

# 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost—August 13, 2023—9:45am

## + **Gathering** +

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

### **Prelude**

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”  
*arr. by Albert Mendoza*

### **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**

“Beautiful Things”

All this pain, I wonder if I'll ever find my way  
I wonder if my life could really change at all

All this earth, could all that is lost ever be found  
Could a garden come up from this ground at all

**Refrain:** You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of the dust  
You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of us

All around, hope is springing up from this old ground  
Out of chaos life is being found in You

You make me new, You are making me new  
You make me new, You are making me new

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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 37:1-4, 12-28

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. <sup>2</sup>This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. <sup>3</sup>Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. <sup>4</sup>But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

<sup>12</sup>Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. <sup>13</sup>And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." <sup>14</sup>So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, <sup>15</sup>and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" <sup>16</sup>"I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." <sup>17</sup>The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his

brothers, and found them at Dothan. <sup>18</sup>They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. <sup>19</sup>They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. <sup>20</sup>Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” <sup>21</sup>But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” <sup>22</sup>Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. <sup>23</sup>So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; <sup>24</sup>and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

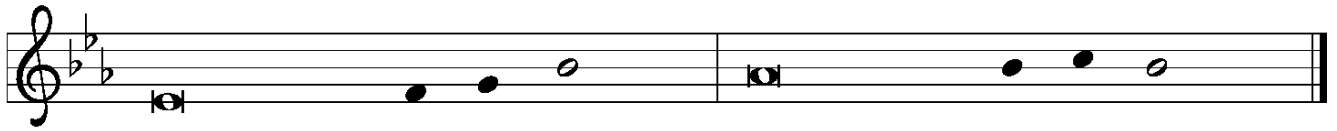
<sup>25</sup>Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. <sup>26</sup>Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? <sup>27</sup>Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. <sup>28</sup>When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

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

## Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

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Let us sing Psalm 105, verses 1 through 6, 16 through 22, and 45b responsively by verse as translated in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal.



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- <sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD and call up- | on God's name;  
make known the deeds of the LORD a- | mong the  
peoples.
- <sup>2</sup>**Sing to the | LORD, sing praises,  
and speak of all God's | marvelous works.**
- <sup>3</sup>Glory in God's | holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice.
- <sup>4</sup>**Search for the strength | of the LORD;  
continually | seek God's face.**
- <sup>5</sup>Remember the marvels | God has done,  
the wonders and the judgments | of God's mouth,
- <sup>6</sup>**O offspring of Abra- | ham, God's servant,  
O children of Jacob, God's | chosen ones.**
- <sup>16</sup>Then God called for a famine | in the land  
and destroyed the sup- | ply of bread.
- <sup>17</sup>**The LORD sent a | man before them,  
Joseph, who was sold | as a slave.**
- <sup>18</sup>They bruised his | feet in fetters;  
his neck they put in an | iron collar.
- <sup>19</sup>**Until his prediction | came to pass,  
the word of the LORD | tested him.**
- <sup>20</sup>The king sent | and released him;  
the ruler of the peoples | set him free,

<sup>21</sup>setting him as a master o- | ver his household,  
as a ruler over all | his possessions,  
<sup>22</sup>to instruct his princes according | to his will  
and to teach his elders wisdom. <sup>45b</sup>| 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.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.<sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

+ Song of the Day

"I Was Sinking Deep in Sin" TFF 188

1 I was sink-ing deep in sin, far from the peace-ful shore, ver-y deep-ly  
 2 All my heart to him I give, ev - er to him I'll cling, in his bless-ed  
 3 Souls in dan - ger, look a - bove, Je - sus com-plete-ly saves; he will lift you

stained with-in, sink-ing to rise no more; but the mas-ter of the sea  
 pres - ence live, ev - er his prais-es sing; love so might-y and so true  
 by his love out of the an - gry waves; he's the mas-ter of the sea,

heard my de-spair-ing cry, from the wa-ters lift - ed me, now safe am I.  
 mer - its my soul's best songs; faith-ful lov-ing ser-vice, too, to him be - longs.  
 bil - lows his will o - bey; he your Sav-ior true will be: be saved to - day.

*Refrain*

Love lift-ed me! e - ven me! Love lift - ed me! e - ven me! When noth - ing

1 else could help, love lift - ed me. 2 love lift-ed me.

Text: James Rowe, 1865-1933  
 Music: SAFETY, Howard E. Smith, 1863-1918



## **+ 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

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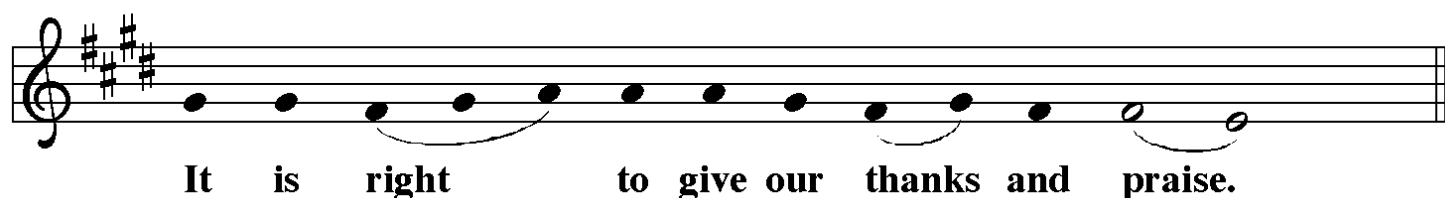
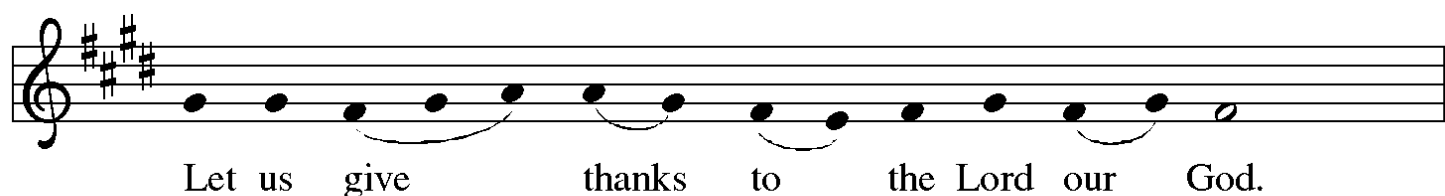
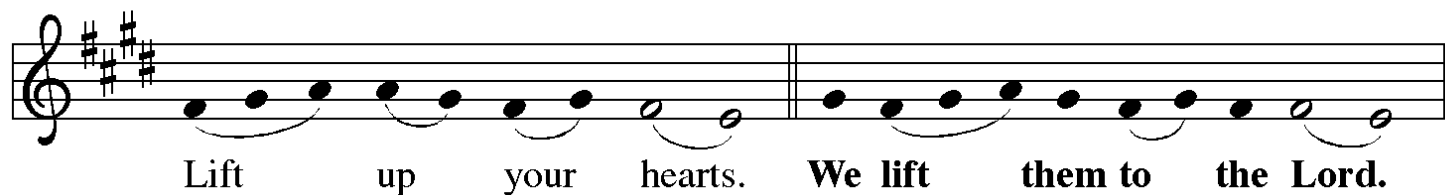
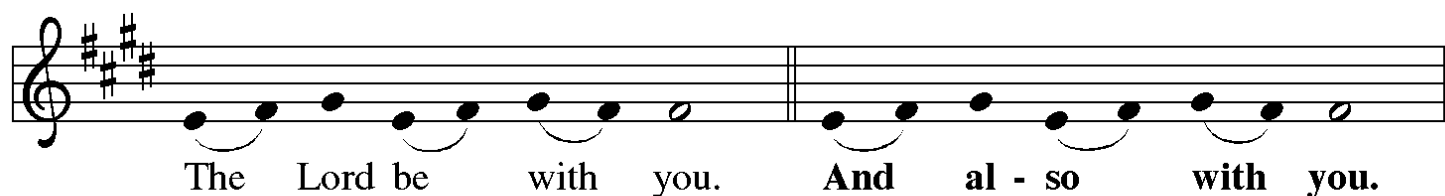
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### + Offering Prayer

### + Great Thanksgiving

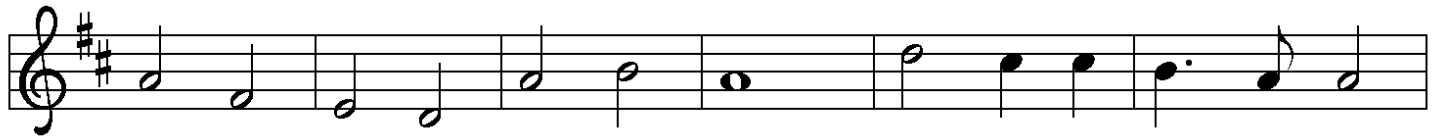
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### + Proper Preface

## + 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.

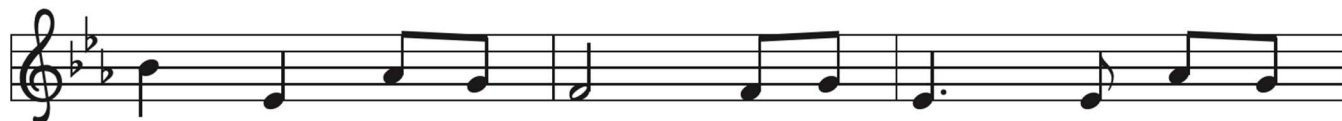
# Distribution Song

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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

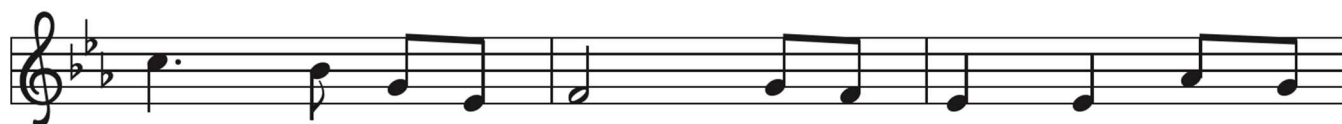


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.  
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

### *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.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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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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