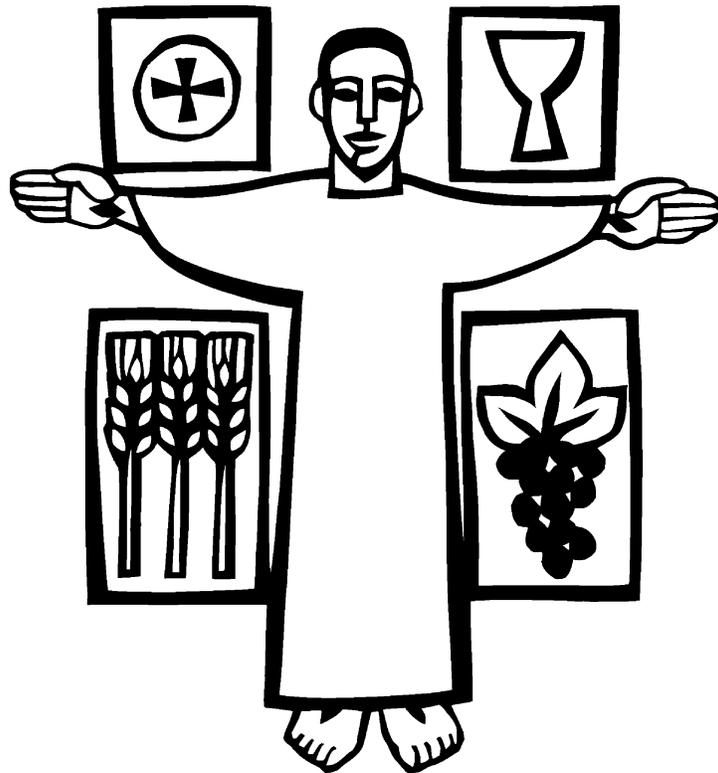


Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 15, 2021



Lord of Love Lutheran Church (ELCA)

10405 Fort St., Omaha, NE 68134

“Celebrating and sharing God’s Love in a welcoming community of faith, while serving others”

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Bold type indicates Congregational responses

Introduction

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul’s words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

Prelude

Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

***Gathering Song: "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"..... ELW 582**

1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er dwell-ing in the ho - liest realms of light;
 2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er liv - ing as the church's ver - y life;
 3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er work-ing through the church's min - is - try;

Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through us in a cease - less strife;
 quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free;

Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er rais - ing those of earth to thrones on high;
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ:
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul

liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.
 you we praise with end - less wor - ship for your gifts and fruits un - priced.
 in com - mu - nion nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874–1939, alt.

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

***Greeting**

P: 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**

P: Let us pray to God with peace in our hearts:

God of love, have mercy.

For the peace from above, let us pray to our God:

God of love, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the health of the church, and for the unity of all people, let us pray to our God:

God of love, have mercy.

For the people of God and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to our God:

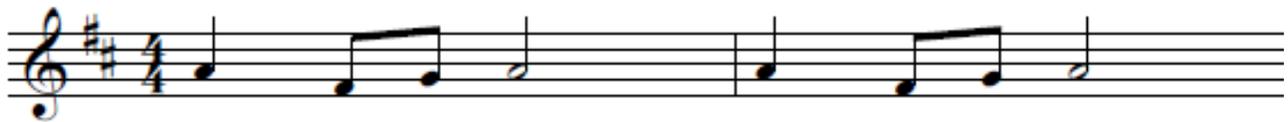
God of love, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious God.

Amen.

***Hymn of Praise**

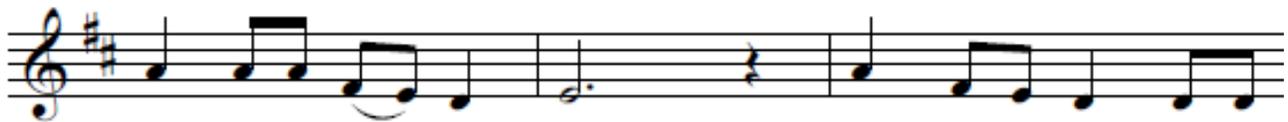
Refrain



(Women) Glo - ry to God! (Men) Glo - ry to God!



(All) Glo - ry to God in the high - est: Glo - ry, glo - ry,



Glo - ry to God a - bove. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est: Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry to the God of Love.

Verse



1. Wor - thy is Christ _____ the Lamb who was slain _____ whose
 2. Pow - er _____ rich - es _____ wis - dom and strength _____ and
 3. Sing with _____ all _____ the peo - ple of God _____ and
 4. Bless - ing and hon - or _____ glo - ry and praise be to

D.C.



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. _____
 ho - nor and bless - ing and glo - ry are God's. _____
 join in the hymn _____ of all _____ cre - a - tion.
 God and the Lamb _____ for - ev - er and ev - er.

***Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray.

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

L: Wisdom has built her house,
 she has hewn her seven pillars.
 She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
 she has also set her table.
 She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
 from the highest places in the town,
 "You that are simple, turn in here!"
 To those without sense she says,
 "Come, eat of my bread
 and drink of the wine I have mixed.
 Lay aside immaturity, and live,
 and walk in the way of insight."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

L: Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing

and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le-lu - ia Al-le - lu - ia Al - le-lu - ia Al-le - lu - ia

Al - le-lu - ia Al-le - lu - ia Al - le-lu - ia Al-le - lu - ia.

***Gospel: John 6:51-58**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon/Blessing of the Backpacks Rev. Becky Sells

Sermon Rev. Becky Sells

Hymn of the Day: "Bread of Life from Heaven"..... ELW 474

Refrain

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,

we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

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|---|---------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Break now the bread | of Christ's sac - ri - fice; | giv - ing |
| 2 | Seek not the food | that will pass a - way; | set your |
| 3 | Love as the one | who, in love for you, | gave him - |
| 4 | Dwell in the one | who now dwells in you; | make your |
| 5 | Drink of this cup | and de - clare his death; | eat this |

thanks, hun - gry ones,	gath - er round.	Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food	that en - dures.	Come, learn the true and the
self for the life	of the world.	Come to the one who is
home in the life - giv - ing	Word.	Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve	Eas - ter morn;	trust his re - turn and, with

sat - is - fied;	in Christ's pres - ence	the loaves will a - bound.
liv - ing way,	that the full - ness	of life may be yours.
food for you,	that your hun - ger	and thirst be no more.
One of God,	and be - lieve	in the truth you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath,	praise the one	in whom you are re - born.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952
 Music: ARGENTINE SANTO | BREAK NOW THE BREAD, Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas
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****The Apostle's Creed***

L: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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***

L: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of wisdom, enlighten your church. Guide theologians, biblical scholars, authors, and seminary professors as they seek greater knowledge and invite others into deeper understanding. Teach us to ask faithful questions and open our minds to new ideas.

God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of creation, mend the earth. Help us to be better stewards of all that you have made. Shield those living through natural disasters, and make your presence felt by our response to their pain. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of all nations, direct our leaders. Grant them courage to lay aside political grudges and renew their determination to address difficult conflicts. Guide them in the work of reconciliation. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of compassion, tend to the wounded. Rescue those tormented by mental illness or mired in addiction. Ease the anxiety of those struggling with dementia. Come quickly to help all who are grieving and all those who suffer, especially those listed on our prayer list, and those whose names we lift up to you in our hearts now... God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of beauty, inspire artists. Bless those whose visual and musical gifts enliven this assembly. Bless the creative work of poets, hymnwriters, composers, painters, sculptors, and others that enrich our worship and daily life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of resurrection, bring us to new life. Give us the living bread from heaven through which we abide in your love, and on the last day raise us with Mary, mother of our Lord, Jesus, and all the saints to eternal life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Offering

L: We are called to reflect on how we are giving back to God for all the blessings God has given us. This includes continuing to financially support the church and its mission, along with considering how we might be called to give and use our time and talents to further God’s kingdom here on earth.

Offertory



1. What have we to of - fer?	What have we to share?
2. What have we to of - fer?	What have we to bring?
3. What have we to of - fer?	What have we to give?



Coins _____ from the cof - fer	Hearts _____ filled with care.
Love, _____ ripe with laugh - ter,	Hope that we can sing.
Eyes that are wide o - pen,	Lies that we won't live.



God _____ will not fal - ter	If _____ we will dare
Dreams of what we're af - ter,	Pro - mis - es of when
Truth that must be spo - ken,	Just - tice some - how



Lay it at the al - tar	there. _____
Lay it at the al - tar	then. _____
Lay it at the al - tar	

3.
now. _____ What have we to of - fer? What have we to
give? Lives _____ we will live. _____

****Offertory Prayer***

P: Merciful God: We return to you the gifts that you have given: our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your graciousness and love. Receive them and use them for the sake of the one who died for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

****The Great Thanksgiving***

P: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

****Words of Institution***

On the night 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 remembrance of me.

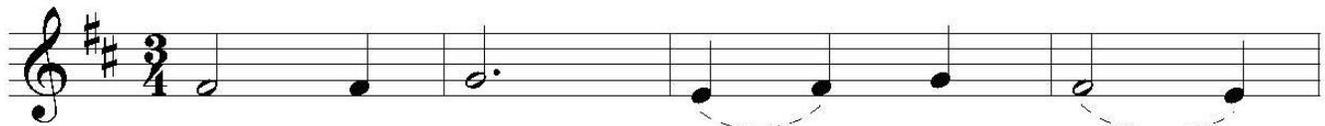
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for remembrance of me.

****The Lord's Prayer***

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

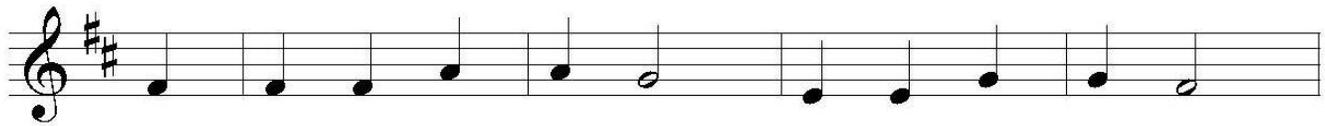
Lamb of God



1. Lamb of God, who takes a - way the
2. Lamb of God, who'd give your soul to
3. Lamb of God, ris - en Lord, _____
4. Lamb of God, ho - ly Son, _____
5. Lamb of God, who takes a - way the



sin of all the world _____ to - day,
see a brok - en world _____ made whole,
heal us with your liv - ing word,
bring us peace when day _____ is done,
sin of all the world _____ to - day,



Have mer - cy up - on us, mer - cy up - on us,

Fine



mer - cy up - on us and give us your peace.

Communion

***Table Blessing**

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

Amen.

***Post-Communion Prayer**

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

Amen.

***Benediction**

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

***Sending Song: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"** ELW 759

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887
 Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

***Dismissal**

L: Go forth in joy and in peace, and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude

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