

October 24, 2021
22th Sunday after Pentecost with Communion



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

A The Spirit is here among us

C within us, around us, between us.

A The Spirit is here to strengthen us

C bringing courage, bringing conviction.

A The Spirit is here to move us,

C making us sing and praise.

A The Spirit is here.

C May we feel the Spirit as we gather.

May we be fed by her fiery strength.

May we be emboldened by her powerful wind.

A We gather in the Spirit's arm to be nurtured as we worship.

C And may our worship fill us with the Spirit as we go back out into our daily lives.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Sung

C "Lord, we need you,

Oh, we need you.

Every hour we need you.

Our one defense, our righteousness,

Oh God, how we need you."

A Gathered together by your Spirit, reflecting on all the ways creation falls short of your hopes for us, O God, we confess:

C We are tired.

**Worn down by the many challenges of this life,
we have a hard time feeling hopeful.**

**We judge our neighbors,
lose our patience,**

**and divide our world into a never-ending list of us and them.
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.**

A We need you, God. We cannot do this on our own.

Come near to us, receive our confession, and
Renew us in your hope.

Sung

C “Lord, we need you,
Oh, we need you.
Every hour we need you.
Our one defense, our righteousness,
Oh God, how we need you.”

Forgiveness

V Hear the Good News, siblings in Christ:
God, our creator, bears our burdens with us.
The God who made you knows you and loves you,
and there is nowhere we can go outside God’s spirit.
You have been forgiven in the name of the Father, ✝ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. May you be transformed by this grace, so that you may walk in hope in the name of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

GREETING

V 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

V Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.
Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect
your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31: 7-9

R ⁷Thus says the LORD:
Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give
praise, and say, “Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.”
⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of
the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great
company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead
them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

R Word of God, Word of Life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 126 *(We will read responsively)*

A ¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.
²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said
among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”**
³The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.
⁴**Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.**
⁵Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.
⁶**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their
sheaves.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 7:23-28

R ²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

R Word of God, Word of Life.

C 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.

GOSPEL

P The Gospel according to Mark 10:46-52.

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

P ⁴⁶As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“God, Whose Almighty Word” ELW 673

- 1 God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.
- 2 Christ, who once came to bring,
on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight;
health to the troubled mind,
sight where illusions blind;
oh, now to humankind
let there be light.
- 3 Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.
- 4 Holy and blessed three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might:
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth, far and wide,
let there be light.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Response)*

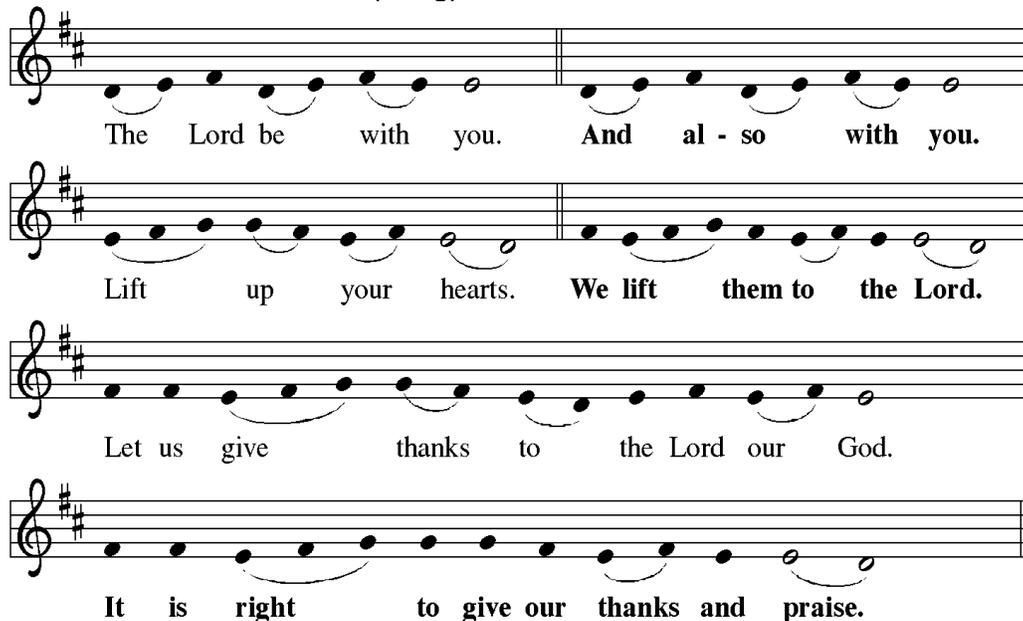
- A Lord, in your mercy,
C **Receive our prayer**

PEACE/GENEROSITY MOMENT

OFFERING PRAYER

- A Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish you whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen.**

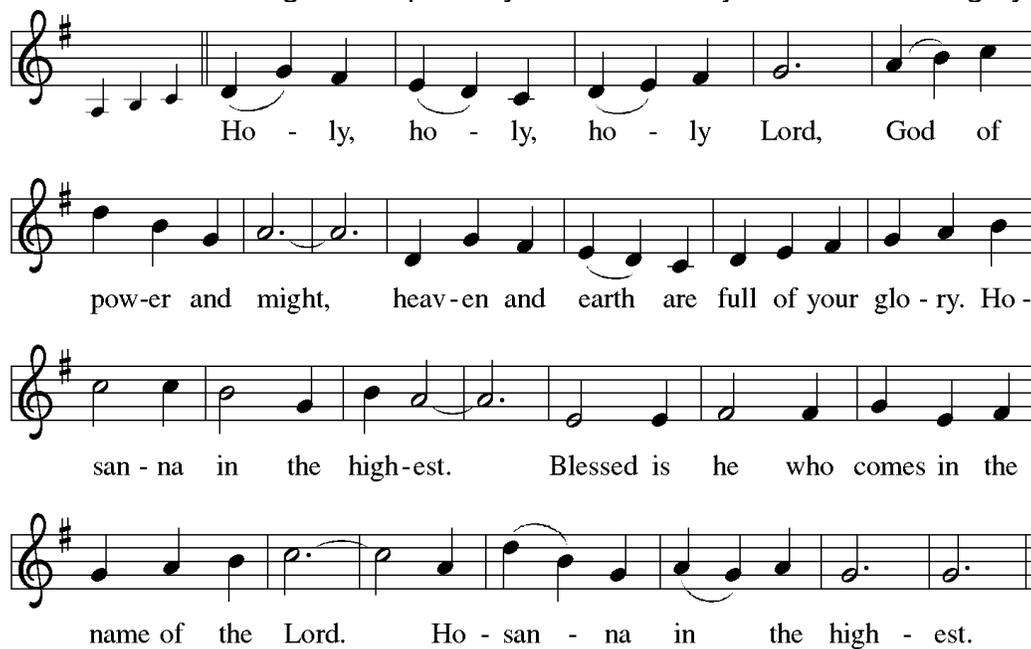
GREAT THANKSGIVING *(sung)*



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.

PREFACE *(chanted)*

V It is indeed right...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



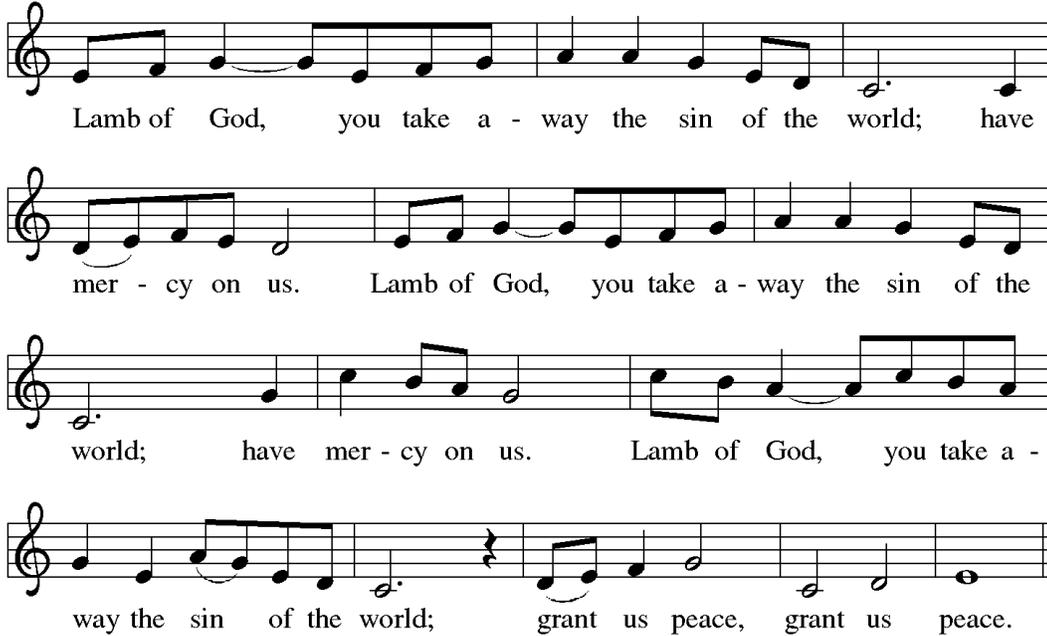
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” ELW 779

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

V As you enter a new week,
may you experience God’s presence.
May you feel God pouring out the Holy Spirit
over your heads, into your hearts, through your hands and feet,
and may you be a vessel of God’s compassion for all,
in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth” ELW 551

- 1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.
- 2 We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.
- 3 We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.
- 4 Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.

SENDING

- A May the love of God create in you new life.
May the Spirit of God grant you wisdom and vision,
proclaiming the good news of God's love to all.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Contributors to this morning's Worship...Thank YOU!

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WELCOME
St. Paul's Lutheran Church – Milwaukee, Wisconsin
October 24, 2021

Good morning! We welcome all visitors to worship. Please see an usher for any questions you may have. Thank you for worshiping with us!

Bible Study is at 8:15am

Sunday weekly Bible Study returned this fall from 8:15-9am on Zoom. We are journeying through the Gospel of John, using a study guide created by Pastor Delaney! If you have not previously participated in Sunday Bible study, please consider joining us! All are welcome for a fun, faith-filled experience of Biblical interpretation.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

*** denotes newly added item*

Homebound: Members: *Raymond (Allen) Kaisler*

Members with Special Concerns

Allen Kaisler Larry Schulz Dick Klug Judy Gilbertson

Others with Special Concerns

Pam Bromberek, Bob Bromberek's sister-in-law *Charles Schulz*, father of Larry Schulz
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Kathy Hilmoe, friend of MaryEllen and Howie Voelz
Bill Mueller, friend & former member of St. Paul's
Dennis & Barb Benjamin, former members of St. Paul's
Todd Kahle, Braden Graham's great uncle, hospitalized with Covid and pneumonia.

Other Prayers:

- ~ We pray for the people impacted by Hurricane Ida.
- ~ We pray for the people in California, Nevada and other states affected by the wildfires out West.
- ~ We pray for the people of Afghanistan as they face an uncertain future.
- ~ We pray for the people of Haiti as they deal with the aftermath of the devastating earthquake.
- ~ We pray for solutions to the issues of violence facing our city, that all people might live in peace.
- ~ We pray for all ministries and nonprofits in the near west side.
- ~ For our partnership congregations: Shepherd of the Bay (Ellison Bay) and Galilee (Pewaukee)
- ~ For our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and Greater Milwaukee Synod Bishop Paul Erickson.
- ~ For all military and other government personnel serving throughout the world.



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We welcome people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and merit, every ability and challenge. We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers.”*

