

## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost—October 22, 2023—10am

### + **Gathering** +

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

#### **Prelude**

“I Can Only Imagine”  
*arr. by Melody Bober*

#### **+ 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

“Better Is One Day”

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty. For my soul longs and even faints for You. For here my heart is satisfied within your presence. I sing beneath the shadow of your wings.

**Refrain:** Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in Your House, better is one day in Your courts, than thousands elsewhere. Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house, better is one day in your courts, than thousands elsewhere, than thousands elsewhere.

One thing I ask and I would seek: To see Your beauty, to find you in the place your glory dwells. One thing I ask and I would seek: To see your beauty to find you in the place your glory dwells.

My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God. Your spirit's water to my soul. I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me, I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You, to You.

Better is one day, better is one day, better is one day than thousands elsewhere. Better is one day, better is one day, better is one day than thousands elsewhere.

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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 33:12-23

A reading from Exodus.

<sup>12</sup>Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' <sup>13</sup>Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." <sup>14</sup>He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." <sup>15</sup>And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. <sup>16</sup>For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

<sup>17</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." <sup>18</sup>Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." <sup>19</sup>And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass

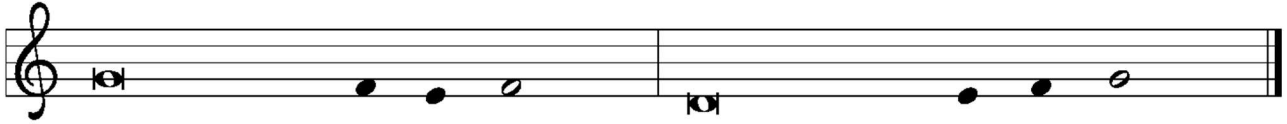
before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. <sup>20</sup>But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." <sup>21</sup>And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; <sup>22</sup>and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; <sup>23</sup>then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

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

## Psalm 99

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Let us sing Psalm 99 responsively by verse as translated in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal.



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<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king; let the | people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD, | great in Zion,  
is high a- | bove all peoples.**

<sup>3</sup>Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome;  
God is the | Holy One.

<sup>4</sup>**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished  
equity;  
you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in  
Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup>Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- | fore God's  
footstool;  
God is the | Holy One.

<sup>6</sup>**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel  
among those who call upon your | name, O LORD,  
they called upon you, and you | answered them,**

<sup>7</sup>you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;  
they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave  
them.

<sup>8</sup>**O LORD our God, you answered | them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished  
them for their | evil deeds.**

<sup>9</sup>Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's | holy  
hill;  
for the LORD our God is the | Holy One.

## + 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 22:15-22

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" <sup>21</sup>They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

**+ Song of the Day**

“Who Am I”

Who am I, that the Lord of all the earth would care to know  
my name, would care to feel my hurt?

Who am I that the Bright and Morning Star would choose  
to light the way for my ever wand'ring heart?

Not because of who I am, but because of what You've  
done.

Not because of what I've done, but because of who You  
are.

I am a flower quickly fading,  
here today and gone tomorrow;  
A wave tossed in the ocean, a vapor in the wind.  
Still You hear me when I'm calling.  
Lord, You catch me when I'm falling.  
And You've told me who I am: I am Yours. I am yours.

Who am I, that the eyes that see my sin would look on me  
with love and watch me rise again?

Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea would call  
out through the rain and calm the storm in me?

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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**

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

## **+ Peace**



## +Meal+

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### Offering

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### + Offering Prayer

### + Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**


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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**


### + Proper Preface

**+ Sanctus**

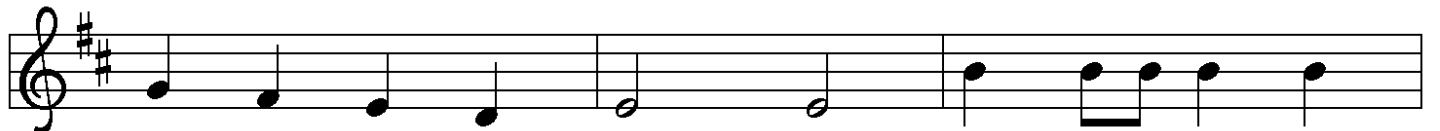
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,



heav - en 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, 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**

# 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.

# One Bread, One Body



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or	Jew,	ser - vant	or	free,
2	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the	works,
3	Grain	for	the fields,	scat - tered	and	grown,



wom - an	or	man,	no	more.
one	in	the Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to	one	for	all.

*Refrain*

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## + Sending +

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

### Blessing

### Announcements

#### + Sending Song

“Great Are You Lord”

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness.  
You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.  
And great are You, Lord.

It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise, we  
pour out our praise. It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour  
out our praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise. Our hearts will cry,  
these bones will sing, “Great are You, Lord!”

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#### + Dismissal

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

### Postlude

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