

Morning Worship
Bethesda Lutheran Church 8:30
Immanuel Lutheran Church 11:00
September 5, 2021
15th Sunday after Pentecost

Before we begin Worship we acknowledge that we worship on the traditional grounds of the Anishinaabe (meaning "the people") People, and we honor their elders both past and present.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude/Gathering

Call to Worship

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin receive your forgiveness, and grow in the fullness of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Prayer of Brokenness / Confession

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

Blessing / Assurance of Pardon

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By Grace you have been saved. In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn ELW #731 “Earth and All Stars”

Verses 1 & 5

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

Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth and till it. Help us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures. Help us to become instruments of a new creation, Founded on the covenant of your love. **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading Genesis 1: 1-25

Response after Reading: The Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 33:1-9

Second Reading Romans 1:18-23

Response after Reading: The Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel



The Holy Gospel according to John 1:1-14

Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #612 ELW "Healer of Our Every Ill"

Verses 3 & 4

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God, **the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

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

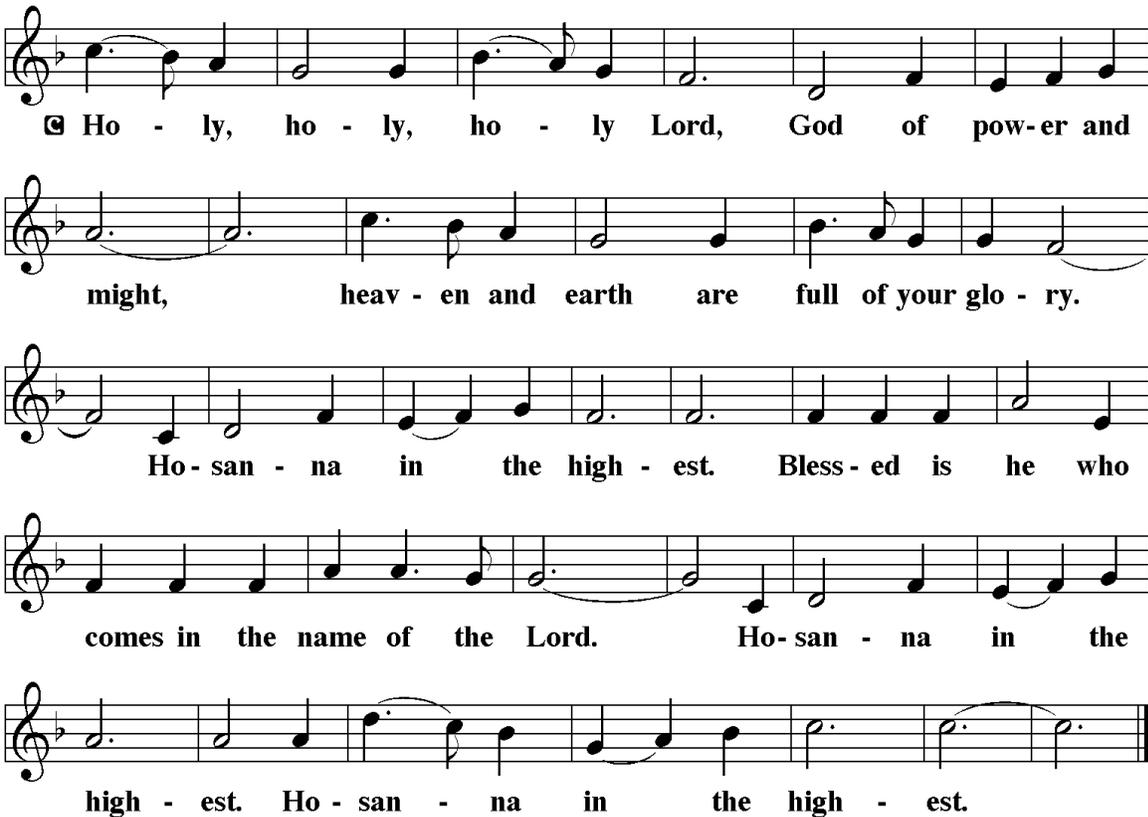
Share a sign of God's peace.

Offering Prayer

O God, we have seen your glory, felt the touch of your love and felt your presence with us. With joyful hearts, we offer you our gifts. Having heard your call, we offer you our lives and our service. **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.** It is indeed:



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.

Words of Consecration/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. 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

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

Communion Hymn #886 ELW “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
Verses 1, 5 & 6

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, by your Spirit we are born anew, and you nourish us like newborns with this holy food, by which we grow into salvation. Give us grace to live as your risen daughters and sons, shining in the world with your marvelous light, until you gather all creation to the heavenly table where Christ reigns in glory forever. **Amen.**

Announcements

Benediction

May the holy wisdom of God guard your ways and guide your paths. May the living truth of God enlighten your hearts and open your minds and may the living Spirit of God give your life and those you meet courage and hope. **Amen!**

Sending Hymn #716 ELW “Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace”
Verses 1 & 4

Dismissal

Go in peace and serve those who hunger.
Thanks be to God!