



# Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 8:45 & 11:15 AM

## Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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*Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on "How Great Thou Art"

Robert Hobby (b. 1962)

### WELCOME

### 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.**

# GATHERING HYMN • ELW 856

*How Great Thou Art!*



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er  
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the  
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to  
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y  
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain  
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;  
gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;  
bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;  
ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

Text: Carl G. Boberg, 1859–1940; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1899–1989

Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk tune; adapt. Stuart K. Hine

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## 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

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

**Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have**

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

**Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.**

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

Text: *Lutheran Book of Worship*, adapt. Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
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## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-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!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

*Refrain*

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

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## 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6

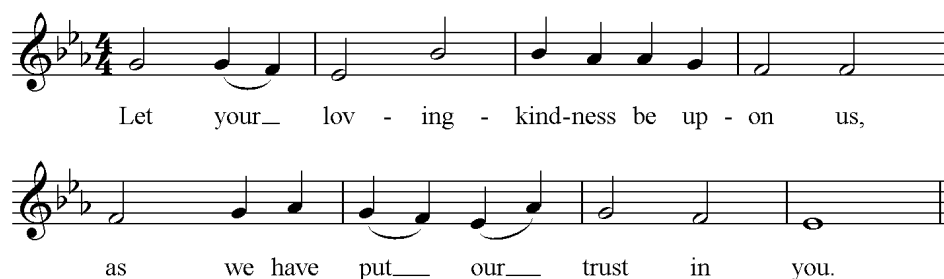
*God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.*

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." 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?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." 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." 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." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The organ introduces the refrain. Please sing the 2nd time. Please sing all the verses.*



- 12 Happy is the nation whose [God is] the LORD!\*  
Happy the people he has chosen to [be] his own!
- 13 The LORD looks [down] from heaven,\*  
and beholds all the people [in] the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he [turns] his gaze\*  
on all who [dwell on] the earth.
- 15 He fashions [all] the hearts of them\*  
and understands [all] their works.

### *Antiphon*

- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a [might]-y army;\*  
a strong man is not delivered by [his] great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain [hope for] deliverance;\*  
for all its strength it [can]-not save.

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- 18 Behold the eye of the LORD is upon [those] who fear him,\*  
on those who wait up-[on] his love,  
19 to pluck their [lives] from death,\*  
and to feed them in [time] of famine.

### *Antiphon*

- 20 Our soul [waits for] the LORD;\*  
he is our [help and] our shield.  
21 Indeed our heart re-[joices] in him,\*  
for in his holy name we [put] our trust.  
22 Let your lovingkindness O [LORD be] upon us,\*  
as we have put our [trust] in you.

### *Antiphon*

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

*Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. 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.

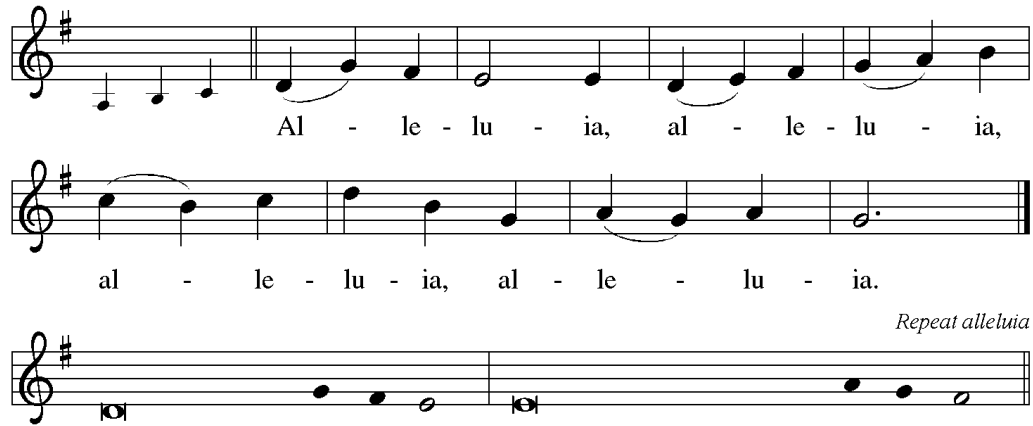
By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with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

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, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. 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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**All:** *Alleluia.* Keep awake | and be ready,\* for you do not know on what day your | Lord is coming. *Alleluia.* (Matt. 24:42, 44)

## GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke, the twelve chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

[Jesus said:] “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 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. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 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. 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. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“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. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Miller

*Please stand as you are able.*

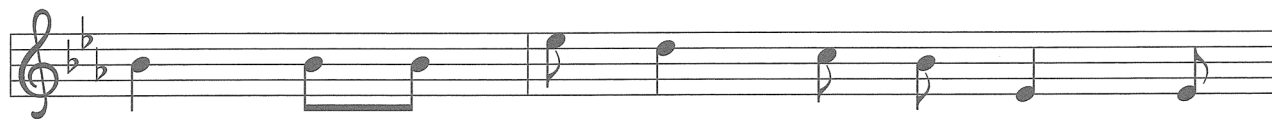


## HYMN OF THE DAY • ELW 764

*Have No Fear, Little Flock*



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle  
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle  
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -  
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to  
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in  
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -  
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!  
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4

Music: Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930

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LITTLE FLOCK

6 6 7 6 6

## 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

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.  
**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## MEAL

### OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at [saintlukegive.us](http://saintlukegive.us)  
You may also mail your checks to:

Saint Luke Lutheran Church  
9100 Colesville Road  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

### VOCAL SOLO

from *Five Mystical Songs*  
No. 4 The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)  
Text: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a Way, as gives us breath:  
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:  
Such a Life, as killeth death.  
Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a Light, as shows a feast:  
Such a Feast, as mends in length:  
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.  
  
Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a Joy, as none can move:  
Such a Love, as none can part:  
Such a Heart, as joyes in love.

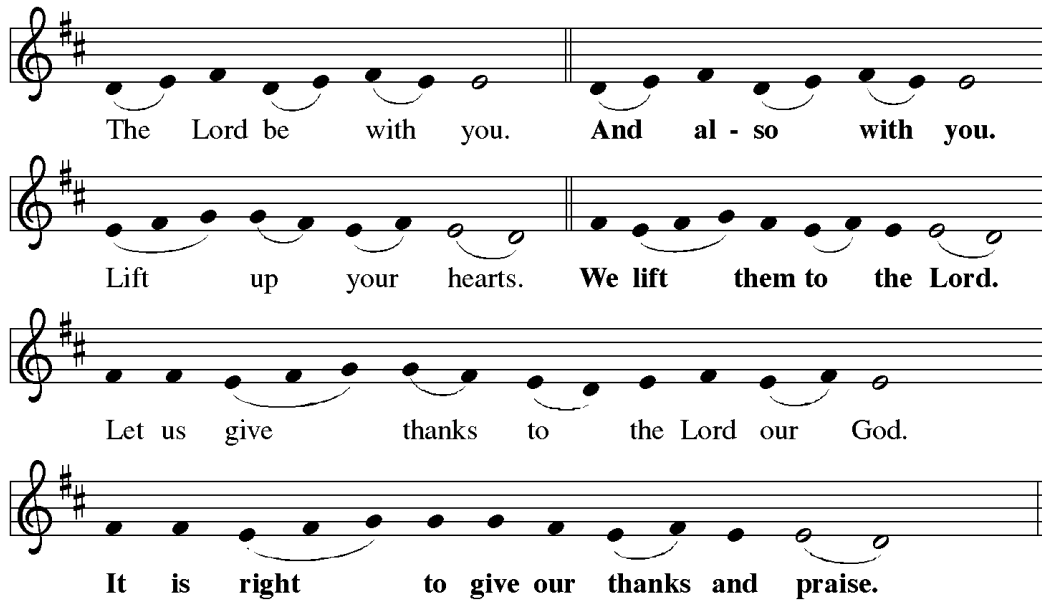
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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

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



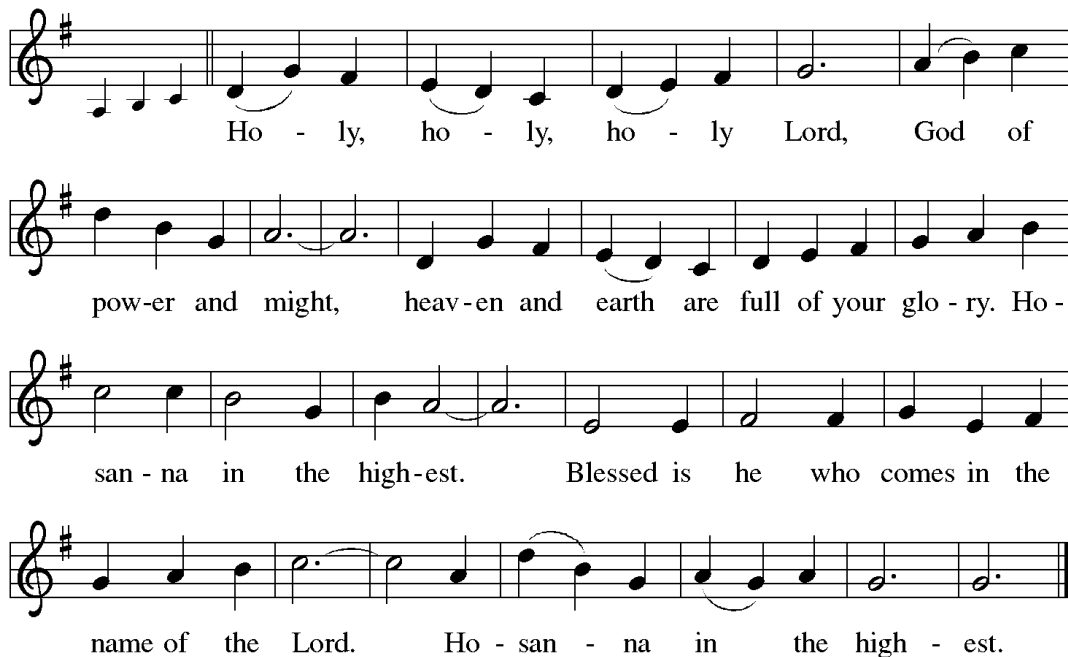
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

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; 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 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-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

God, Creator of all time and space, in this, our own time and place, we give you thanks and praise for giving us life, and inviting us to share in the history of a people who are blessed by your faithfulness, challenged by your prophets, forgiven by your mercy, and ever surprised by your power to do more, working in us, than we can ask or imagine.

We thank you for your life manifest in Jesus, whose life, death and resurrection reveal you fully: your love for humanity, your desire for human freedom, your passion for justice.

We remember that Jesus, gathered at table with his friends in a time of struggle and fear, took bread, 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 proclaim together the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

Come now, Holy Spirit of God. As you were present at creation, be present now, and let these gifts of bread and cup become for us the Bread of Life and the Cup of Blessing. As you were sent by Jesus to accompany us on our journey of faith, be present now, and make this community, in receiving this bread and cup, one body in Christ.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Please pray in your own preferred language.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Padre Nuestro Que estas en los cielos  
Santificado sea tu Nombre  
Venga a nosotros tu Reino  
Hagase tu voluntad asi en la tierra como en el cielo  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día  
Perdona nuestras ofensas  
Como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden  
Y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion mas libranos del mal  
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la Gloria  
Por los siglos de los siglos. Amen

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.

Come to the banquet.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

## COMMUNION

*When communing, kindly receive the communion elements from the servers. The servers will then step back. At that time, please remove your mask and partake of the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Then proceed to the appropriate station to deposit your individual cup. If you wish gluten free bread, simply let the server know.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say:*

Amen.

## 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.

# COMMUNION HYMN • ELW 488

*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y  
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and  
3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur -  
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and



haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's splen - dor,  
glad - ly greet him. There he stands al - read - y knock - ing;  
pass - ing won - der that the bread of life is bound - less  
dear - est trea - sure, peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing,



there with joy your prais - es ren - der. Bless the one whose grace un -  
quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing, o - pen wide the fast - closed  
though the souls it feeds are count - less; with the choic - est wine of  
joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing: hum - bly now, I bow be -



bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed; Christ, though heav' - n - ly,  
por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal: "Come, and leave your  
heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious  
fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you; wor - thi - ly let



high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."  
con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.  
me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

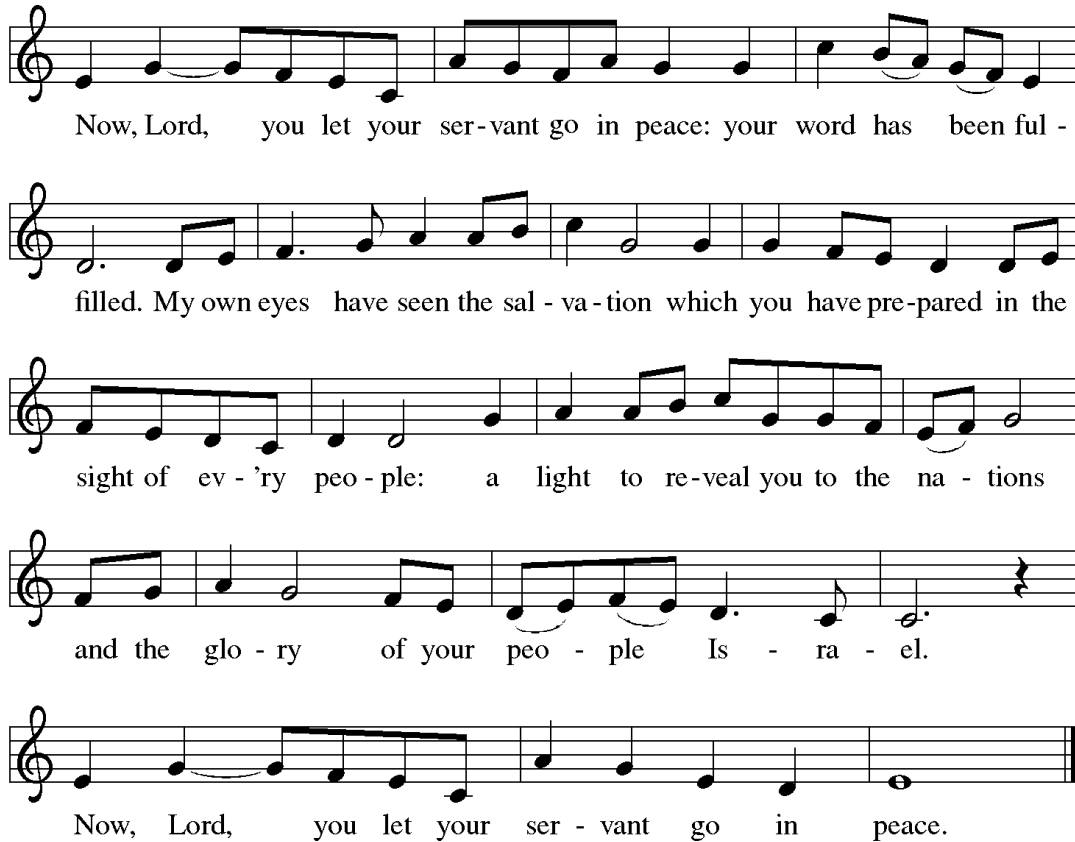
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*Please stand as you are able.*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.  
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.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

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.**

# SENDING HYMN • ELW 765

*Lord of All Hopefulness*



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:  
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953  
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional  
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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace.  
 Love your neighbor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

A Wedding Tune for Ann

Ralph Vaughan Williams



# WORSHIP LEADERS

## PRESIDING MINISTERS

The Rev. Connie A. Miller, *Senior Pastor*

The Rev. Franklin Morales, *Associate Pastor*

## ASSISTING MINISTER

Deacon Kyle Warfield, *Director of Discipleship and Senior High Ministries*

## MUSICIANS

Dr. Alain Truche, *Director of Music and Organist*

Henry Wochlke, *Tenor*

Summer Choir (11:15)

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## This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

### SUNDAY, August 7—The 9th Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 AM Holy Communion  
11:15 AM Holy Communion  
3:00 PM San Lucas Gospel Meditation (Zoom)

### MONDAY, August 8

9:30 AM ELCA Churchwide Assembly  
6:00 PM Yoga

### TUESDAY, August 9

10:00 AM Mary/Martha Circle (Hybrid)  
7:00 PM Girl Scouts

### WEDNESDAY, August 10

6:30 AM Zoom Faith Connections  
10:00 AM Women in Community  
7:30 PM AA

### THURSDAY, August 11

7:30 PM Zoom Centering Prayer

### FRIDAY, August 12

### SATURDAY, August 13

8:30 AM Zoom Men's Group  
9:00 AM Quilters  
9:30 AM AA

### SUNDAY, July 14—Mary, Mother of Our Lord

8:45 AM Holy Communion  
11:15 AM Holy Communion  
5:00 PM San Lucas Gospel Meditation (Zoom)

*NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed*

## Upcoming Commemorations

### Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), died 1221

*Monday, August 8, 2022*

Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.

### Lawrence, deacon, martyr, died 258

*Wednesday, August 10, 2022*

As one of the seven deacons of the church at Rome, Lawrence was responsible for the church's financial matters and for the care of the poor. Asked by the emperor to gather the church's treasure, he presented a collection of orphans, lepers, and the like. The enraged emperor had him put to death.

### Clare, Abbess of San Damiano, died 1253

*Thursday, August 11, 2022*

A contemporary of Francis of Assisi, Clare and a growing number of companions established a women's Franciscan community, called the Order of Poor Ladies, or Poor Clares. She inspired other women to pursue spiritual goals.

### Florence Nightingale, died 1910; Clara Maass, died 1901; renewers of society

*Saturday, August 13, 2022*

Nightingale was born in England, and horrified her wealthy family by deciding to become a nurse. She led a group of nurses in ministering in the midst of the Crimean War, and worked for hospital reform. Maass, a native of New Jersey, was also a war nurse, and volunteered as a subject for research on yellow fever. She died of the disease.

## Saint Luke Update 8/7/2022 Edition

**THE SPREAD OF COVID** has now again reached the “high” status in Montgomery County. All are asked to wear masks indoors regardless of vaccination status. **MASKS ARE AGAIN REQUIRED** at Saint Luke. Please continue to stay well and safe.

**THE ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY** will happen this week, August 8-12, in Columbus, Ohio. Follow along with the livestream and see our Church in action. Also, Pastor Morales will be one of the voting members from the group that attends from the Metro DC Synod. Please keep him in your prayers as well as all the attendees to this important event. To view the livestreams, get a detailed schedule, and much more simply go to [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

**FLOOD WATERS HAVE CAUSED** significant destruction and sadly, even deaths in Kentucky (also Illinois, Missouri, West Virginia, Indiana and other states.) Lutheran Disaster Response is in touch with these places, especially the Indiana-Kentucky synod of the ELCA, and on the ground and assisting. If you can help, LDR will use 100% of your gift for survivors and so many in need. Go to [www.saintlukegive.us](http://www.saintlukegive.us) and click Lutheran Disaster Response—US Flooding. Thank you.

**THE SCHOOL SUPPLIES PROJECT IS UNDERWAY.** Pastor Morales will be distributing the gift cards to families in need of assistance. In order for families to be able to purchase in time, **deadline for all funds is Sunday, August 21.** Simply go to [www.saintlukegive.us](http://www.saintlukegive.us) and you will see a line for School Supplies. Checks also are welcome—simply make the check out to Saint Luke and note for the School Supplies Project. Thank you. This is always such an important outreach.

**HOMEcoming SUNDAY** is almost upon us. Yes, **September 11**, we hope many will be able to return in person. We will celebrate many ministries, affirm our vocations in the world, install the Council and so much more. Yes, all begins again September 11.

**GOD’S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY** will be October 16. We are changing this date from September 11 to enable more people to be involved in the congregation service project that day. Faith Formation classes will be happening, and more people of all ages will be ready to celebrate this special day. This is also the Festival of St. Luke. What a grand time it will be!

### POSITION OPENING—PASS THE WORD

**SAINT LUKE CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL**, believes that young children learn through play and exploration, supported by the active and intentional engagement of the adults in their lives. Classrooms are run by a collaboration of a Lead Teacher and an Assistant Teacher. CDS is looking for an Assistant Teacher and Substitutes to join the school family.

**Please submit:** (1) a letter of interest, (2) a resume of relevant experience, and (3) names and contact information of at least two professional references to Amy Zandarski-Pica ([cds@saintlukekids.org](mailto:cds@saintlukekids.org)), Director. Applications will be accepted and reviewed immediately. Positions will remain open until filled.

# Today's Music

## HYMN NOTES

### **How Great Thou Art**

*Carl Boberg, 1859-1940*

It would take the FBI to trace the history of this popular hymn. Written in Sweden as a poem, it came to be sung to a popular Swedish melody, moved next to Germany but translated there by an Estonian, then to Russia where it was published in 1927. Stuart Hine, who settled in the Western Ukraine, brought out an English translation which contains little of the nine stanza original, but his setting has become an all time favorite due to its use in the Billy Graham crusades.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

### **Have No Fear, Little Flock**

*Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931*

The first stanza of this hymn is an almost literal rendering of Luke 12:32. Zimmermann wrote the first line with the tune in mind. Jillson spun the next three stanzas from the first. The hymn is a cheerful tribute of praise to God, not unrelated to Jillson's lifelong struggle with thyroid disease. She said, "What I learned from my own illness is that God will restore you, even if your body has to die first."—ELW Hymnal Companion

### **Soul, adorn yourself with gladness**

*Johann Franck, 1618-1677*

It is not usual for a burgomaster (mayor) to write hymns, but we are grateful to the famous composer, Johann Crüger, for including this by Major Franck in his collection. The hymn celebrates the joy of communion, rather than recalling the passion of Jesus. The famous hymnologist, Julian, says "It is an exhortation to the soul to arise and draw near to partake of the heavenly food and to meditate on the wonders of heavenly love." - Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

### **Lord of all hopefulness**

*Jan Struther, 1901-1953*

Using a pen name, Joyce Anstruther was a famous English teacher, poet, and novelist—her "Mrs. Miniver" was turned into a popular film. She wrote eleven hymns for the forward looking *Song of Praise*, mostly in unusual meters and using contemporary style and language. Her hymns were among the first to address God with the pronoun "You." Frank Colquhoun in *A Hymn Companion* describes it as a hymn "with a human touch and a healthy spiritual tone."—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

## MUSIC NOTES

### **Prelude : Chorale Prelude on "How Great Thou Art" - Robert Hobby (b. 1962)**

Hobby currently serves as Director of Music for Trinity English Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana, where his responsibilities include playing for many of the worship services, overseeing the graded choral program, and managing the concerts the church offers. Numerous activities during his tenure include Trinity Church establishing a choral series with seventeen composers commissioned thus far, hosting a regional convention of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, producing four recordings, and expanding the opportunities for music ministry. His chorale prelude on "How Great Thou Art" is a tranquil arrangement. The tune is first heard in the pedals accompanied by lush chords in the hands. The refrain melody is then heard in the tenor range. A second statement of the melody is heard in the pedals again and is followed by the refrain melody played in the soprano range in the right hand.

### **Offering: The Call—Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)**

Ralph Vaughan Williams premiered his *Five Mystical Songs*, a setting of poems by George Herbert (1593 – 1633), for solo baritone, chorus, and orchestra at the Worcester Three Choirs Festival in 1911. In "The Call," the grace of God finds an elegant echo in Vaughan Williams' deft melodic lines. It features a simple folk-like melody. Here the word 'come' reflects both the poet's call to God and God's call to the poet.

### **Postlude: A Wedding Tune for Ann—Ralph Vaughan Williams**

This short piece was written for the wedding of Miss Ann Pain on October 27, 1943. The piece makes a good pair with the Sending Hymn "Slane" as it has a similar quality.