

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 26, 2021

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Fanfare on *Ye Servants of God*”

F. Ritter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the One who is the source of all mercy.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Almighty God,

we have wandered from our Good Shepherd and have gone astray.

We have turned up our noses at those who are broken or different.

We have snatched what is best from your creation and kept it for ourselves

We have ignored your command to love others as you love us.

Though we are worthy to be punished, we ask for your forgiveness.

Cleanse our hearts, renew our minds, and make us into a new creation.

God is abundant in mercy and forgives all who repent of their sins.

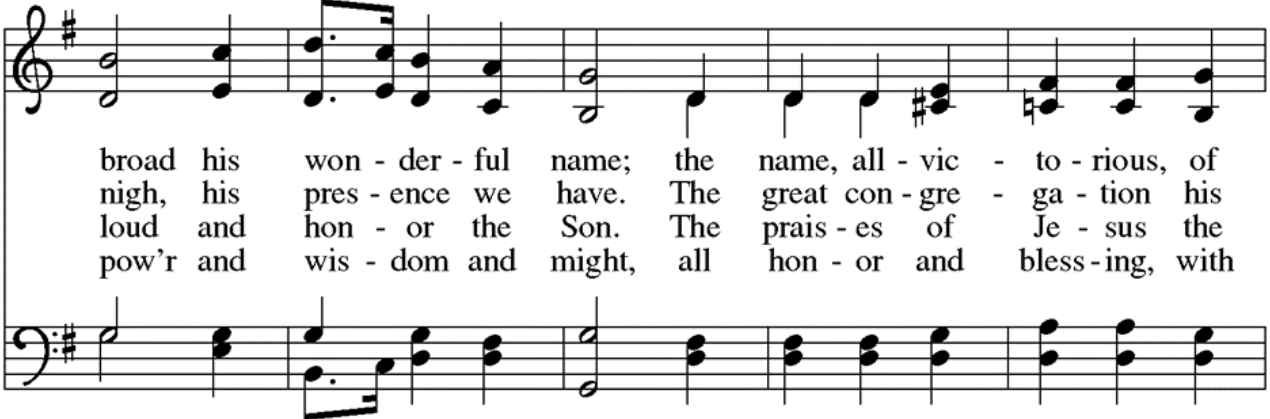
Trust in God's amazing grace and believe that your sins are forgiven, through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Amen.


GATHERING HYMN



1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his
loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the
pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!
an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

GREETING

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

Generous God, your Son gave his life so that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and, in all we do, empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

A Reading from Numbers

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

(Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19:7-14 (Read responsively)

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;

⁸**the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;**

⁹the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

¹¹Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.**

¹³Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

A Reading from James

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

(James 5:13-20)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

(Mark 9:38-50)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

[See back of bulletin]

SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Read in unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church and its ministry. Nourish all members of the body of Christ in lives of prayer, service, and worship. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for natural wonders of your creation. Restore damaged forests, waterways, and natural habitats, and teach us to be good stewards of what you have provided. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those in authority. Strengthen in them a desire to protect the vulnerable and care for the needy. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are struggling with cancer, dementia, COVID-19, or any other disease and especially pray for everyone on our prayer list. Comfort and bring healing to all who suffer. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the worship leaders of this congregation. Bless us through their ministry and bless them with the passion to continue to share their gifts. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all your saints. Continue to guide us by their example and reassure us of your promised salvation. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

(The Pastor concludes): Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

OFFERING

Our offering plate is located in the center aisle at the back of the church. If you have not already done so, you may place your offering in the plate as you leave worship today.

OFFERTORY (8:00) “Fairest Lord Jesus” J. Linker

ANTHEM (10:30) “More Love to Thee” T. Fettke

OFFERTORY HYMN “As the Grains of Wheat”

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of lyrics. The third staff concludes the melody for the third line of lyrics. The lyrics are printed below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

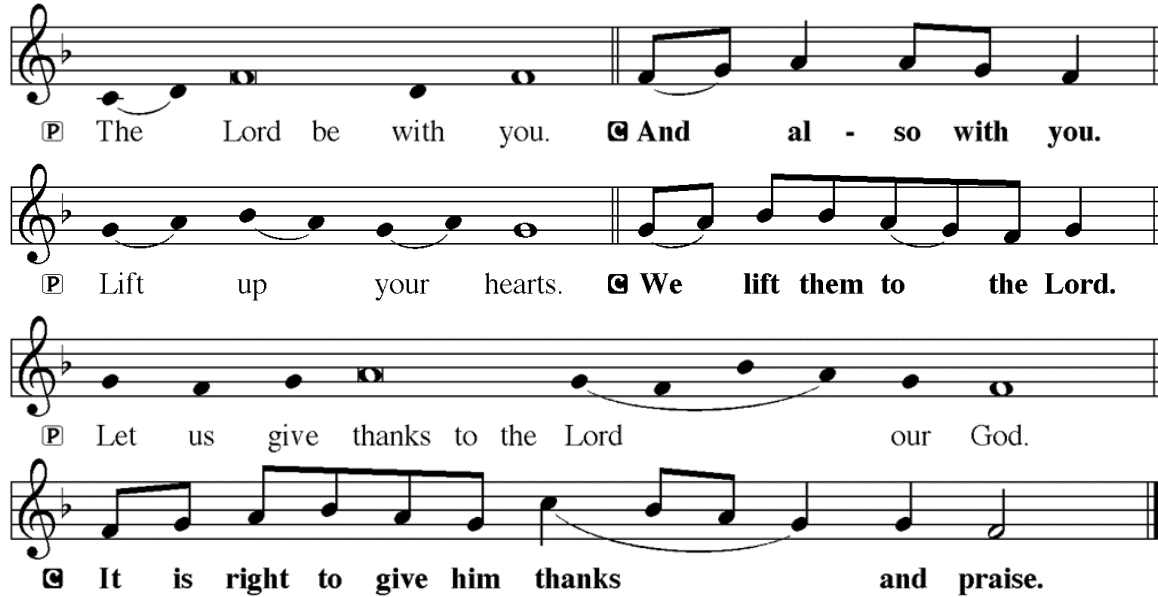
OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives that the world which you so dearly love may be nourished, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING



Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

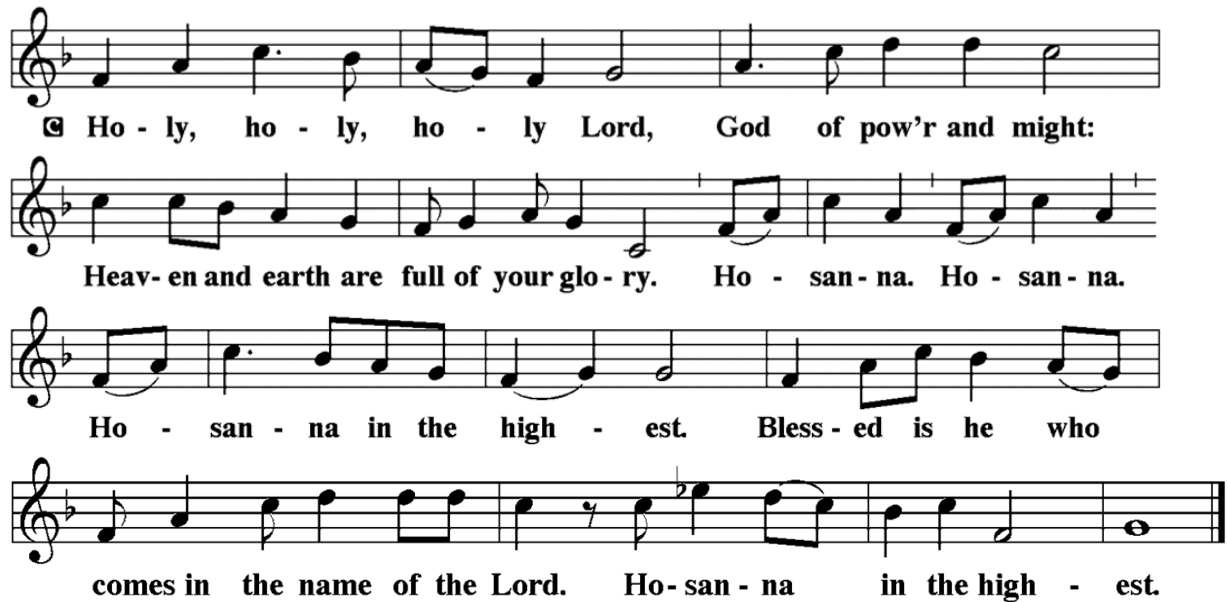
Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us
and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, both now and forever.
Amen.

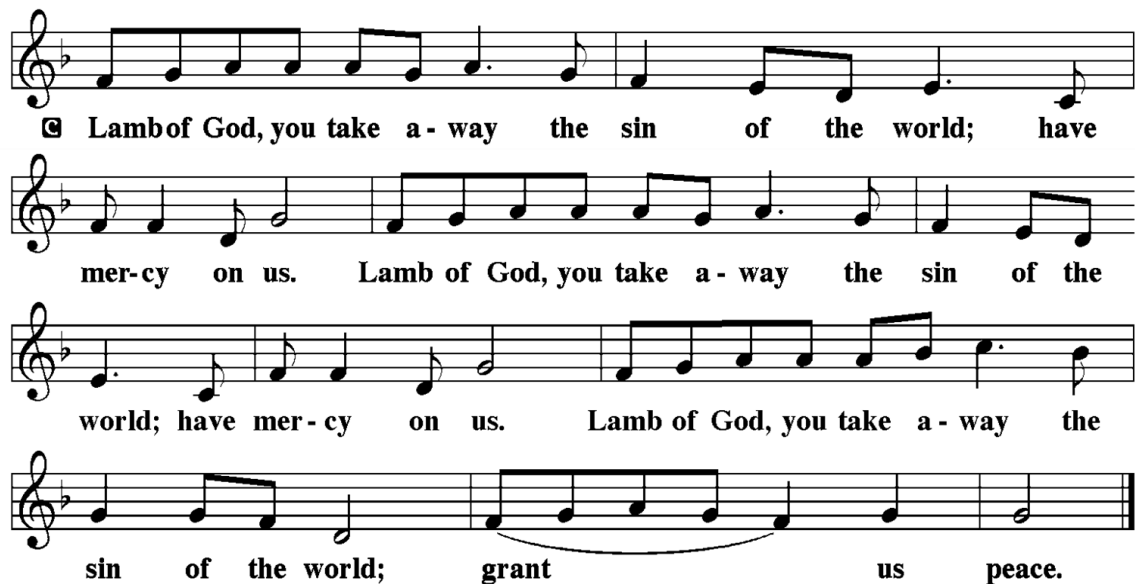
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Read in unison)

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

Come, all who hunger and thirst for food from heaven. All has been made ready.

AGNUS DEI

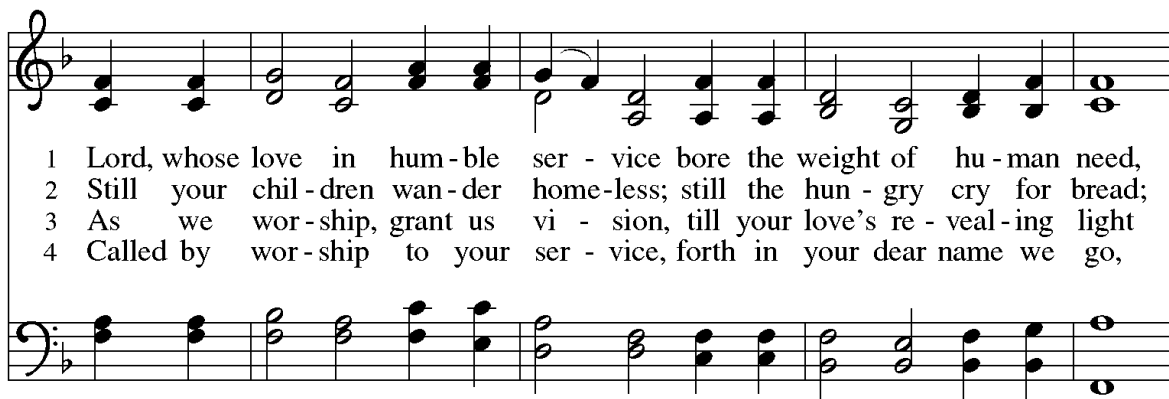


☪ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

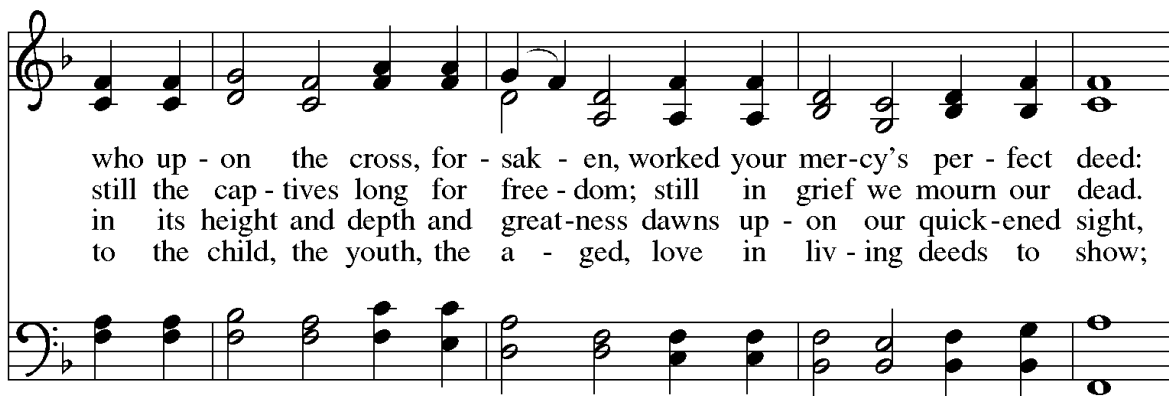
INSTRUCTIONS

If you wish to receive the Sacrament, please move into the center aisle when instructed to do so. When you stand before the Pastor, please open your hand to receive a wafer of bread, and then move toward the Communion Assistant to dip the tip of the wafer into the chalice of wine. After you have eaten the wafer, you may return to your seat by the side aisle. Those unable to come forward to receive the Sacrament may receive in their pews. If you would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, please stand before the Pastor and say, "A blessing."

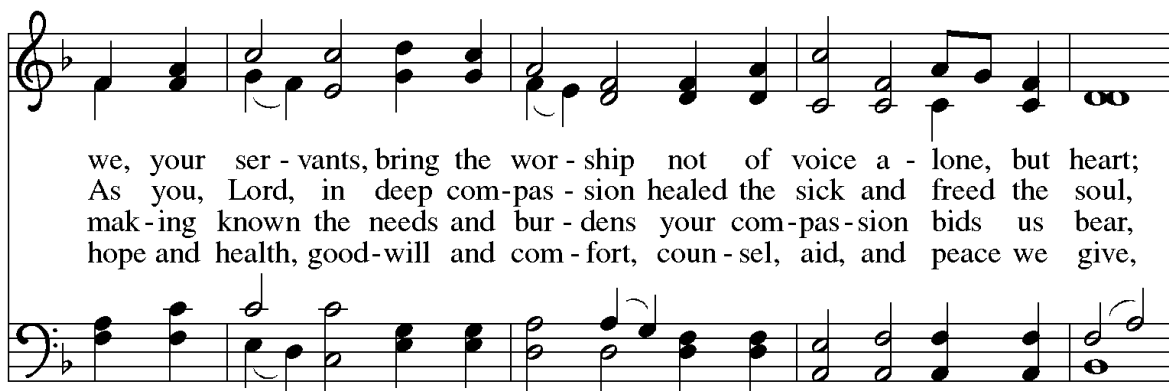
COMMUNION HYMN: "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"




1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

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. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Go, Make of All Disciples”

[See back of bulletin]

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Echo Alleluia”

H. Purcell

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Altar flowers are presented in loving memory of Carl Long by Christine and Kevin Long.

Anthem (10:30) “More Love to Thee” (T. Fettke) is presented in honor of the 40th Anniversary of their wedding, May 1976, by Steve and Robin Zimmerman (2016)

Introduction to the day: Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control.

HALLOWEEN HELP

The Evangelism Committee will be preparing at least 100 treat bags for Trick-or-Treat night to be held on Sunday, October 31. Extra help would be appreciated! Anyone willing to fill candy bags is invited to church on Tuesday, October 5 at 6:00 PM. Thanks!

SERVING THIS SUNDAY (9/26/21)

8:00 AM

GREETER: Ron Rozansky; LECTOR: Ron Rozansky

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Ruth Ann Withers

10:30 AM

GREETER: Greg Sklar; USHER: Tom Wehr; LECTOR: Robin Zimmerman

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Greg Sklar

ALTAR GUILD: Joyce O'Rourke and Jean Premich

COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Joanne Emerich, and Barb Sterner

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (10/3/21)

8:00 AM

GREETER: TBA; LECTOR: Ruth Ann Withers

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Amy Dewald

10:30 AM

GREETER: Sarah Eger; USHERS: Sue Petresky and Barb Sterner

LECTOR: Cindy Ritschel; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Chris Long

ALTAR GUILD: Joyce O'Rourke and Jean Premich

COUNTERS: Gwen Wehr, Tom Wehr, and Glenda Bright

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, September 26	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Wednesday, September 29	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Thursday, September 30	7:00 PM	Adult Forum via ZOOM
Friday, October 1	9:30 AM	STiC SRT Sojourn in Auburn
Saturday, October 2	9 AM-2 PM	Service Ministry BAZAAR in Reidler Hall
	5:30 PM	Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday, October 3	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	4:00 PM	Blessing of the Animals at Albright's Woods Pavilion

MEN OF ST. PAUL'S NEWS

The Men's Group will be collecting "name brand" 1 lb. boxes of dry spaghetti and 24 oz. jars or cans of plain spaghetti sauce to match beginning in September. Our goal is to have one of each to hand out to every family that comes to the Food Pantry in October. Your help is always greatly appreciated!

"BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS" DONATION DRIVE

This year our annual Blessing of the Animals event (on Sunday, October 3 at 4 p.m. in Albright's Woods Pavilion) will benefit wild and domestic animals alike! We are collecting items for two local SPCA'S (Ruth Steinert Memorial & Hillside) as well as for the Red Creek Wildlife Center. A donation bin is now located in the narthex. Below is a list of items which have been requested:

Red Creek Wildlife Center

Bleach (any brand)	Unscented Facial Tissues
"Dawn" Dishwashing Liquid	"Ziploc" bags (gallon size)
"Simple Green" Cleaner	Batteries (AAA, AA, C, D)
Trash bags (large & kitchen size)	Heavy Duty Extension Cords
Window Cleaner-vinegar based only	Heating Pads
Paper Towels	Pitchers (2 quart)

SPCA (Ruth Steinert Memorial & Hillside)

Canned dog & cat food	Old blankets, towels, sheets,
Dog & cat treats	New or used collars & leashes
Cat litter	Food bowls
Cleaning supplies	Newspapers

Thanking you in advance for your generosity and kindness!

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
 3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
 4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the

cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
 grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
 fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -

self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
 sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
 tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

SENDING HYMN

“Go, Make of All Disciples”

D G D D G D G A A7

1 “Go, make of all dis - ci - ples.” We hear the call, O Lord, that
 2 “Go, make of all dis - ci - ples,” bap - tiz - ing in the name of
 3 “Go, make of all dis - ci - ples.” We at your feet would stay un -
 4 “Go, make of all dis - ci - ples.” We wel - come your com - mand. “Lo,

D D7 G D A E7 A A7

comes from you, our Fa - ther, in your e - ter - nal Word. In -
 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, from age to age the same. We
 til each life's vo - ca - tion ac - cents your ho - ly way. We
 I am with you al - ways.” We take your guid - ing hand. The

D D7 G B7 E A A7

spire our ways of learn - ing through ear - nest, fer - vent prayer, and
 call each new dis - ci - ple to fol - low you, O Lord, re -
 cul - ti - vate the na - ture God plants in ev - ery heart, re -
 task looms large be - fore us; we fol - low with - out fear, in

D Em7 D7 G D A7 D

let our dai - ly liv - ing re - veal you ev - ery - where.
 deem - ing soul and bod - y by wa - ter and the Word.
 veal - ing in our wit - ness the Mas - ter Teach - er's art.
 heav'n and earth your pow - er shall bring God's king - dom here.