



Eden Lutheran Church
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2020
Haugen Setting

Eden's Mission: "... to love God and all people in Jesus Christ, drawing others into a relationship with him, working together to expand his reign of hope, justice, and peace in our community and the world."

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.

A moment of Silence is kept for Reflection

P: Holy and faithful God,

C: we so often choose our own way instead of yours. We think we can evade your commandments. We have spoken in ways that kill, strayed with our hearts, betrayed friends, and hated enemies. We have broken our promises. Search us deeply and create us anew. Lift the heavy burden of our sin and free us to follow your way of life. Amen.

P: "Call upon me," says the Lord, "and I will answer." Our God has come among us to loose every bond and set us free from all that weighs us down. Receive the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of + Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

A: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord

C: **Refrain**

Assistant: Congregation:

Let us pray — to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is for the Assistant, and the second and third staves are for the Congregation. The lyrics are: "Let us pray — to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy." The melody is simple and melismatic, with long horizontal lines under the words "mer - cy" indicating extended notes.

A: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Refrain**

A: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, Let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Refrain**

A: Help, save, and defend us, O God.

A - - - - - men.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The lyrics are: "A - - - - - men." The melody is simple, with long horizontal lines under the word "men" indicating extended notes.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Now the feast and celebra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for - ev -
er - more!

A: Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God.

C: Refrain

A: Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever.

C: Refrain

A: For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new.

C: Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: 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.

Please be seated

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?"

L: Word of God; Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:1-8

- ¹I will exalt you, my God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.
- ²**Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**
- ³Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!
There is no end to your greatness.
- ⁴**One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**
- ⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.
- ⁶**They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.**
- ⁷They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;

they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

**8The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

SECOND 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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Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
C: **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.”

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE REV. LINDA BROWN

Dismissal to Children’s Church

GIFT OF MUSIC

MESSAGE OF THE DAY.....REV. LINDA BROWN

Please stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

“Lord in your mercy,”..... **“hear our prayer.”**

PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

The assembly is seated while the Ushers collect the offering

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Please stand as you are able

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



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.

A: As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love.

C: Refrain

A: Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you.

C: Refrain

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

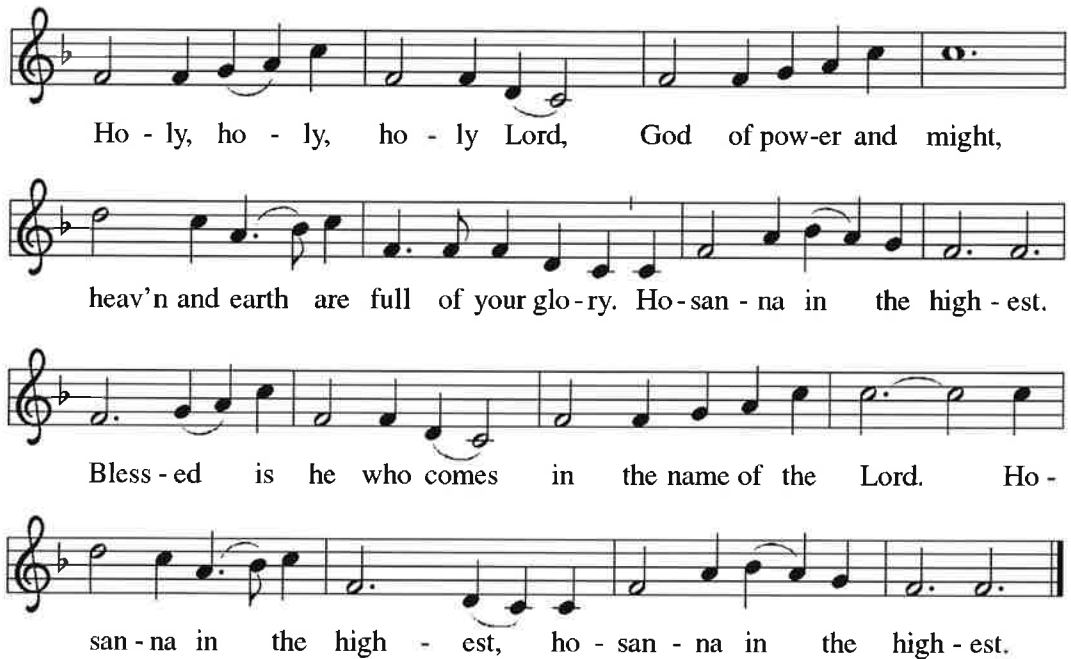
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '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.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with various rests and ties.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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.

LET US JOIN HANDS AS WE PRAY

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**

COMMUNION

P: So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed: Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Please be seated

LAMB OF GOD

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

COMMUNION HYMNS

Please stand as you are able

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Everlasting God, we bless you that you have brought us to the mountaintop and fed us with the life and light of your Son. Send us in his name from this place to bring light into dark corners, healing where lives are torn, and nourishment to every hungry heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the peace of God, which surpasses all human understanding, keep your hearts and your minds on Christ Jesus. In the name of the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: Amen

SENDING SONG

CHIMES

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

