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**August 7, 2022 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost**

*Welcome in Jesus' name.*

*We extend a special welcome to guests and visitors.*



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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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Prelude/Procession/Bells

Welcome and Announcements

\*Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (Silence for Private Confession)  
Merciful God,

**C: 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.**

P: 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.**

\*Opening Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation" ELW #796

1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word! What more can he say than to you he has said, who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

2 Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 When through fi'ry trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply. The flames shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

4 Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love; and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

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**Kyrie: Setting 3, page 138-139, ELW**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Apostolic 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.**

**Hymn of Praise:** "This is the Feast" page 140-141

**Refrain:** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. Refrain

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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**\*The 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.**

**Scripture Reading**

**Genesis 15:1-6**

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



**\*Holy Gospel:**

**Luke 12:32-40**

P: The Holy Gospel according to 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of Luke.

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

“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.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Sermon

**Hymn:**

“Blessed Assurance”

ELW #638

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

**Refrain:** This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long: this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **Refrain:**

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. **Refrain:**

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**\*Apostle’s 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 the People**

**\*Peace:**

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

**Offering**

(children may bring offerings forward)

**Offertory Hymn:** "Let the Vineyards be Fruitful" ELW #184

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all:  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence, Lord,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

**Offertory Prayer:**

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:**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*Preface**

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy**

page 144, ELW

**\*Words of Institution**

**\*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.**

**Distribution of Holy Communion**

**Communion Hymns:**

**ELW #471 "Let Us Break Bread Together"**

1 Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

**Refrain:** When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. **Refrain**

3 Let us praise God together on our knees; let praise God together on our knees. **Refrain**

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**ELW #608 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"**

1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me. See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

**Refrain:** Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home. Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? **Refrain:**

3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon for you and for me. **Refrain:**

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### **ELW #583 “Take My Life, That I May Be”**

**Refrain:** Take my life that I may be consecrated, Lord, to these; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

1 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of my love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. **Refrain:**

2 Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use ev’ry pow’r as thou shalt choose. **Refrain:**

3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. **Refrain:**

4 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine; take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. **Refrain:**

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### **ELW #532 “Gather Us In”**

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away: see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of the day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young, our lives are a myst’ry, we are the old who yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of hist’ry, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away – here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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### **\*Post Communion Prayer**

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.**

### **\*Benediction:**

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### **\*Closing Hymn: “Amazing Grace” ELW #779**

1 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears  
relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come; 'tis  
grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures; he  
will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the  
sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first  
begun.

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**\*Dismissal:**

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**