

GET READY FOR WORSHIP – September 20, 2020

During the period of online worship, our worship style is simplified, with no musical liturgy, but with hymns and/or songs. The texts of hymns and songs will be printed in this online bulletin where they appear in the order of worship. You are encouraged to sing along at home with the accompaniment from the musician at church.

This is a time to bust forth fully in song without worrying about being heard by the congregation, which should encourage some of the more shy singers among you, and to give full prayerful voice to fear or sorrow, supplications for mercy, and of course, to trust, hope and praise.

HOW WE SHALL RECEIVE COMMUNION

Members are encouraged to have gathered both bread and wine or grape juice in the space where family members will gather for worship, so that everyone may participate in the full liturgy of the Eucharist. Even if you are alone in your home, please partake of the body and blood of Christ in the forms of bread and wine. We are together in the Body of Christ, by God's loving Spirit, even when we are not present with another in our own flesh.

16th Sunday of Pentecost

Sunday

September 20, 2020

Accompanist

Diane Rauser

Liturgists

Carly Montgomery & John Strand

ELW= the red hymn book underneath your seat. Hymns are located in the back of the book. A pew Bible is also located beneath your seat.

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Let us put aside the arrogance of our religion
and have confidence in God.

(pause- because arrogance takes a moment to put aside)

O Lord...

C: we count on your mercy,

yet expect you to punish the wicked.

We serve you in faith,

but when others don't,

we forget the joy of doing your work.

We pout in our prosperity

when you distribute your generosity so . . . "unjustly".

Forgive us, Lord, for the sins we know in our hearts.

Save us, Lord, from the sins we hide. *(pause for reflection and self-examination)*

P: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Jesus Christ, the only son of our Heavenly Father, comes so that we might know God's mercy. He suffered and died paying the wages of our sin. Our sins are forgiven. We have been graciously granted the privilege of believing in Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit we may live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, in the name of Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song: *Give Me Jesus*

ELW 770

In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
give me Jesus.

Refrain

Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest,
give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
give me Jesus. *Refrain*

Just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
give me Jesus. *Refrain*

Oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
give me Jesus. *Refrain*

And when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing,
give me Jesus. *Refrain*

Liturgy of the Word


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.**

Kyrie



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **G** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

READING: Jonah 3: 10 – 4: 11

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

⁹But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

READING: Philippians 1: 21-30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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Gospel Acclamation:



GOSPEL: Matthew 20: 1-16

The Holy Gospel according Matthew the 20th chapter.

Glory, to you, O Lord

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

Children's Sermon

Megan & Charlie Stevens

Sermon

Pastor Heidi

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n.
There is welcome for the sinner,
and a promised grace made good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.
For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.
'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil,
larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful;
let us take you at your word,

and our lives will be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

Prayers of the church

Liturgy of the Meal

During this season of online worship, we ask you to bring your gifts and offerings to your gathering table at home in the same way as in worship in the church, before sending them on to the church.

Offering

Offering Prayer

Let us pray, Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

**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.**

Eucharist Prayer

Lord's Prayer

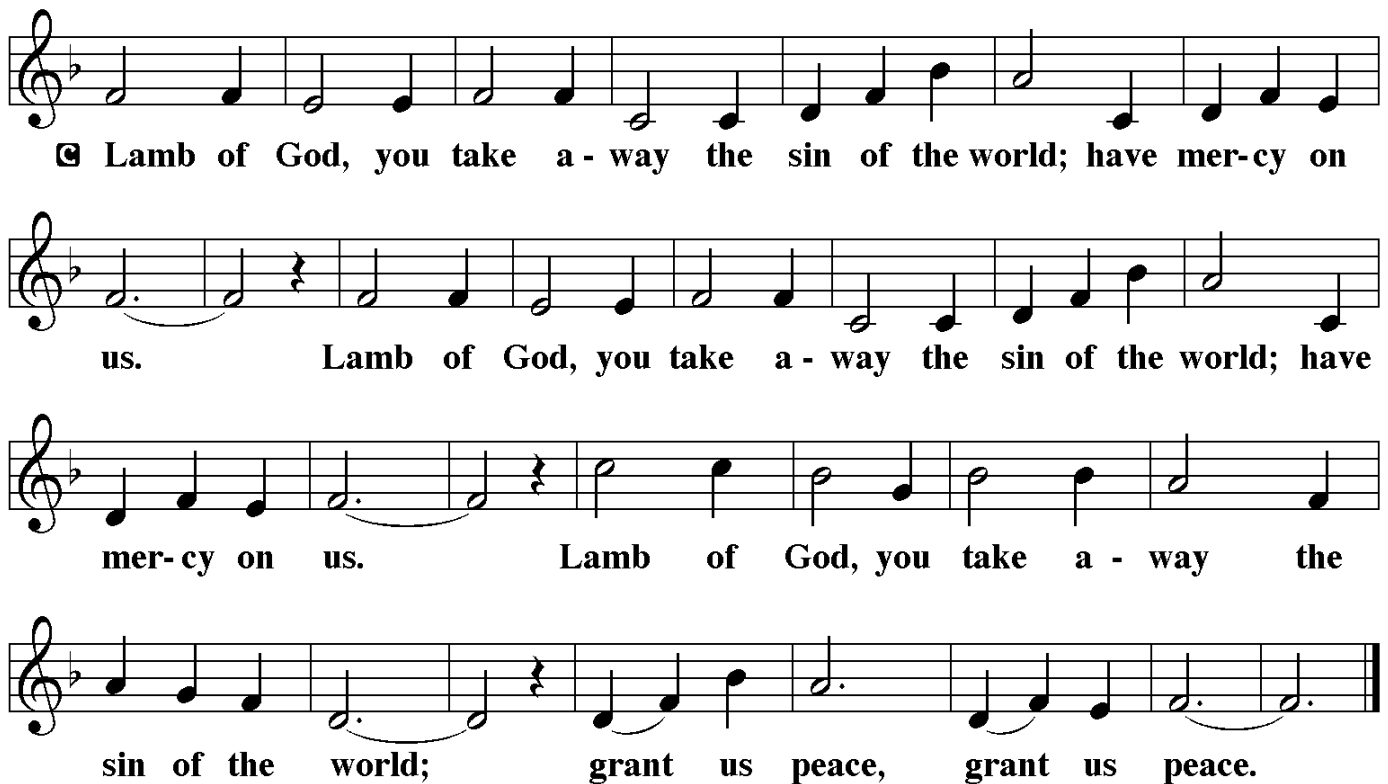
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those**

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.

Communion

If you are communing from home, offer each other the bread with these words "The Body of Christ given for you" and the wine with "The blood of Christ shed for you."

Communion Song: *Lamb of God*



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

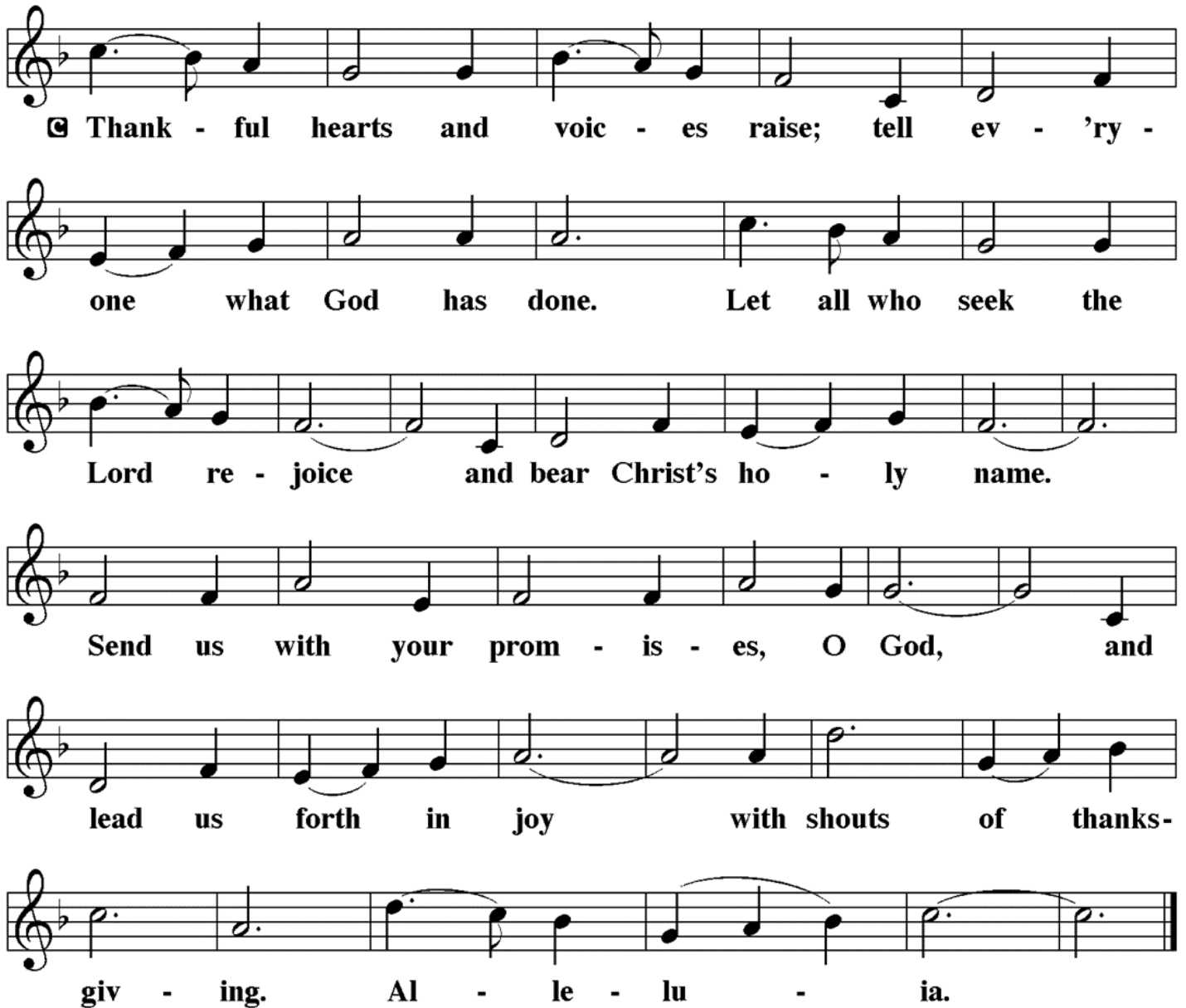
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Post-Communion Blessing

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

Sending

Canticle



☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - '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.

Blessing

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
God, the creator, ✚ Jesus, the Christ,

and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

Hymn: *On Our Way Rejoicing*

ELW 537

On our way rejoicing
gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered;
vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety;
Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful,
can our hope destroy?

Refrain

On our way rejoicing;
as we forward move,
hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!

Unto God the Father
joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior
thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit
bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing
now and evermore. *Refrain*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Monday, August 21

Psalm 106: 1-12
Genesis 27: 1-29
Romans 16: 1-16

Tuesday, August 22

Psalm 106: 1-12
Genesis 28: 10-17
Romans 16: 17-20

Wednesday, August 23

Psalm 106: 1-12
Isaiah 41: 1-13
Matthew 18: 1-5

Thursday, August 24

Psalm 25: 1-9
Ezekiel 12: 17-28
James 4: 11-16

Friday, August 25

Psalm 25: 1-9
Ezekiel 18: 5-18
Acts 13: 32-41

Saturday, August 26

Psalm 25: 1-9
Ezekiel 18: 19-24
Mark 11: 27-33

Sunday, August 27

Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25: 1-9
Philippians 2: 1-13
Matthew 21: 23-32

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

We encourage our members to take appropriate steps to protect their health and prevent the spread of any illness:

- Cover your nose and mouth with tissues when you cough or sneeze and then place, don't throw, the tissue in the trash after use.
- Wash hands often and thoroughly with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer is also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth to protect yourself from infection.
- Improve your immune system by getting enough rest, exercise regularly, and eat healthy.
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