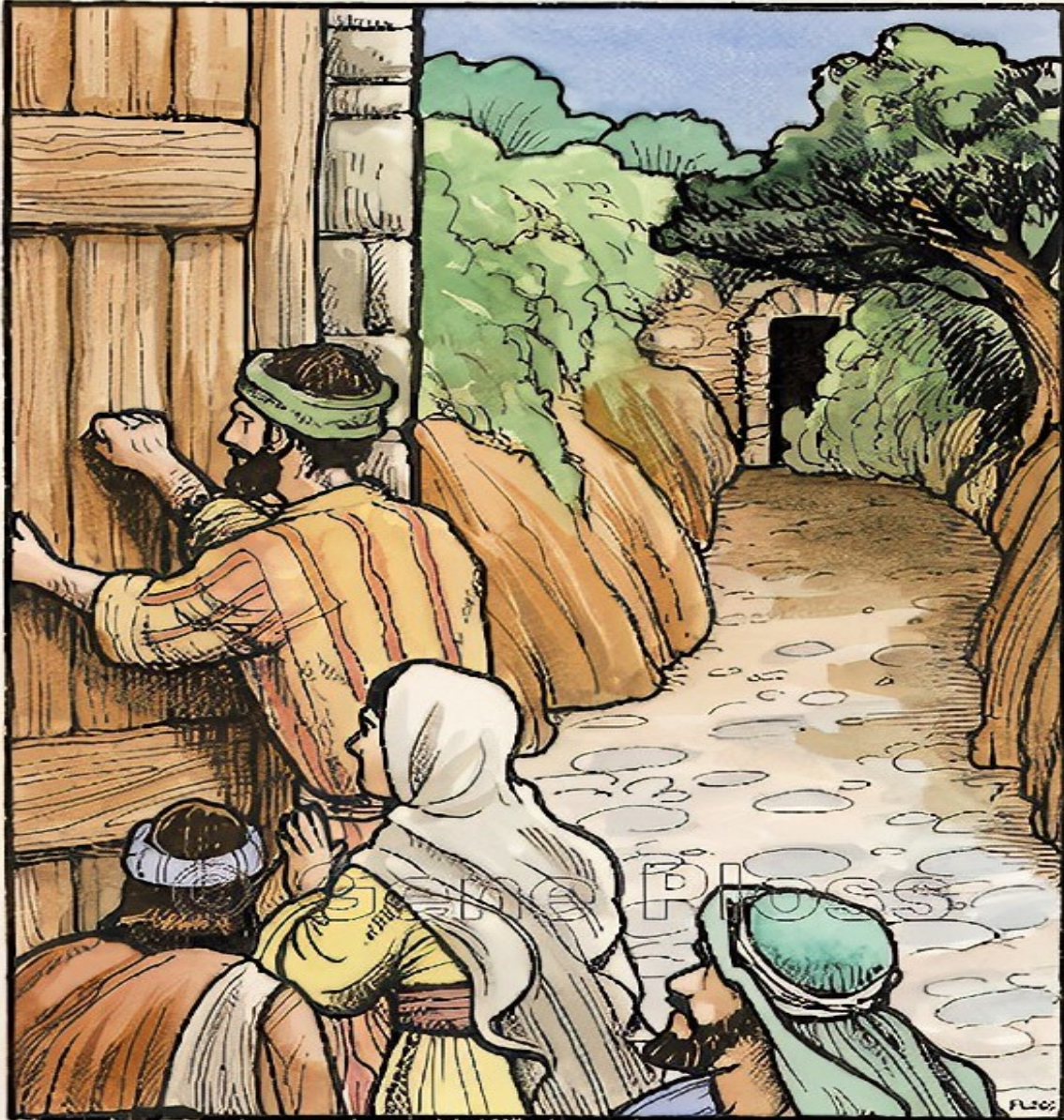


St. Luke 13:25b



“Lord open to us”

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 21, 2022

Prelude

*The Processional Hymn *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* (ELW) No. 533

*The Confession and Forgiveness (ELW) page 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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.

P: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*The Apostolic Greeting (ELW) page 138

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.

*The Kyrie (*sung response*) (ELW) page 138

P:, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: Care for Your Church, O Lord, with perpetual mercy. Since we totter and are sure to fall without Your grace, remove what will harm us and arrange what will make us whole. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 66:18-23

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalm 50:1-15

¹The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; He has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals Himself in glory.

³Our God will come and will not keep silence; before Him there is a consuming flame, and round about Him a raging storm.

⁴He calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of His people.

⁵"Gather before Me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with Me and sealed it with sacrifice."

⁶Let the heavens declare the rightness of His cause; for God Himself is judge.

⁷Hear, O My people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, Your God.

⁸I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your offerings are always before Me.

⁹I will take no bull calf from your stalls, nor he-goats out of your pens;

¹⁰For all the beasts of the forest are Mine, the herds in their thousands upon the hills.

¹¹I know every bird in the sky, and the creatures of the fields are in My sight.

¹²If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is Mine and all that is in it.

¹³Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.

¹⁵Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor Me."

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:4-24 [25-29]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

(ELW) page 142

C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

* The Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (sung after announcement of the Gospel)

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (sung after conclusion of the Gospel)

Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

*The Hymn of the Day

All People that on Earth Do Dwell

(ELW) No. 883

* The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

*The Offertory

Create in Me a Clean Heart

(ELW) No. 188

*The Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

Announcements

*The Benediction (*sung response*)

C: Amen, Amen, Amen.

*The Recessional Hymn

O Day of Rest and Gladness

(ELW) No. 521

*FLC Sending Hymn

Be The Love of Christ

arr. Michael Showalter

Roger Thornhill

*The Dismissal (*response*)

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



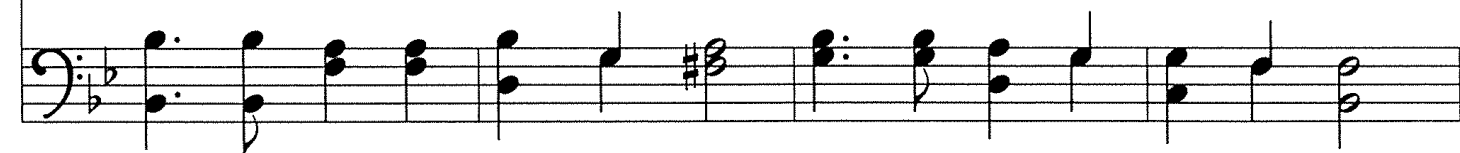
1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



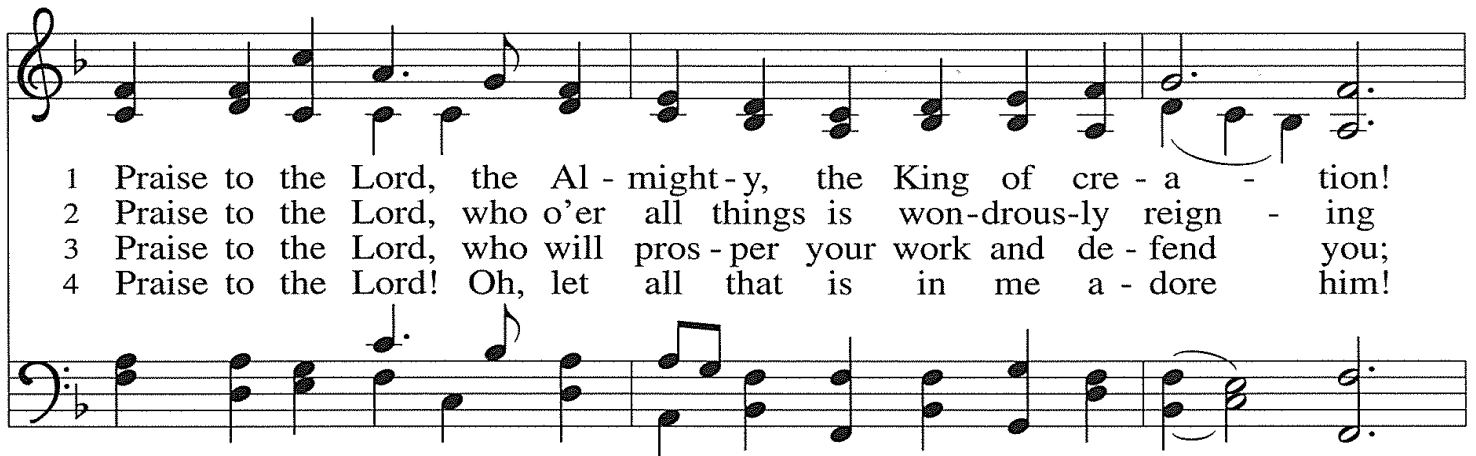
where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thic - ken, may thy word still o'er me shine
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



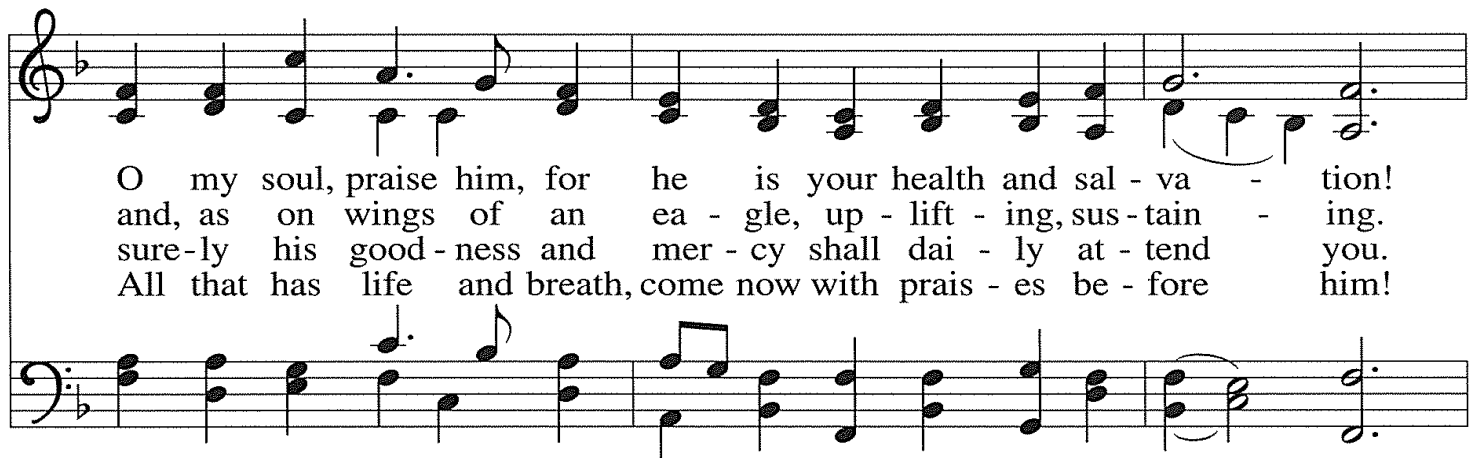
Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.



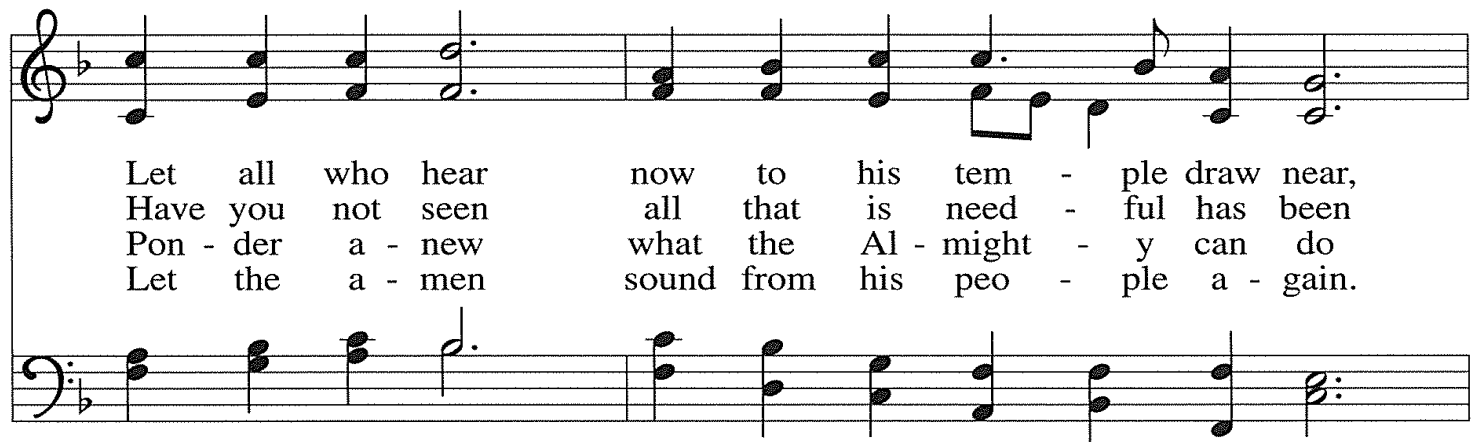
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



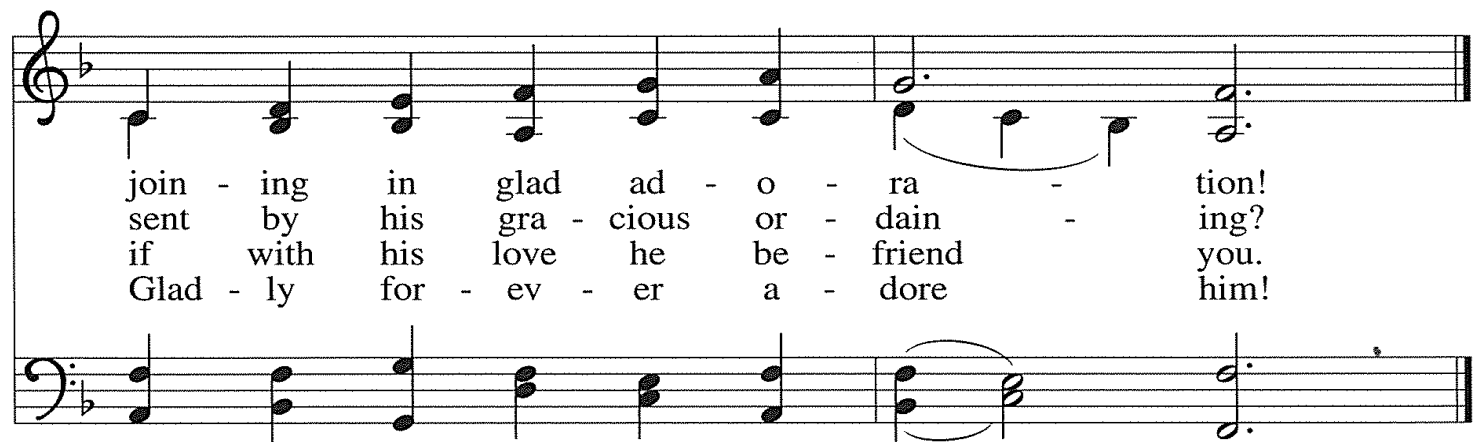
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure-ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

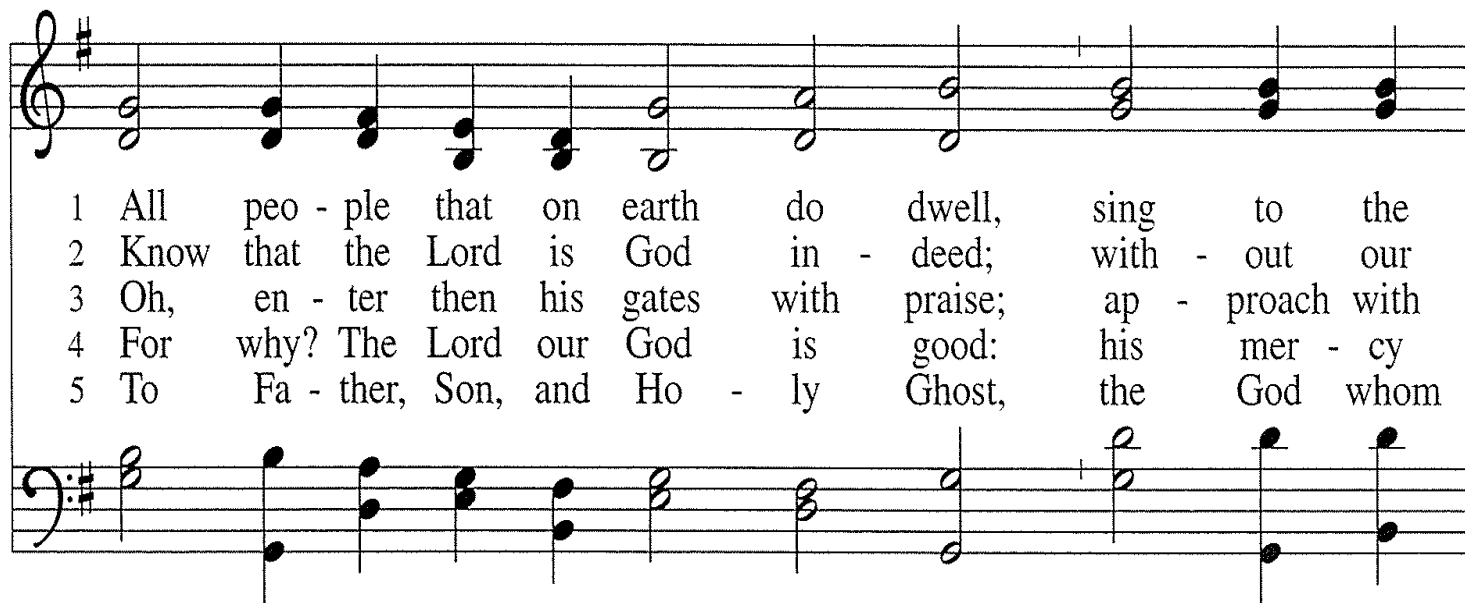


Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

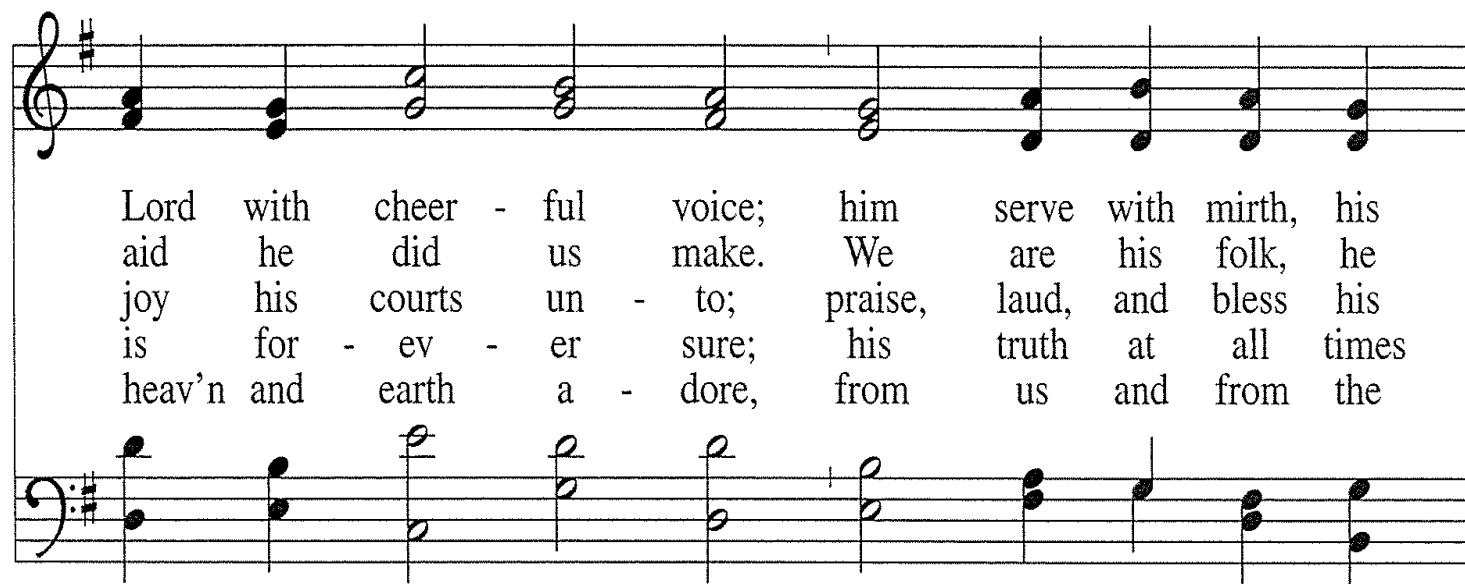


join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

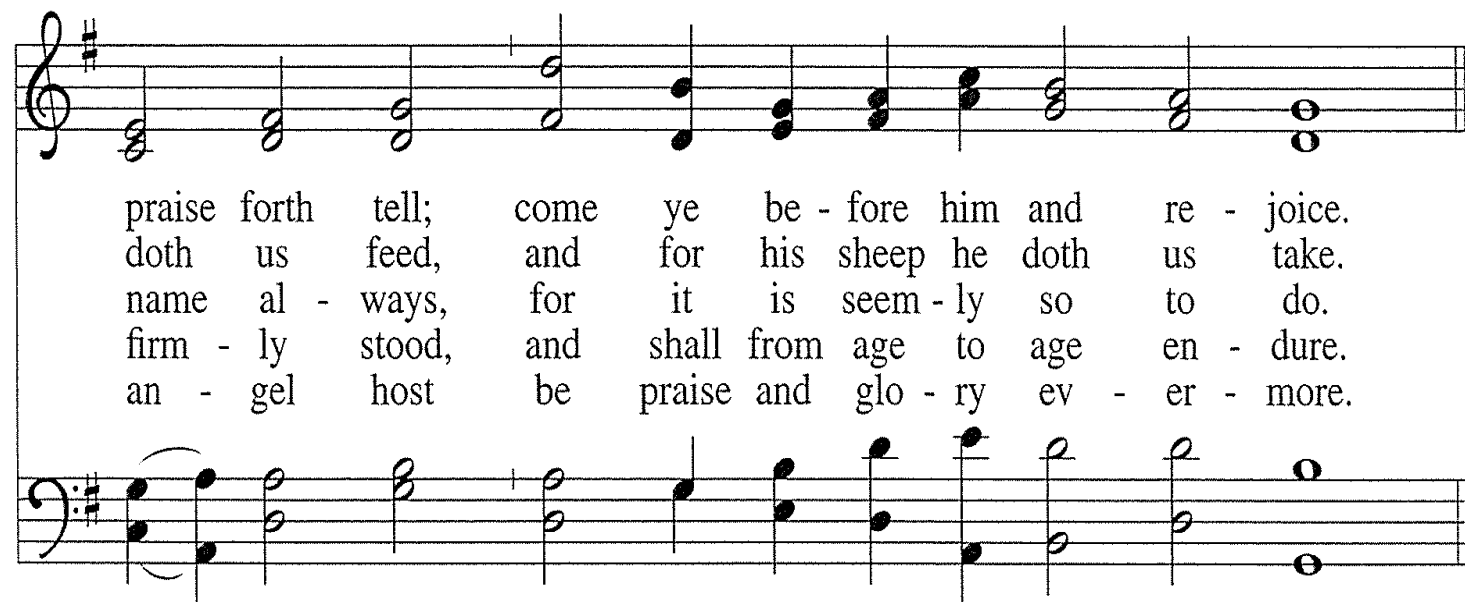
All People That on Earth Do Dwell



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
 3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good: his mer - cy
 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
 aid he did us make. We are his folk, he
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times
 heav'n and earth a - dore, from us and from the



praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.
 an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B-flat4, and C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

The second system continues the melody. The treble staff features a quarter note D5, followed by quarter notes C5, B-flat4, and A4. The bass staff continues with accompaniment.

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

The third system continues the melody. The treble staff features a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes F4, E-flat4, and D4. The bass staff continues with accompaniment.

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

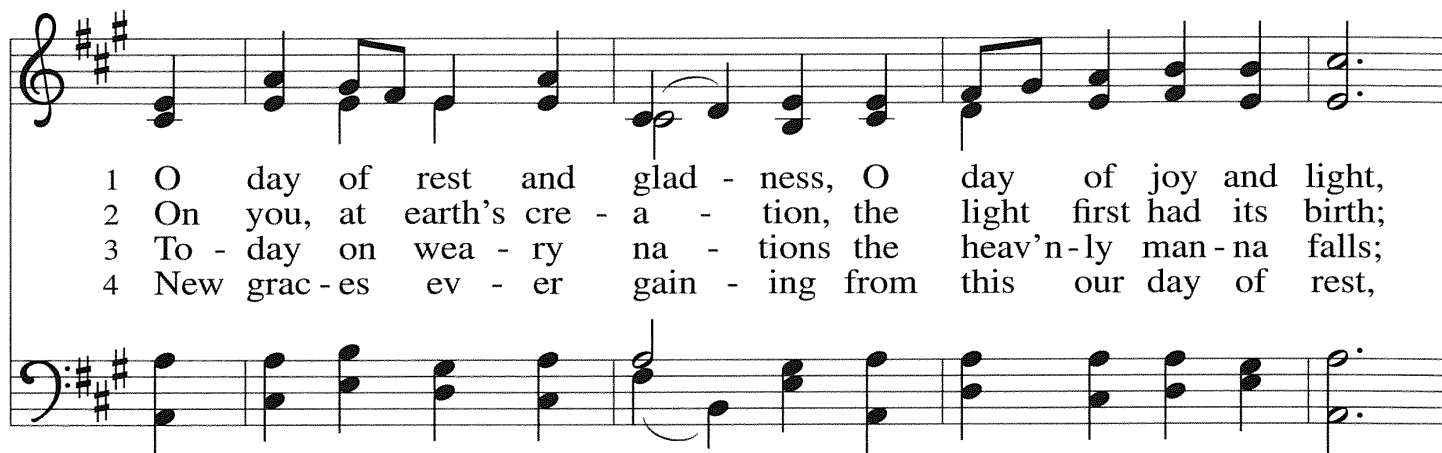
The fourth system continues the melody. The treble staff features a quarter note C4, followed by quarter notes B-flat3, A3, and G3. The bass staff continues with accompaniment.

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The fifth system concludes the piece. The treble staff features a quarter note F3, followed by quarter notes E3, D3, and C3. The bass staff continues with accompaniment.

O Day of Rest and Gladness

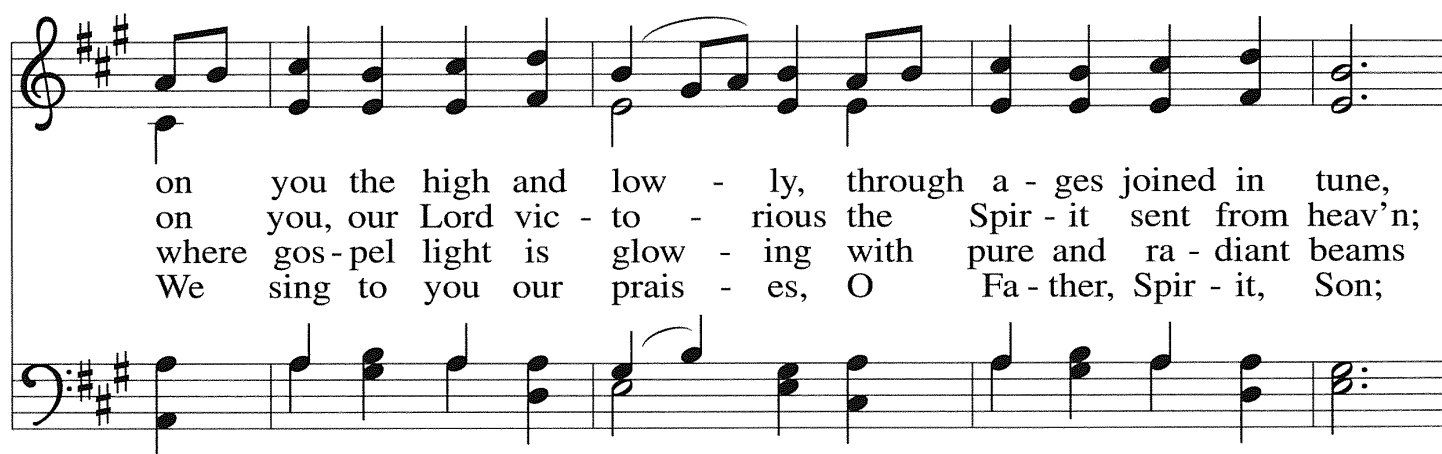
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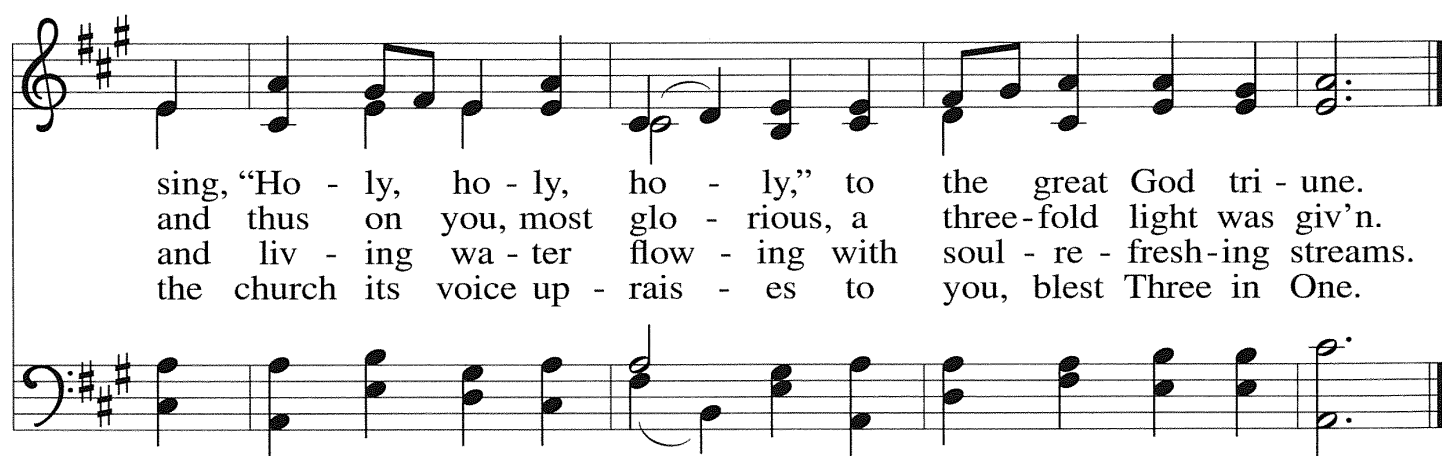
1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth;
3 To - day on wea - ry na - tions the heav'n - ly man - na falls;
4 New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,



O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright:
on you, for our sal - va - tion, Christ rose from depths of earth;
to ho - ly con - vo - ca - tions the sil - ver trum - pet calls,
we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.



on you the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
on you, our Lord vic - to - rious the Spir - it sent from heav'n;
where gos - pel light is glow - ing with pure and ra - diant beams
We sing to you our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God tri - une.
and thus on you, most glo - rious, a three - fold light was giv'n.
and liv - ing wa - ter flow - ing with soul - re - fresh - ing streams.
the church its voice up - rais - es to you, blest Three in One.

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Guest Organist,

The Flowers on the Chancel are given to the glory of God & in memory of Leo & Tillie Shawin. Leo & Tillie were married here at First Lutheran Church by Rev. Ernest on Aug. 21, 1949. In lieu of fresh flowers a donation has been made to the maintenance fund by Cindy and Scott Linville.

The Lay Reader is Sonie Rea.

Acolytes are Heidi Walsh and Lillah Clark.

Counters/Greeters today are H. Quedenfeld and J. Black.

Welcome to our Visitors! The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church? Please contact Pastor Grewe.

Nursery: We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs of infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

Bell Choir Practice on Monday at 6 PM.

The Flower Chart for 2022 is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date.

Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2022. Please write your names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2022. Please sign up.

Please remember to continue contributing donations to our girls in Ethiopia.
Please consider this as a call to help others in need.

Please pray for those in need of healing:

Janet Burke, Maureen Curry, Eveline Reihner, Rocky and Carol, Shari Kienzle, Chiquita, Stacy Carroll, Billie Sue Serbak, Susan Westott, Fred Dupas, baby Isaac Christian, Allan Zimmerman, the Pollana family, Amy Verderber, Sylvia Sunstrum, Kevin Ryan, baby Ryan, Dan, Fritz Group, Amy, Lucy & Dave Mehaffey, Stephanie Kennedy, Jessi, Bill Hisiro, Richard, Ruby Rogers, Becky, Klaus Behrens, Joanne Reck, Bill Stewart, Morgan, Sharon Fritz, baby Matthew, Tim & Karen Edwards, Tom Liam, Gary, Daniel, Judy Dombrowsky, Emily Buchleitner, Jean Erdmann, Greg Mason, Alexandra Perry, Lu Mayne, Pat, Robert Schmidt, Chipper, Delores Stebella, Jerry Vitteck, Chaz Sands, Jason, Austin, Rich, Tonnia, Barbara Morton, Rev. Phil Gagnon, Kandi, Jacob, Lindsay, Howie Rice, Teegan, Maxine Banko, Pastor Rob and Kimberly Grewe, Brooke, and Nicki Wenzel.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

PA Mental health support and referral line

1-855-284-2494

WASHINGTON, PA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

1-877-225-3567

WASHINGTON COUNTY BHDS LINE

724-228-6832

SCOTT BERRY DIRECT LINE

724-250-4079 (FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY)

FOR OTHER NEEDS, CONTACT 211 OR THE CHURCH.

Church Offering Change: In order to keep everyone safe we have changed how we collect the Sunday Offering. We do not have our ushers pass the plates around. Instead, we have one offering plate located by the last pew and one by the choir loft. Please place your offering in one of those plates. Feel free to place your offering in the plates during our Offertory if you did not do so on the way in.

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost – August 21, 2022

“Jesus said, “And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

-Luke 13:30-

“Last one there's a rotten egg!” It's an exclamation we hear often in our house these days with three kids all under age ten. Kids race to be the first: the first to the car, the first to the playground, the first to the dinner table.

Have you ever been last? The checkout line is so incredibly long; you have a toddler throwing a tantrum, a cart full of food, and you're pretty certain your ice cream is going to be a puddle by the time you even get it home. And you're at the end of the line. We get upset, envious of those at the front of the line. We wish we could wiggle our nose or snap our fingers and everyone ahead of us would disappear so we could be first in line. When I was a kid, I was not exactly gifted with athletic abilities. So when we had P.E., the teacher would choose two people to be team captains. You know where I'm going with this, don't you? I was definitely not a team captain. And I definitely wasn't chosen first. I wasn't even chosen eleventh or twelfth. Nope. I was the poor lass chosen last. Humiliating, to say the least.

Jesus' followers James and John ask Jesus to “grant them to sit one at his right hand and one at the left in his glory” (see Mk. 10:37). They thought the seats next to Jesus were important. Jesus responds, “You guys have no clue what you're asking!” (See v. 38). We equate being first with being an honorable, important position. Martin Luther said, “True humility does not know that it is humble. If it did, it would be proud from the contemplation of so fine a virtue.” It's not easy to practice humility. Fortunately for us, we have the greatest example of humility for all time: Jesus Christ on the cross. God came down to earth in the humblest of conditions. And he left the earth in the same way. He was despised and rejected, beaten, treated as a criminal, for what? For sacrificing himself for our sakes? Yes, and not only did Jesus die for us, but he died on a cross – the death of a criminal. He was stripped completely naked and put on display for all to see. Now being chosen last for the school dodgeball game doesn't seem so bad, does it? If our God can lower himself, humble himself to such estates, we can strive to do the same for others. May we be cautious of pride in our lives and strive to live a humble life in Christ.