



**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 25, 2021**

## THE SERVICE at 8:30

We are honored that you are joining our worship today. We hope to make you feel welcome whether you are visiting with us for the first time or have been worshipping with us for years. In this worship bulletin, worshipers are invited to stand at the places marked with an \* and bold type denotes the congregation's response. To aid your worship, assisted hearing devices and large print bulletins are available from an usher. For children, our Playground and our unstaffed nursery are open for quiet, supervised play. Today's service is livestreamed. Most rear-row seats are out of view of the camera, but we cannot guarantee that any seat is off camera. By attending this service you are giving permission to be in the video we produce. We ask that you silence your cell phone or electronic devices.

### + GATHERING +

PRELUDE

Andante Moderato

Healey Willan

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*  
God our provider,

**C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P: Beloved people of God, in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**C: Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

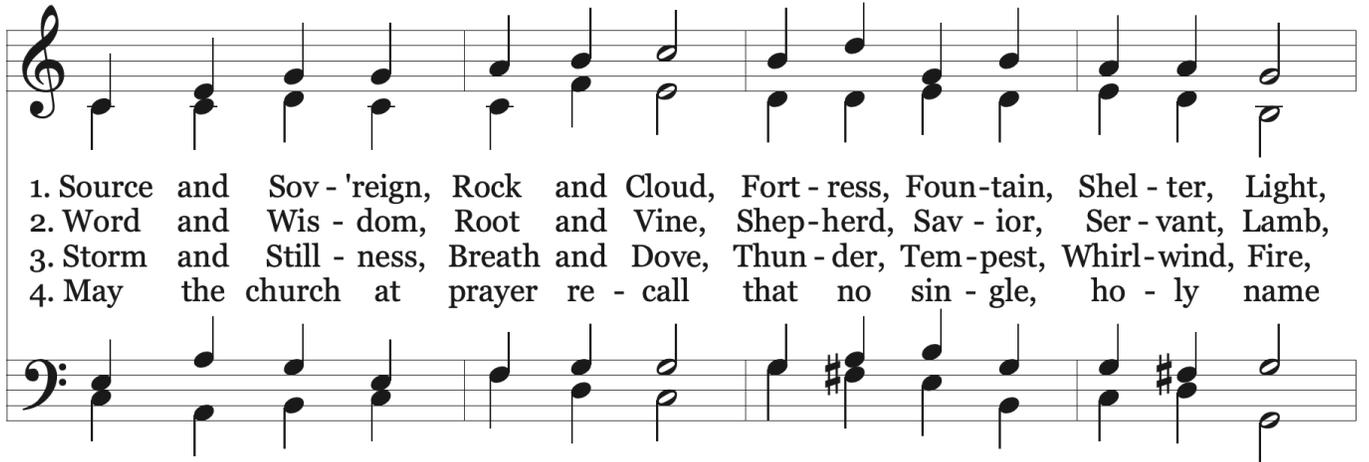
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**\*GREETING**

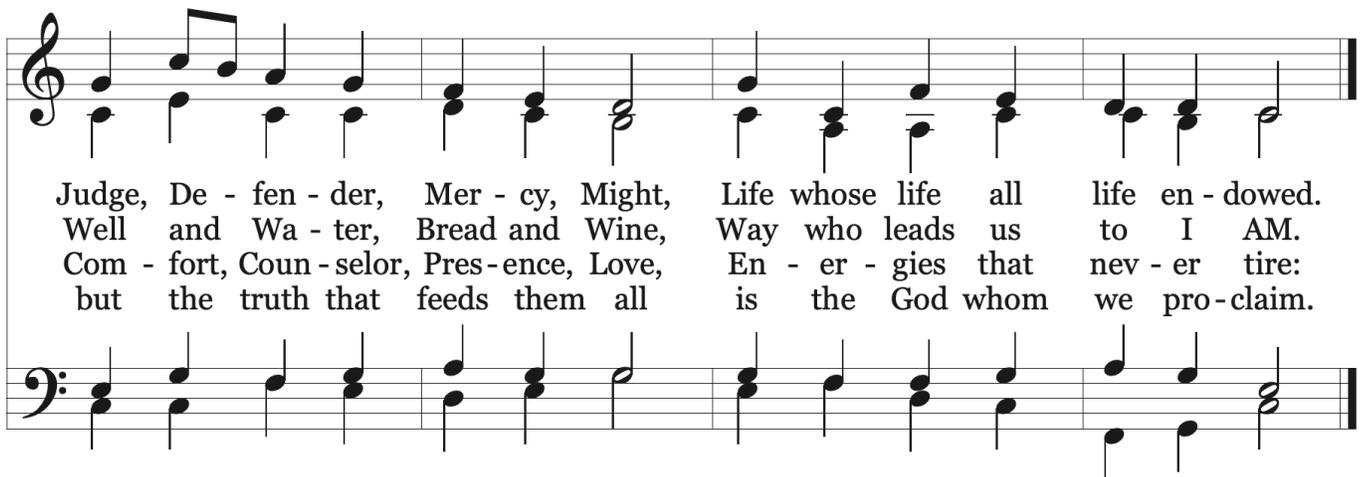
**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**



1. Source and Sov - 'reign, Rock and Cloud, Fort - ress, Foun-tain, Shel - ter, Light,  
2. Word and Wis - dom, Root and Vine, Shep-herd, Sav - ior, Ser - vant, Lamb,  
3. Storm and Still - ness, Breath and Dove, Thun - der, Tem-pest, Whirl-wind, Fire,  
4. May the church at prayer re - call that no sin - gle, ho - ly name



Judge, De - fen - der, Mer - cy, Might, Life whose life all life en - dowed.  
Well and Wa - ter, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I AM.  
Com - fort, Coun - selor, Pres - ence, Love, En - er - gies that nev - er tire:  
but the truth that feeds them all is the God whom we pro - claim.

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**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray. Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

**+WORD+**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Lecia Beck

FIRST LESSON

2 Samuel 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

2 It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. <sup>3</sup>David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, 'This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.' <sup>4</sup>So David sent messengers to fetch her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. <sup>5</sup>The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, 'I am pregnant.'

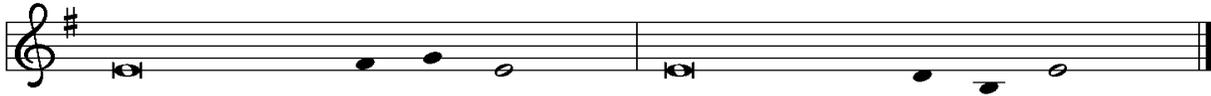
6 So David sent word to Joab, 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent Uriah to David. <sup>7</sup>When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. <sup>8</sup>Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house, and wash your feet.' Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. <sup>9</sup>But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. <sup>10</sup>When they told David, 'Uriah did not go down to his house', David said to Uriah, 'You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?' <sup>11</sup>Uriah said to David, 'The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.' <sup>12</sup>Then David said to Uriah, 'Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.' So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, <sup>13</sup>David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

14 In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. <sup>15</sup>In the letter he wrote, 'Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.'

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 14 (sung responsively, assisting minister/**congregation**)



- <sup>1</sup>Fools say in their hearts, "There <sup>|</sup> is no God."  
They are corrupt, every deed is vile;  
there is no one who does <sup>|</sup> any good.
- <sup>2</sup>**The LORD looks down from heaven up- <sup>|</sup> on us all,  
to see if there is anyone who is wise, who seeks <sup>|</sup> after God.**
- <sup>3</sup>They have all proved faithless; all alike <sup>|</sup> have turned bad;  
there is none who does good; <sup>|</sup> no, not one.
- <sup>4</sup>**Have they no knowledge, all those <sup>|</sup> evildoers  
who eat up my people like bread and do not call up- <sup>|</sup> on the LORD?**
- <sup>5</sup>See how they trem- <sup>|</sup> ble with fear,  
because God is in the company <sup>|</sup> of the righteous.
- <sup>6</sup>**Your aim is to confound the plans of <sup>|</sup> the afflicted,  
but the LORD <sup>|</sup> is their refuge.**
- <sup>7</sup>Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come <sup>|</sup> out of Zion!  
When the LORD restores the fortunes of the people,  
Jacob will rejoice and Israel <sup>|</sup> be glad.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

John 6:1-21NRSV, emended

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

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

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

<sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus

had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P: The Gospel of our Lord!

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

SERMON

Pr. Adrienne Meier

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

ELW #461

\*APOSTLES' CREED

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 CHURCH

A: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

*Each petition ends:*

A: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Concluding petition:*

A: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

**C: Amen.**

## \*SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**

*During this time of Fading COVID, we encourage you to share the peace with a wave, a bow, or maybe an elbow, checking in with your neighbor for whatever feels safe and conveys the spirit of peace and reconciliation this ritual intends.*

## OFFERING

*During this time, an offering is collected to support the mission of St. Thomas, including the support of Lutheran Campus Ministry at IU and our local, national, and international ministry partners. You can also give on our website ([stlconline.org](http://stlconline.org)) or by using the Vanco mobile app (find it in the app store and use the code RTTMYX).*

*Please also sign and pass the Together In Community pads. If you can, make note of the names of your neighbors so you can introduce yourself after the service.*

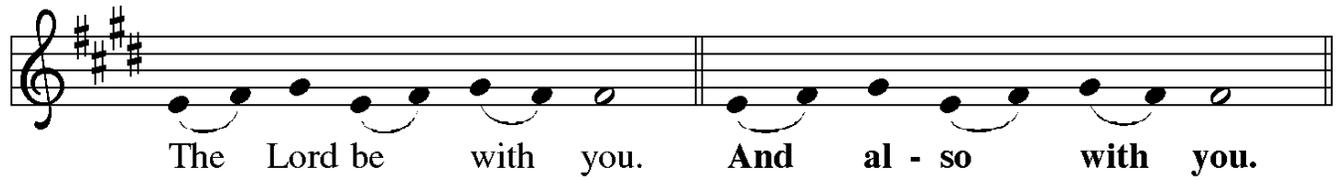
## \*OFFERING PRAYER

A: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

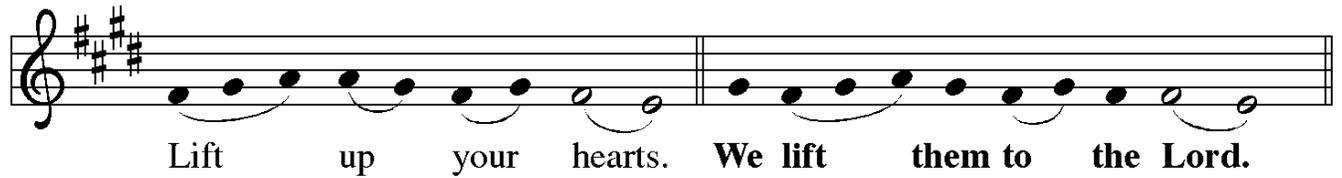
**C: Amen.**

+ MEAL +

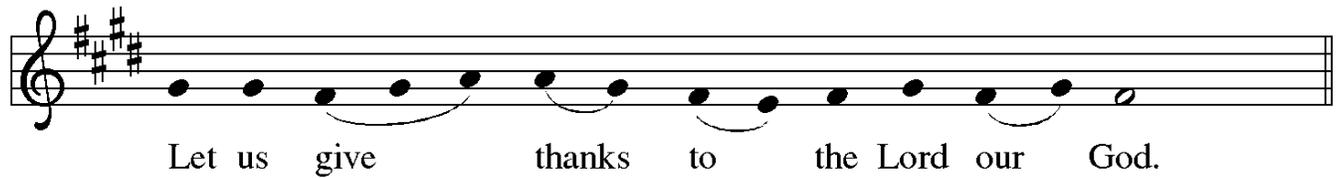
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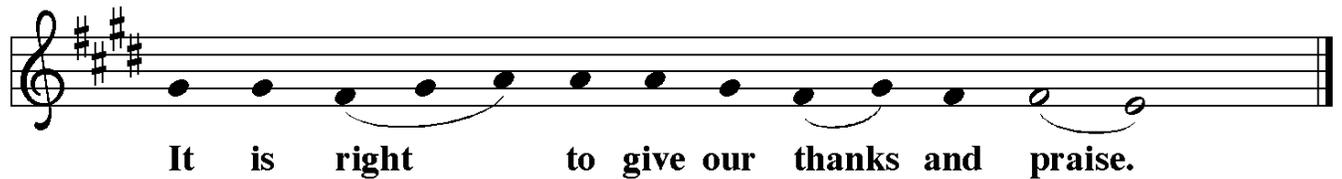
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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

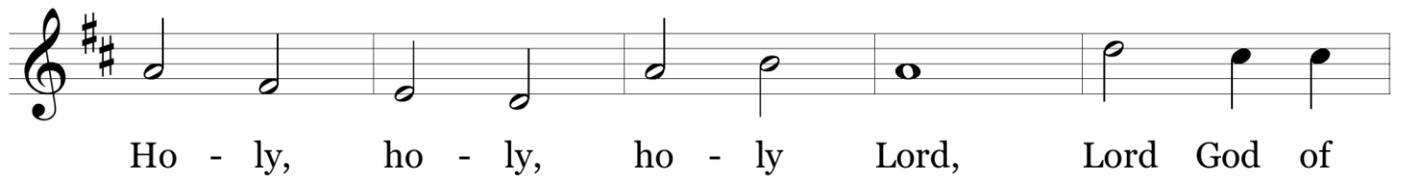


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

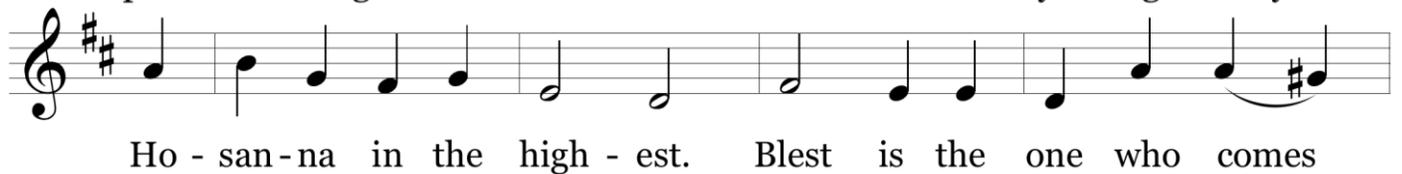
P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blest is the one who comes



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

**\*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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.**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come!**

**Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled (sing three times)**

Let not your hearts be trou - bled. Be not a - fraid.  
Heav - en and earth have been gath - ered. Be not a - fraid.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**You Satisfy the Hungry Heart**

**ELW #484**

**\*EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING**

**C: Amen.**

**\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A: 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.**

**C: Amen.**

**+ SENDING +**

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

ELW #452

**\*DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

Fanfare

Kenneth Leighton

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*We depart in peace to continue our worship in lives of witness  
to Christ's love in work, play, service, and care for creation.*

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Lector: Kent Unger

Usher/Greeter: Tom Strentz, Del & Letty Newkirk

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