



# Church of the Savior

L U T H E R A N

**August 7, 2022**

**9th Sunday After Pentecost**

For where your  
Treasure is  
there your Heart  
will be also

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN: God is So Good



1 God is so good, God is so good,  
2 He cares for me, he cares for me,  
3 He saved my soul, he saved my soul.  
4 I praise his name, I praise his name,



God is so good, he's so good to me.  
he cares for me, he's so good to me.  
he saved my soul, he's so good to me.  
I praise his name, he's so good to me.

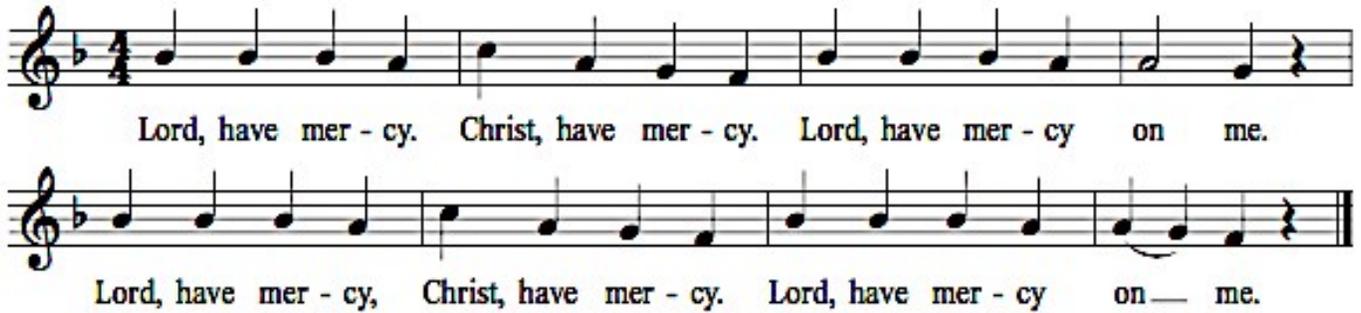


## GREETING

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## THE KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on— me.



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**I** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**III** Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**I** Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**II** For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



## FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Word of God, Word of Life

**People: Thanks Be to God**



## PSALM: Psalm 33:12-22

<sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God’s heritage!

<sup>13</sup>**The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.**

<sup>14</sup>God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

<sup>15</sup>**God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**

<sup>16</sup>A king is not saved by the size of the army,  
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

<sup>17</sup>**The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.**

<sup>18</sup>Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,  
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

<sup>19</sup>**to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

<sup>20</sup>Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

<sup>21</sup>**Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.**

<sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.



## SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

<sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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**People: 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.



## THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 12:22-40

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>22</sup>"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you — you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. <sup>30</sup>For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

<sup>32</sup>"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**



# HYMN OF THE DAY: To Abraham and Sarah

Judith Fetter

## TO ABRAHAM AND SARAH

William G. Fischer

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, with each line of music corresponding to a line of text. The lyrics are: 1. To A-bra-ham and Sa - rah the call of God was clear: "Go 2. From A-bra-ham and Sa - rah a - rose a pil - grim race, de- 3. We of this gen - er - a - tion on whom God's hand is laid, can forth and I will show you a coun - try rich and fair. You pen - dent for their jour - ney on God's a - bun - dant grace. And jour - ney to the fu - ture se - cure and un - a - fraid!, re - need not fear the jour - ney for I have pledged my word: that in their heart was writ - ten by God this sav - ing word: that joic - ing in God's good - ness and trust - ing in this word: "that you shall be my peo - ple, and I will be your God. Look to the stars in hea - ven, and see if you can count them. So shall be your de - scen - dents, and I will be their God."

SERMON: Pastor Paul Miller



## 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Response: **receive our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC: Choir: Claudette & David Kline: Lead Me, Guide Me

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Chord progression: Eb, Fm7, Bb, Eb, Cm, F, BbsusBb, Bb/Ab, Fm7, Eb/Bb, Bb, Gmaj, Cm, F7, Bb, Bb7, Eb/Bb, Bb, Eb/Bb, Ab, Bb, Eb7, Ab, Fm7, Bb, Ebsus Eb, Ab, Eb.

Lyrics: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Your pre - sence, and take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion; and up - hold me with Your free Spir - it. A - men.



**Pastor:** God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**



### GREAT THANKSGIVING

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** **And also with you.**  
**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.  
**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**  
**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PREFACE FOR THE SEASON

It is indeed right, salutary, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Musical score for the Preface for the Season, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The score is divided into four staves, each with a line of lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly 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.. Ho - san - na in the high - est..".

F Gm7 Am F/D Gm7 F/A Gm/Bb C  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
Dm F/A Bb F/Bb Eb/Bb Bb Bbm7 Db/G  
heav - en. and earth are full of your glo - ry.. Ho - san - na in the  
Gm/C C F Gm7 F/A Bb Gm7 Gm7/C C  
high - est.. Bless - ed. is he who comes in the name. of the Lord.. Ho -  
Bbm7 Db/G Gm/C C Bbm7 Cm7 F2 F  
san - na in the high - est.. Ho - san - na in the high - est..



## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

....proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

**People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

At conclusion of Eucharistic Prayer ....

**People: Amen**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Chords: F, Gm/F, F/A, D C A/Bb, Cm, Gm, Csus, C, F, Eb/F, Bb, D C A/Bb, Gm, Eb, Csus, C, F7, Bb, Eb, D C A/lowBb, Eb/C, Eb, F, G2

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION



COMMUNION HYMN: Jesus Christ, You Are My Life

Jesus Christ, You Are my Life

Marco Frisina

D A/C# G D/F# Em Bm Em/G A



Je - sus Christ, You are my life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. \_

D A/C# Bm D/F# G D A sus A D



Je - sus Christ, You are my life. You are my life, al - le - lu - ia.



## COMMUNION BLESSING

### Thankful Hearts

Thank - ful hearts and voi - ces raise; tell eve - ry - one — what

God has done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's

ho - ly name. Send us with your prom - is - es, O

God, and lead us forth in joy with shouts

of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!

## SENDING

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BENEDICTION

The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

### RECESSIONAL HYMN: God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is simple and hymn-like. Chord symbols are placed above the staff at the beginning of each measure. The lyrics are written below the staff, with line numbers 1, 2, and 3 indicating different verses. The hymn concludes with a double bar line.

F Dm Gm Bb/C F Dm Am/C C F

1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,  
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;  
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:

F Dm Gm Bb/C F Dm Am/C C F

flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;  
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;  
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.

F Dm7 Bb Gm F Dm7 G7 C

we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in-ven-tive pow'rs with you;  
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,  
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;

F Dm Gm Bb/C F Dm Am/C C F

great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.  
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.  
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**Thanks be to God.**



### SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTORS	USHERS
Aug 7	Christophe Moderacki	Ed Moderacki
Aug 14	Ed Moderacki	Rick Henly
Aug 21	Maggie Harrer	Antoinette Walder

### FLOWERS

Aug 7	For: Our 21st Anniversary From: Ed & Brenda Moderacki
	For: Ethel's 100th Birthday From: Bob & Cindy Day
Aug 14	For: Jamie's 28th birthday From: John & Sally Leara
Aug 21	For: Allie's Birthday (8/19) From: The Johnsrud's

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