



Welcome  
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

## Order of Worship

Pentecost 8 July 23, 2023

### Welcome

*(Please stand, as you are able)*

### Call to Worship

**P** Give unto the Lord glory and strength

**C** **Worship the Lord in the beauty of His holiness**

**P** Christ has appeared to us:

**C** **Oh, come, let us worship Him!**

**P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son

**C** **And to the Holy Spirit;**

**P** as it was in the beginning,

**C** **is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### Opening Hymn Blessed Jesus, at Your Word LSB 904

1 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

We are gathered all to hear You.

Let our hearts and souls be stirred

Now to seek and love and fear You,

By Your teachings, sweet and holy,

Drawn from earth to love You solely.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight

Lie in deepest darkness shrouded

Till Your Spirit breaks our night

With the beams of truth unclouded.

You alone to God can win us;

You must work all good within us.

3 Gracious Savior, good and kind,  
Light of Light, from God proceeding,

Open now our heart and mind;

Help us by Your Spirit's pleading.

Hear the cry Your Church now raises;

Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

△ 4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,  
Praise to You and adoration!

Grant that we may trust Your Word,

Confident of our salvation,

While we here below must wander,

Till we sing Your praises yonder.

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### Confession and Absolution

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve**

**Your present and eternal punishment. 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** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G Amen.**

## **This Is the Feast**

**G This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Salutation and Collect**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G And also with you.**

**P** O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*(Please be seated)*

## **Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 44:6–8**

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel  
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

"I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.

<sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,  
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

<sup>8</sup>Fear not, nor be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord

**G Thanks be to God**

## Epistle Reading, Romans 8:18–27

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

℣ This is the Word of the Lord

✎ Thanks be to God

## Alleluia and Verse

✎ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## The Holy Gospel, Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

ℙ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

✎ Glory to You, O Lord

[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup>but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup>And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ <sup>28</sup>He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup>But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” . . .

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup>He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

℣ This is the Gospel of the Lord

✎ Praise to You, O Christ!

*(Please be seated)*

## Sermon – When Words Fail

### Sermon Hymn **Come, My Soul, with Every Care** LSB 779

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| 1 | Come, my soul, with ev'ry care,<br>Jesus loves to answer prayer;<br>He Himself has bid thee pray,<br>Therefore will not turn away.   | 2 | Thou art coming to a King,<br>Large petitions with thee bring;<br>For His grace and pow'r are such<br>None can ever ask too much.   |
| 3 | With my burden I begin:<br>Lord, remove this load of sin;<br>Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt,<br>Set my conscience free from guilt. | 4 | Lord, Thy rest to me impart,<br>Take possession of my heart;<br>There Thy blood-bought right maintain<br>And without a rival reign. |
| 5 | While I am a pilgrim here,<br>Let Thy love my spirit cheer;<br>As my guide, my guard, my friend,<br>Lead me to my journey's end.     | 6 | Show me what is mine to do;<br>Ev'ry hour my strength renew.<br>Let me live a life of faith;<br>Let me die Thy people's death.      |

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### **Nicene Creed**

**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

**Peace of the Lord** (Please greet the people in your family group with God's peace, and extend to those near to you the peace with a wave.)

## Prayers of the Church

After each petition respond: **P** Lord in your mercy **G** Hear our prayer

### Lord's Prayer

**P** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**G** **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.**

## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**G** **We lift them to the Lord.**

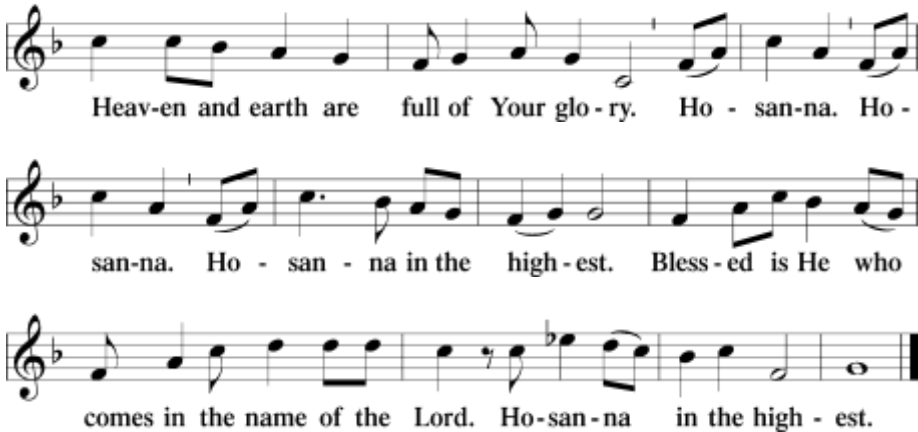
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**G** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. 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.

## The Word of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**G** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

**G** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Communion Distribution *(Please be seated)*

### Praise Team Presentation - He Was With Me All Along *(Lemond/Arial)*

## Someone Else Living in You

1. Drink, drink, drink of His Spirit; drink, drink, drink of His Word. Hold, hold, hold to His teaching, And show that you really have heard. Keep, keep, keep His commandments; live, live, live in His grace. Love, love, love as He first loved you and run for the prize in the race.

## Chorus 1

For there is Someone else, living in you.

For there is Someone else dwelling in you.

For there is Someone else building His

kingdom in you. Yes, in you. For there is

Someone else, living in you. For there is

Someone else dwelling in you. For there is

Someone else building His kingdom in you.

2. Thank, thank, thank Him for daily bread  
; thank, thank, thank Him for love.  
Praise, praise, praise Him for Jesus' blood;  
salvation's a gift from above.

**Chorus 2** - And there's a new day waiting for you.  
And there's a new day of healing for you. And there's  
a new day; Jesus will come back for you. Yes, for you.  
And there's a new day waiting for you. And there's a  
new day of healing for you. And there's a new day;  
Jesus will come back for you.

3. Sing, sing, sing with your heart on fire; sing, sing your voice to find.  
Pray, pray, pray in the Spirit, and love Him with heart, soul, and mind.

### **Chorus 1**

**Tag** - Building His Kingdom in you.  
Building His Kingdom in you.

## **Thank the Lord**

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
**Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.**  
**He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy**  
**with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Post-Communion Collect**

Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

## **Benedicamus and Benediction**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

**P** Go in peace!

**C Serve the Lord**

**P** Let us bless the Lord

**C Thanks be to God**

## **"God of Wonders"**

(Marc Byrd & Steve Hindalong)

Lord of all creation

Of water, earth, and sky

The heavens are Your tabernacle

Glory to the Lord on high

**Chorus** God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy, holy  
Lord of heaven and earth  
Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning  
I will celebrate the light  
When I stumble in the darkness  
I will call Your name by night

**Chorus**  
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth  
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth  
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth

**Chorus**

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**Announcements**