

14th Sunday after Pentecost—September 3, 2023—9:45am

+ **Gathering** +

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

Prelude

“Here I am Lord”
arr. by Albert Mendoza

+ **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✝ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God, **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world’s violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God’s justice stretches beyond all understanding. God’s compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✝ Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **Amen.**

+ **Gathering Song**

“Holy Ground”

As I walked through the door I sensed His presence
And I knew this was the place where love abounds
For this is a temple Jehovah God abides here
We are standing in His presence on holy ground

Refrain: We are standing on holy ground
And I know that there are angels all around
Let us praise Jesus now.
We are standing in His presence on holy ground

In His presence, there is joy beyond measure
And at His feet, peace of mind can still be found
If you have a need, I know He has the answer
Reach out and claim it, child.
You're standing on holy ground.

We are standing in His presence
We are standing in His presence on holy ground

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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

Exodus 3:1-15

A reading from Exodus.

¹Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the

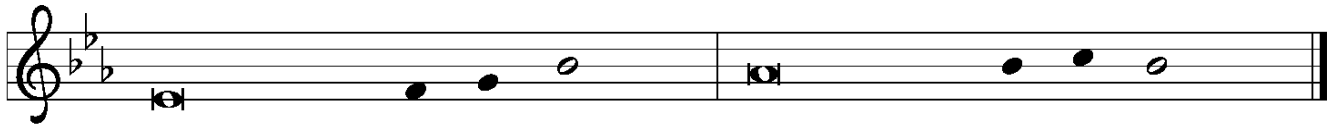
Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” ¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” ¹²He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” ¹³But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ” ¹⁵God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

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

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

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Let us sing Psalm 105, verses 1 through 6, 23 through 26, 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.**
- ²³Israel came | into Egypt,
and Jacob became a sojourner in the | land of Ham.
- ²⁴**The LORD made the people of Israel | very fruitful,
more numerous | than their enemies,**
- ²⁵whose hearts God turned, so that they hat- | ed God's
people,
and dealt unjustly with the ser- | vants of God.
- ²⁶**O LORD, you sent Mo- | ses your servant,
and Aaron, your chosen one. ^{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.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

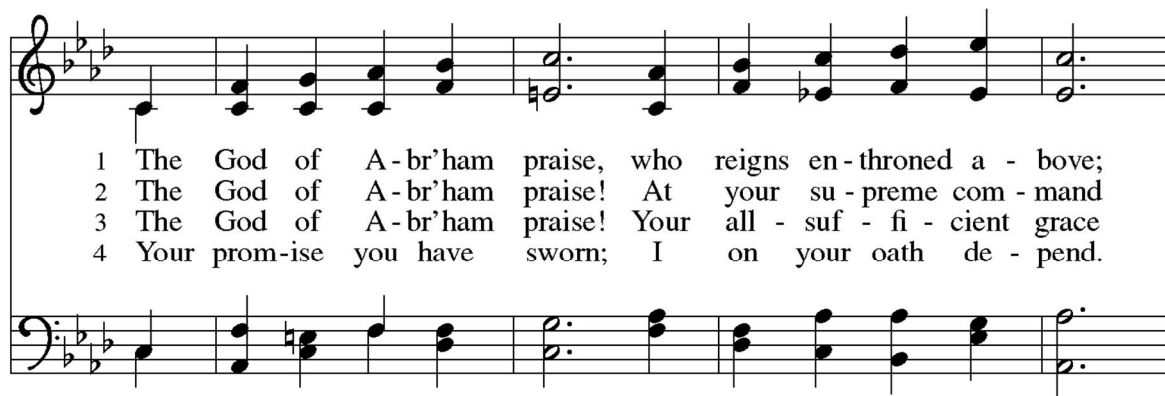
Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

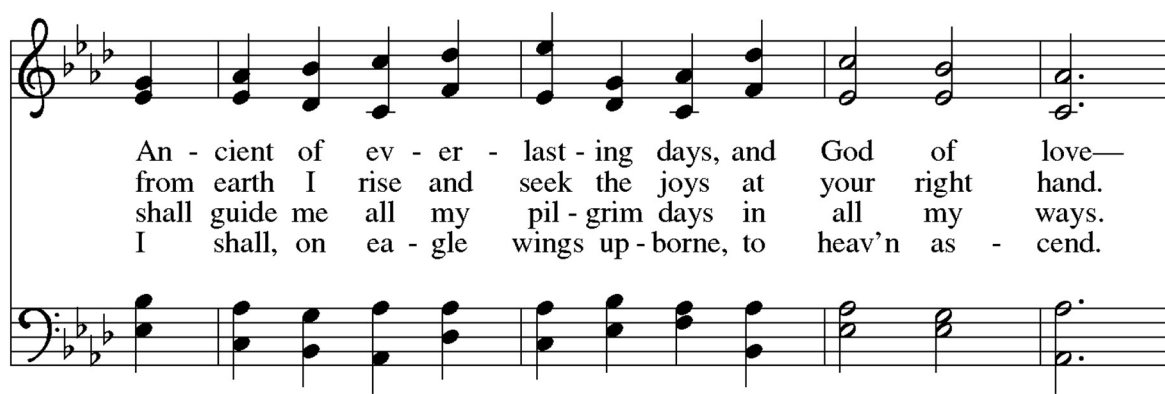
²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

The God of Abraham Praise



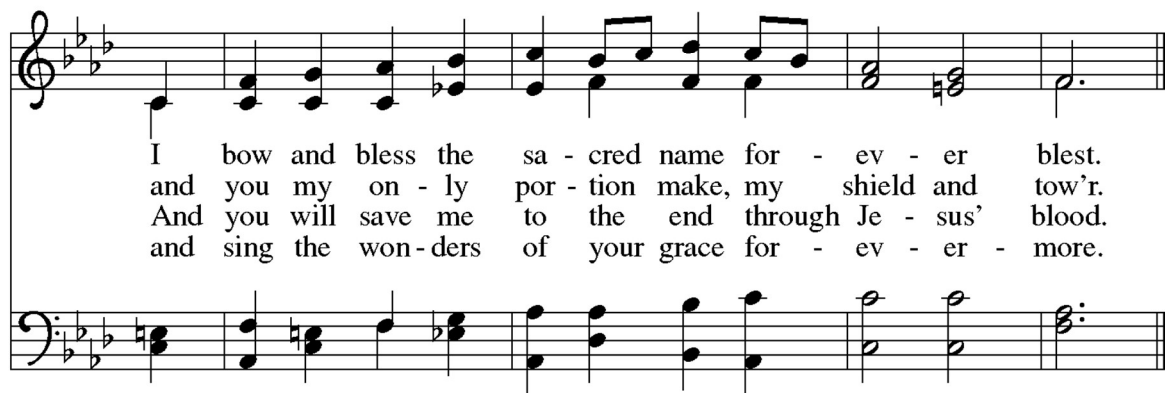
1 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
 2 The God of A-br'ham praise! At your su-preme com - mand
 3 The God of A-br'ham praise! Your all - suf - fi - cient grace
 4 Your prom-ise you have sworn; I on your oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love—
 from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.
 shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.
 I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.



“I Am the One I Am”— by earth and heav'n con - fessed;
 I all on earth for - sake— its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r—
 You deign to call me friend; you call your - self my God!
 I shall be - hold your face; I shall your pow'r a - dore,



I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.
 and you my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
 And you will save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.
 and sing the won - ders of your grace for - ev - er - more.

Text: Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799, alt., based on the *Yigdal*, c. 14th cent.
 Music: YIGDAL, Jewish melody; arr. Meyer Lyon, 1751–1797

+ 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

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

+ Peace

+Meal+

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

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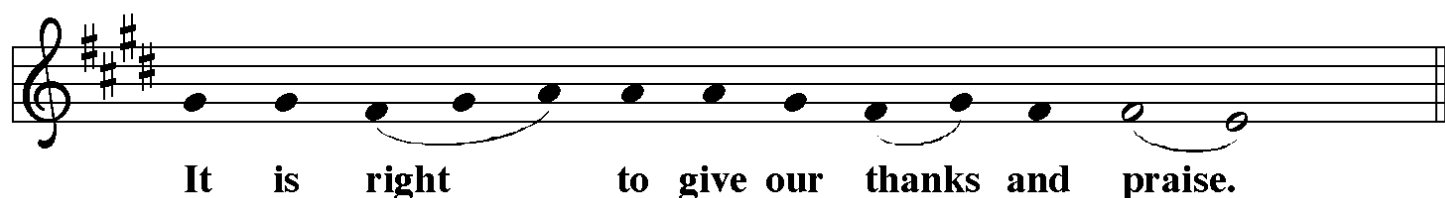
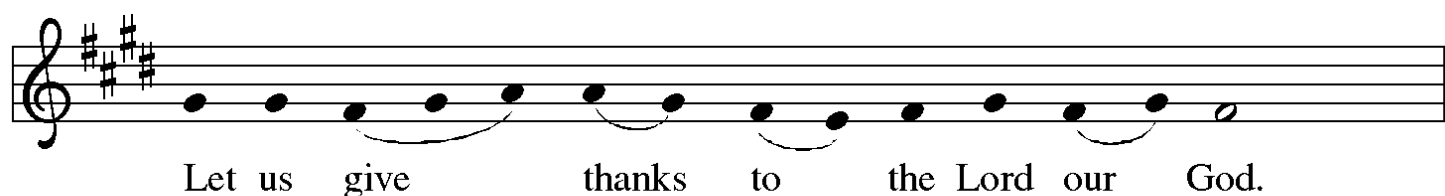
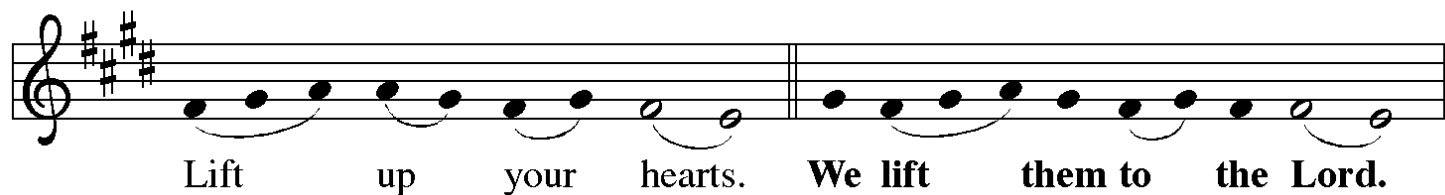
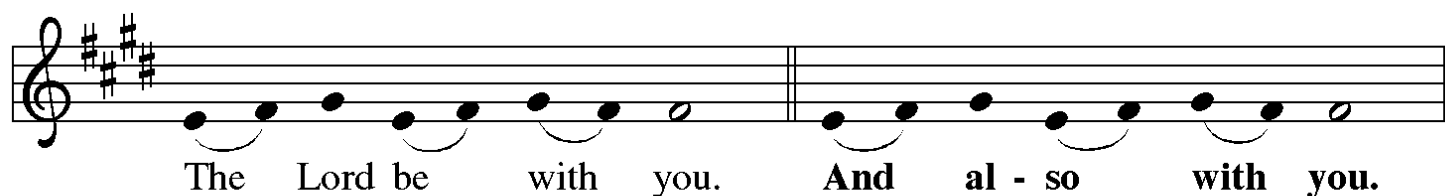
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+ Offering Prayer

+ Great Thanksgiving

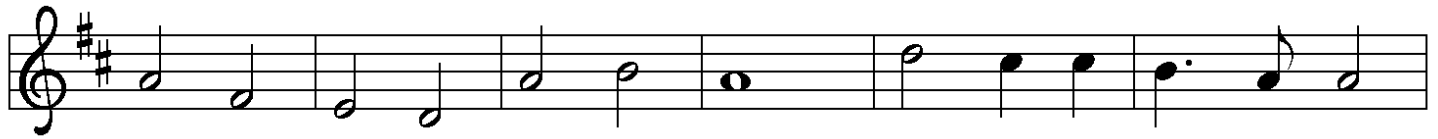
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+ Proper Preface

+ 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.

Taste and See

Refrain – All

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,

taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Leader or All

1 I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall


al-ways be on my lips; my soul shall glo-ry in the

Lord; for God has been so good to me.

Refrain


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2 Glo-ri - fy the Lord with me. To - geth - er let us

Musical staff 1: Treble clef, 2/4 time signature. The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5. A triplet of quarter notes G4, A4, B4 is marked with a '3' and a bracket. This is followed by a dotted quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, and a quarter note E4. The staff ends with a quarter note D4.



all praise God's name. I called the Lord, who an - swered

Musical staff 2: Treble clef. The melody continues with a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, and a quarter note B3. A triplet of quarter notes G3, A3, B3 is marked with a '3' and a bracket. This is followed by a quarter note G3, a quarter note F3, and a quarter note E3. The staff ends with a quarter note D3.




me; from all my trou- bles I was set free. *Refrain*

Musical staff 3: Treble clef. The melody continues with a quarter note D3, a quarter note C3, and a quarter note B2. A triplet of quarter notes G2, A2, B2 is marked with a '3' and a bracket. This is followed by a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, and a quarter note E2. The staff ends with a quarter note D2.



3 Wor-ship the Lord, all you peo- ple. You'll want for

Musical staff 4: Treble clef, 2/4 time signature. The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5. A triplet of quarter notes G4, A4, B4 is marked with a '3' and a bracket. This is followed by a dotted quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, and a quarter note E4. The staff ends with a quarter note D4.



noth- ing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is

Musical staff 5: Treble clef. The melody continues with a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, and a quarter note B3. A triplet of quarter notes G3, A3, B3 is marked with a '3' and a bracket. This is followed by a quarter note G3, a quarter note F3, and a quarter note E3. The staff ends with a quarter note D3.



good; in God we need put all our trust. *Refrain*

Musical staff 6: Treble clef. The melody continues with a quarter note D3, a quarter note C3, and a quarter note B2. A triplet of quarter notes G2, A2, B2 is marked with a '3' and a bracket. This is followed by a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, and a quarter note E2. The staff ends with a quarter note D2.

Text: James E. Moore Jr., b. 1951, based on Ps. 34

Music: TASTE AND SEE, James E. Moore Jr.

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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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