

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

August 7, 2022

Service of Holy Communion – ELW Setting Eight



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St. Mark's Lutheran Church, ELCA
Called by the Holy Spirit. Equipped to serve. Sent to love all!

GATHERING

+Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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 reflection.

P 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.

C **Amen.**

P = Pastor, A = Assistant, C = Congregation

ELW = *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal ACS = *All Creation Sings* hymnal

“+” in the bulletin indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able

Gathering Hymn

Beautiful Things

ACS 925



1 All this pain; I won - der if I'll
2 All this earth; . . . could all that is
3 All a - round, . . . hope is spring - ing



ev - er find my way. I won - der if my
lost ev - er be found? . . . Could a gar - den
up from this old ground. . . . Out of cha - os,

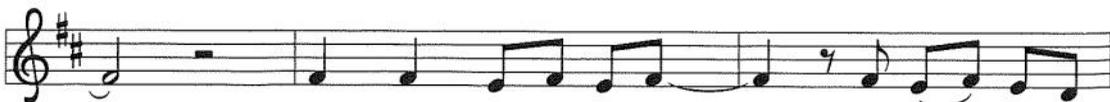


life could real - ly change at all.
come up from this ground at all?
life is be - ing found in you.

Refrain



You make beau-ti-ful things, you make beau-ti - ful things out of the dust.



You make beau - ti - ful things, you make beau-ti -



ful things out of us.

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BEAUTIFUL THINGS
Irregular

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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.

+Kyrie

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

Verses are sung by the Leader:

Verse 1

For peace in the world, for the health of
the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship
and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the
Lord

Verse 2

That we may live out your impassioned
response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and
grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the
Lord

Verse 3

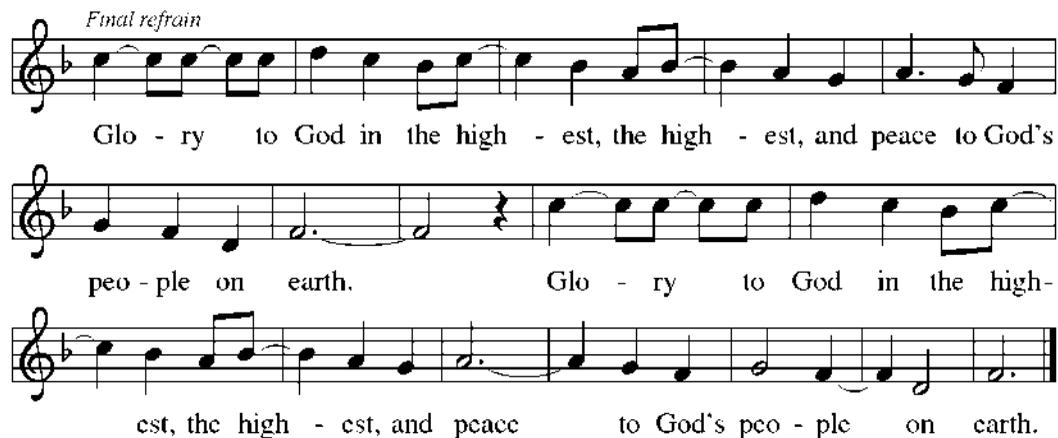
For peace in our hearts, for peace in our
homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and
our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the
Lord

Verse 4

For your Spirit to guide; that you center
our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your
body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the
Lord

+Hymn of Praise

Final refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

+Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord of abundance, You demand our life entire and whole:
lead us out from prisons of greed to a place of riches uncontained and always
new; through Jesus Christ, our common wealth.

C **Amen.**

WORD

First Scripture ♦ Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

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.

L Holy wisdom, holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 33:12-22

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!
Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

**The Lord looks down from heaven,
and sees all humankind.**

God sits firmly enthroned and watches
all who dwell on the earth.

**God fashions all their hearts
and observes all their deeds.**

A king is not saved by the size of the
army, nor are warriors rescued by their
great strength.

**The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot
save.**

Truly, your eye is upon those who fear
you, O Lord, upon those who wait for
your steadfast love,

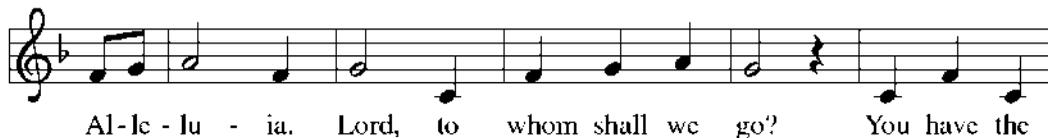
**to deliver their lives from death,
and to keep them alive in time of
famine.**

Our innermost being waits for you, O
Lord, our helper and our shield.

**Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our
trust.**

Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be
upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

+Gospel Acclamation



+Gospel ♦ Luke 12:32–40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

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

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.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Nic Leither

We hear God’s Word as it is spoken in the preaching.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW 764



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!

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+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

Assisting Minister: Merciful God,

Congregation: receive our prayer.

+Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation may greet one another with these or similar words:

Peace be with you.

MEAL

+Offertory Prayer

A 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

C **Amen.**

+The 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

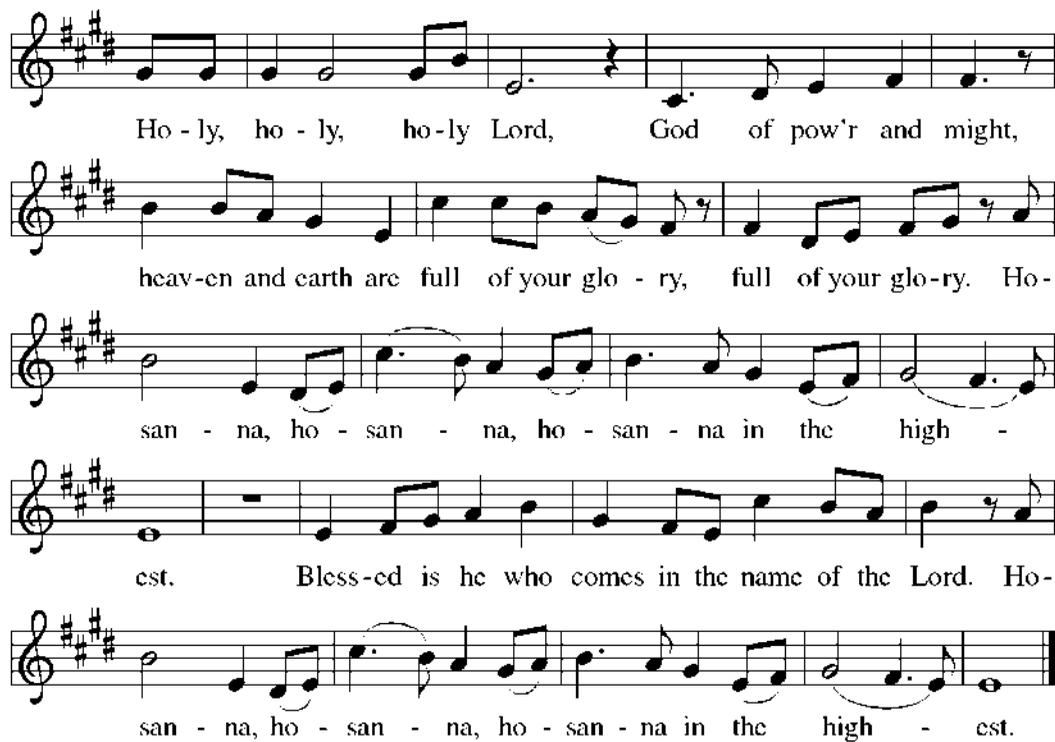
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

+Preface

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

+Eucharistic Prayer

- P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, ...
...To you be all honor and glory, now and forever.
- C Amen.

+Lord's Prayer

P We pray together the prayer Our Lord 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.**

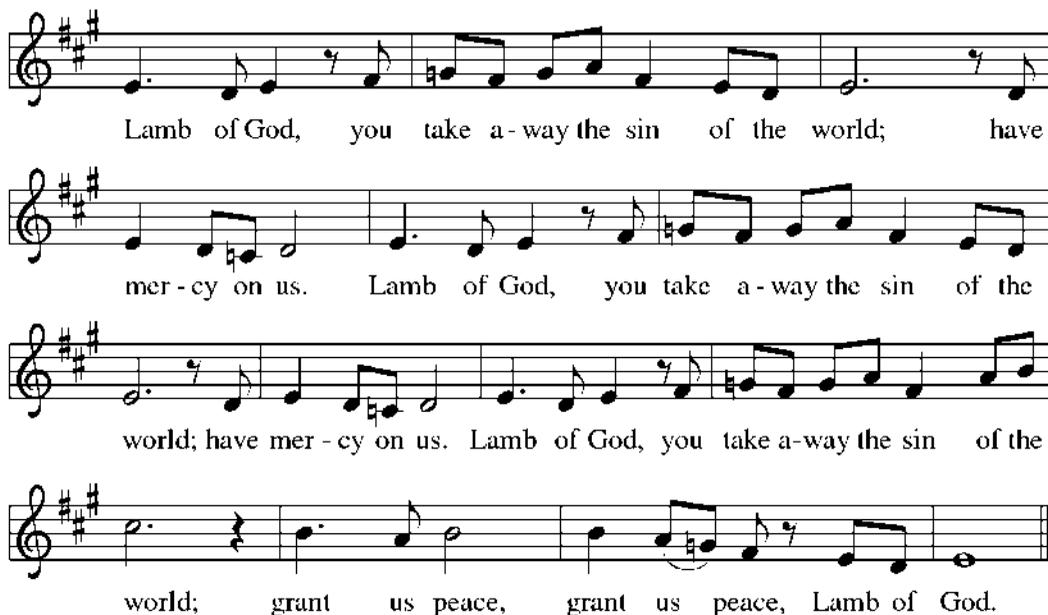
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Communion

P In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.
Come to the banquet.

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, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymn

How Great Thou Art

ELW 856



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!

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Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

A 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.

C **Amen.**

Announcements

SENDING

+Blessing

P The God of peace,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C **Amen.**

+Sending Hymn

O God, Who Gives Us Life

ACS 1086



1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
2 O God, who calls your peo - ple out to ven - ture and to dare,
3 O God of cov - e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,



who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
when we de - spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,



Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

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+Dismissal

A Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C Thanks be to God!

Announcements

SUMMARIZED REPORT OF INCOME & EXPENSES			
Submitted by Bill Stephenson, Treasurer			
June, 2021			
<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Total Income	\$12,784.50	Total Income	\$104,774.98
Total Expenses	-\$13,722.73	Total Expenses	-\$88,021.72
Net Income	-\$938.23	Net Income	\$16,753.26
BUDGET COMPARISON OF ENVELOPE OFFERING			
<u>Monthly Budget Amount</u>	<u>Actual Current Month</u>	<u>Budget Year to Date</u>	<u>Actual Year to Date</u>
\$8,571.65	\$8,829.33	\$61,952.28	\$51,429.90
Over/Under Budget	\$257.68		-\$10,522.38

St. Mark's needs your financial support no less than your prayers and concern for one another. You can mail your offerings to the church. You can also give electronically, via Tithe.ly, at <http://bit.ly/St-Marks-Tithely>.

Weekly Enews If you are not already receiving our Weekly Enews email sent out via MailChimp on Thursdays, please provide your email address to the church and we will add you to our mailing list for our primary means of communication throughout the week.

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OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH:

We welcome your requests for prayers for persons in need or prayers of thanksgiving for blessings received. Please note that prayer requests will remain on the list for four Sundays; a request may be extended by contacting the church office.

Recent hospitalizations, illnesses, & concerns:

Rhonda Nimerichter-Matsumoto (*health*)
Karen Arensen (*upcoming medical test*)
Julie Smith (*Feller's daughter, tumor behind ear*)
Raymond Lewis (*Martell's son-in-law, health*)

For homebound members & friends:

James & Marie Hughes
Christel Loftesness Les Ortt
Dorothy Parker Daphne Remington
Irene Seelmeyer
Don Snook & Trish Kulp
Vernita Wild

For the faithful departed and those who mourn:

Family of Gerald 'Sonny' Graham
Family of Wesley Allen Howell (*Ann's ex-husband*)
Family of Dawn Tesorero's mother (*Chris Prillwitz's friend*)

For those with ongoing concerns:

Joan Gustafson (<i>health</i>)	Alice Thurlow (<i>health</i>)
Nancy (<i>Dorie Gerhardt's sister, health</i>)	Kinley Moskal (<i>Norma Duncan's great grand-daughter, acute leukemia</i>)
Tom Rose (<i>recovery from heart surgery</i>)	Jean Rose (<i>health/pain management</i>)
Felicia Martinez (<i>Kathy Clevenger's friend, missing</i>)	Anne Hermanson (<i>friend of church, brain tumor</i>)
Chris Prillwitz (<i>skin cancer, back & knee pain</i>)	Nancy Larson (<i>Gilberts' friend, West Nile</i>)
Sharon Walson (<i>Sara Jensen's friend, grandson died</i>)	Steve Brelsford (<i>Bob's son, stroke recovery</i>)
Christina Duncan (<i>Norma's daughter-in-law, cancer</i>)	Greg Kimball (<i>Ann Howell's husband, breathing health</i>)
Millie (<i>Mary Stephenson's office manager's mother, health</i>)	Jeff Martin (<i>health</i>)
Shelly Bustos and family (<i>Sandy Day's daughter, house fire</i>)	Karl Feller (<i>chronic lymphatic leukemia</i>)
Anastasia and family (<i>friend of Chris Prillwitz</i>) and all Ukrainian refugees	Gene (<i>Joan Gustafson's son-in-law, partial paralysis</i>)
Sheryl and Darlene Feller (<i>Karl's sisters-in-laws, cancer</i>)	Ollie Daniels (<i>pain/breathing issues</i>)
Kevin Gustafson (<i>back pain</i>)	Monaliza Abdo (<i>Chris Prillwitz's friend, health</i>)
Doug Benson (<i>health</i>)	Lydia Scott (<i>cancer</i>)
	Patrick Stephenson (<i>melanoma reoccurrence</i>)

In the interest of keeping concerns timely, all prayer requests more than a year old without a recent update have been removed from under Ongoing Concerns.

If someone you care about is still in need of prayer, please submit a new prayer request/update.

Assisting with Worship:

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Music Leader	Stephen Geisler
Assisting Minister	—
Lector	Susan Tami Whitcomb
Acolyte	Patrick Stephenson
Communion Assistants:	_ and _
Usher	Ellie Weaver
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