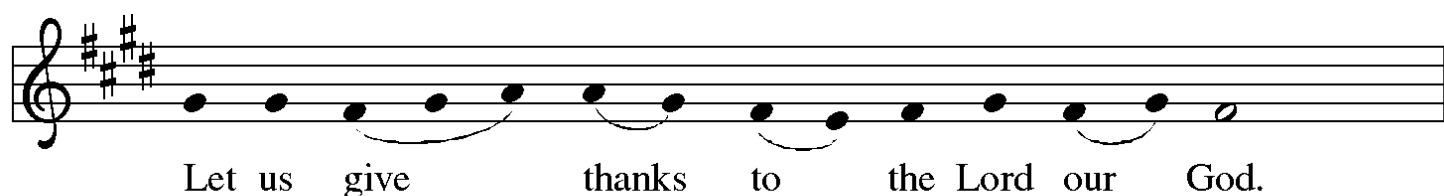
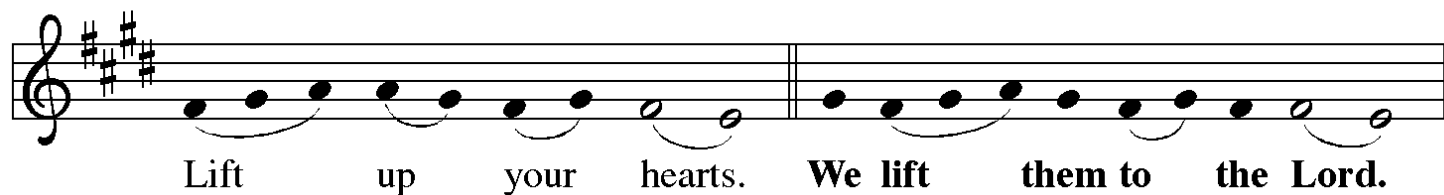
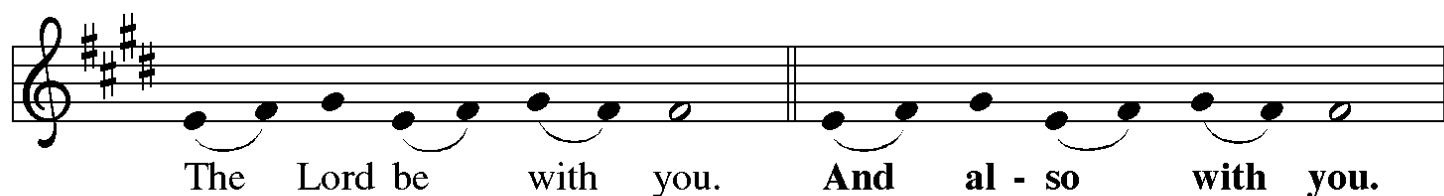
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+ Offering Prayer

+ Great Thanksgiving

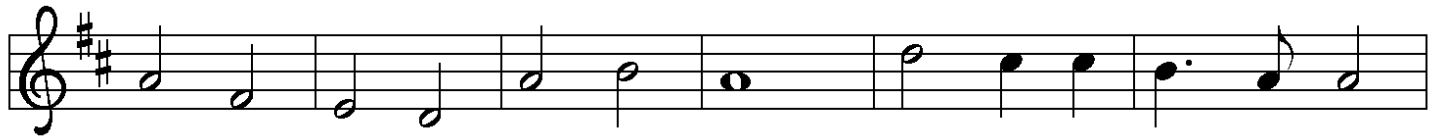
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+ Proper Preface

+ Sanctus

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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



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

+ Thanksgiving at the Table

+ Lord's Prayer

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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

Agnus Dei

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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, grant us peace.

Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace

When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups.

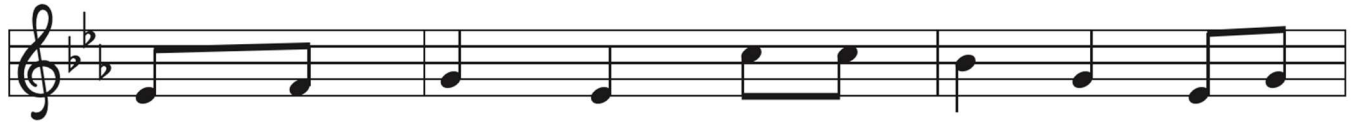
Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors. If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

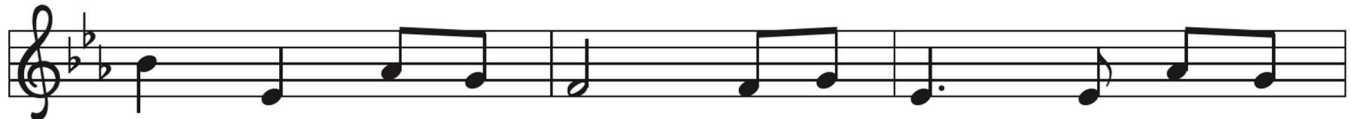
Distribution Song

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Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

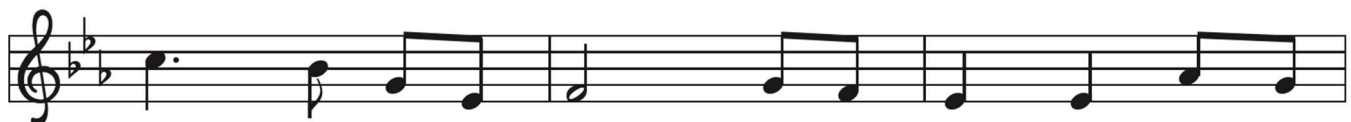


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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+ Sending +

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

Blessing

Announcements

+ Sending Song

Hymn Lotto

+ Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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