

Bulletin for September 5, 2021 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Prelude ***Just a Closer Walk with Thee*** (ELW #697)

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation P: We worship in the name of the Father, and the Son +, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Litany

WL: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**C: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

*WL: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,*

**C: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

*WL: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.*

**C: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

*WL: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up
those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.*

**C: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

*WL: The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of
the wicked he brings to ruin.*

C: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Psalm 146

Gathering Music ***Open Your Ears, O Faithful People*** (ELW #519)

**1 Open your ears, O faithful people,
open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,
God has come to you.**

Refrain

**God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!
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**2 They who have ears to hear the message,
they who have ears, now let them hear;
they who would learn the way of wisdom,
let them hear God's word. *Refrain***

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

(A time for personal confession and reflection.)

P: Eternal God our creator and redeemer,

C: in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: We are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's grace has been poured into our hearts, creating them anew, through the Holy Spirit. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for you while you were still a sinner; and for his sake, God forgives all your sins. As a called and ordained minister in the Christ of Christ, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of your sins. In the name of the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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.

Prayer of the Day

WL: Let us pray.

C: Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, PREACHING AND SONG

First Lesson **Isaiah 35: 4-7a**

Second Lesson **James 2: 1-10, 14-17**

Children's Sermon

Gospel **Mark 7: 24-37**
(Before) **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**
(After) **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Amanda Olson de Castillo

Music of the Day ***O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate*** (ELW #722, vs 1,3,4)

**1 O Christ, your heart, compassionate,
 bore ev'ry human pain.
 Its beating was the pulse of God;
 its breadth, God's vast domain.
 The heart of God, the heart of Christ
 combined in perfect rhyme
 to write God's love in human deeds,
 eternity in time.**

**3 O Christ, create new hearts in us
 that beat in time with yours,
 that, joined by faith with your great heart,
 become love's open doors.
 We are your body, risen Christ;
 our hearts, our hands we yield
 that through our life and ministry
 your love may be revealed.**

**4 O Love that made the distant stars,
 yet marks the sparrow's fall,
 whose arms stretched wide upon a cross
 embrace and bear us all:
 come, make your church a servant church
 that walks your servant ways,
 whose deeds of love rise up to you,
 a sacrifice of praise!**

Confession of Faith..... Apostle's Creed

C: 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 into hell.

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

WL: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Sharing a Sign of Christ's Peace

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

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

Offering

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray,

C: Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution Hymns ***Light Dawns on a Weary World*** (ELW #726)
 Healer of Our Every Ill (ELW #612)
 10,000 Reasons

Post Communion Blessing

P: The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD

Blessing

P: The Lord God Almighty, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

Sending Music

How Great is Our God

Verse 1

**The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice**

Chorus

**How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God**

Verse 2

**And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb (*Chorus x 2*)**

Sending

P: Go in Peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

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