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## Welcome and thank you for coming to worship!

We welcome all visitors this morning to our service of Word and Sacrament. ALL are invited to receive the bread and the wine. Please know that at CELC this common meal is for all who feel moved to receive. This sacrament is God's gift to all, and is not tied to membership, doctrine or creed.

# *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

June 26, 2022

9:00am

## *-Service of Word and Sacrament-*

### *The Gathering*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 16

*I have set the Lord always before me. (Ps. 16:8)*

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

<sup>2</sup>**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**<sup>4</sup>I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

**<sup>6</sup>My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

**<sup>8</sup>I have set the Lord always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

**<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures  
forevermore.

**GATHERING SONG:     *"COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP"***

Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship  
Come, just as you are before your God  
Come

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God  
One day ev'ry knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose you now

Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship  
Come, just as you are before your God  
Come

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God  
One day ev'ry knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those,  
Who gladly choose you now

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives  
Willingly our knees will bow  
With all our hearts, oh, mind and strength  
We gladly choose you now

Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship  
Oh, come, just as you are before your God  
Come

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection*

**P:** Merciful God,  
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.**

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. **Amen.**

## PASTORAL GREETING

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray.

**Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*[Congregation is seated.]*

## The Word

### FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 19:15-16, 19-21

*In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.*

15Then the Lord said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. 16Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

19So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. 20He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me

kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” 21He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

**Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: GALATIANS 5:1, 13-25**

*For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ’s Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.*

1For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

13For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. 14For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 15If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

16Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. 18But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. 19Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, 20idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, 21envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. 24And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

**Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION      *“ALABARE”*

Refrain:      Alabare, alabare, alabare a mi Señor  
                 Alabare, alabare, alabare a mi Señor

Vs.      Sing with the people, the people of God, and join creation in a joyful hymn.  
            Blessing and honor and glory and might to God and to the Lamb be without end.

GOSPEL:      Luke 9:51-62

*Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.*

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

51When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. 52And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; 53but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. 54When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” 55But he turned and rebuked them. 56Then they went on to another village.

57As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” 58And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” 59To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” 60But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” 61Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” 62Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

**A**      With joy, let us together proclaim our faith and the faith of our church.

**We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**We 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.**

**We 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**

**A** United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in  
need.

*A brief silence.*

God of faithfulness, set the face of your church firmly on you. Rooted in your self-giving  
love, may the church find freedom in loving our neighbors. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of gentleness, strengthen the earth's ability to heal. Where there are dangerous storms,  
bring calm. Where there are destructive fires, bring rain. Protect homes, habitats, and livelihoods  
threatened by climate disasters. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of peace, guide all who govern, that they place the good of their citizens above self-  
promotion. Anoint leaders of nations with your Spirit of neighborly love. Protect refugees and all  
who live under tyranny or conflict. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of kindness, reveal your healing presence to all who are sick or dying (*especially*).  
Uphold those who grieve. Support the needs of any who are unemployed, hungry, or have nowhere  
to lay their heads. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of love, attend to those struggling with addiction, depression, or uncontrolled anger.  
Provide support systems and loving companions as they work toward health, that they may rest in  
hope and know the fullness of joy in your presence. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

**P:** In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

*The Meal*

**OFFERTORY / OFFERTORY MUSIC**

*"I SAY YES, MY LORD"*

To the God who cannot die, I say "Yes," my Lord.  
To the one who hears me cry, I say "Yes," my Lord.  
To the God of the oppressed, I say "Yes," my Lord.  
To the God of all justice, I say "Yes," my Lord.

**Refrain:**

**I say "Yes," my Lord,  
in all the good times, through all the bad times.  
I say "Yes," my Lord,  
to every word you speak.**

For the dream I have today, I say "Yes," my Lord.  
To be a healer of all pain, I say "Yes," my Lord.  
To come to love my enemies, I say "Yes," my Lord.  
For your peace in all the world, I say "Yes," my Lord. (refrain)

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

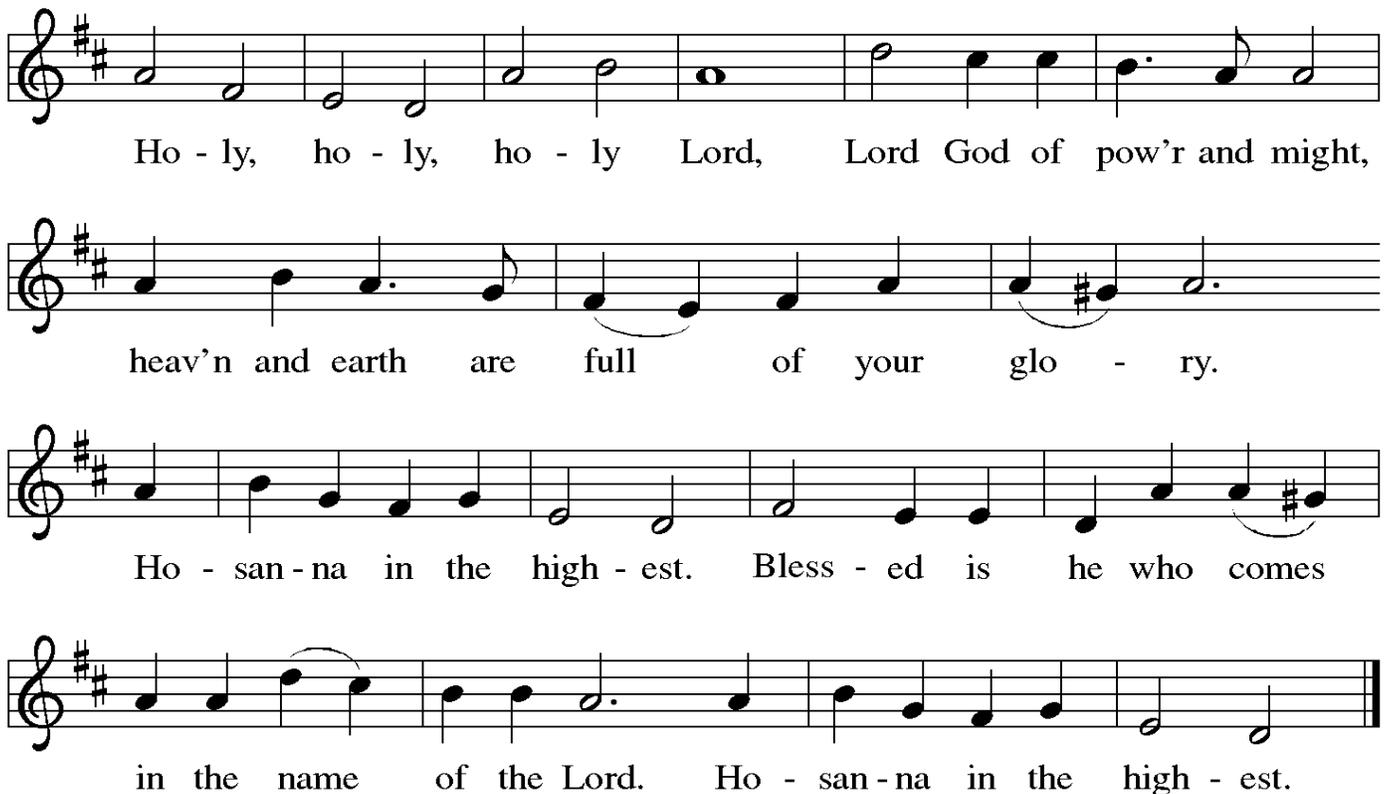
**A** Let us pray.  
God of abundance:  
**you have set before us a plentiful harvest.  
As we feast on your goodness,  
strengthen us to labor in your field,  
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,  
in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

[THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE] (NUMBER 4)

**P** The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

It is indeed right and good that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you... And so with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(setting 4 of ELW)



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. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering therefore ... may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

**To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.

Come to the banquet.

### LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**Grant us peace, grant us peace.**

COMMUNION SONG: ELW 491 *"COME, LET US EAT"*

Leader or All



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

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## PASTORAL BLESSING

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P:** 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. Amen.

The Sending

BENEDICTION:

**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. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *“MY LIFE IS IN YOU, LORD”*

My life is in You, Lord,  
My strength is in You, Lord,  
My hope is in You, Lord,  
In You, it's in You. (repeat)

I will praise you with all of my life.  
I will praise You with all of my strength;  
With all of my life,  
With all of my strength.  
All of my hope is in You. (repeat refrain)

DISMISSAL:

**P** Go in peace. Love your neighbor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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