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## **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Morning Prayer**

### **Coming to America**

August 16, 2020

Our vision is to be a vibrant community of Jesus' disciples,  
empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring God's grace into our world

A: indicates Assisting Minister; P: indicates Presiding Minister; C: indicates Congregation.  
ELW refers to Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red hymnal.

At places where the ✝ appears, it is customary to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.

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# GATHERING

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

### PRELUDE

*Please stand as you are able.*

## DIALOG AND DOXOLOGY

*The Reader sings the regular text; the Congregation sings the **bold** text.*



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



and my mouth shall **pro - claim your praise.**



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:



as it was in the be-gin-ning, **is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.**



**Al - le - lu - ia.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 95

*The psalm is sung responsively.  
The Reader sings the regular text; the Congregation sings the **bold** text.*



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



**Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.**



Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the



rock of our sal - va - tion. 1 Let us come be-fore God's



pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing and raise a loud shout to the



Lord with psalms. For you, Lord, are a great



God, and a great rul - er a - bove all gods.

*Refrain*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the

rock of our sal - va - tion. 2 In your hand are the

cav - erns of the earth; the heights of the hills are al - so

yours. The sea is yours, for you made it; and your

hands have mold - ed the dry land.

*Refrain*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the

rock of our sal - va - tion. 3 Come, let us wor - ship and bow

down; let us kneel be - fore the Lord our mak - er. For the

Lord is our God, and we are the peo - ple of God's

pas - ture and the sheep of God's hand.

*Refrain*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the  
 rock of our sal - va - tion.

*It is customary to stand or kneel for confession and prayer. The change in posture acts as a physical sign of our invested participation in the action. If you remain seated, adopt a standing or kneeling attitude.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**A:** God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

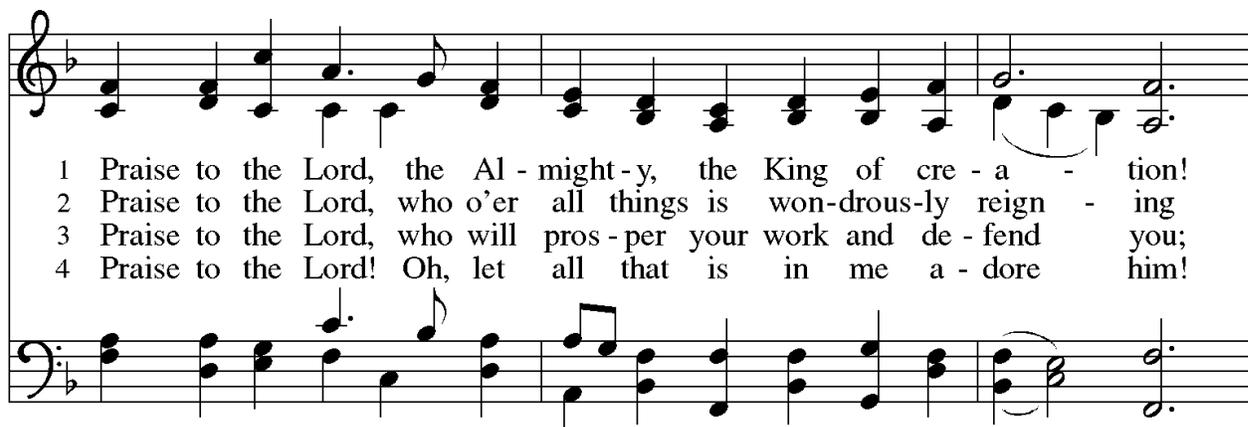
**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

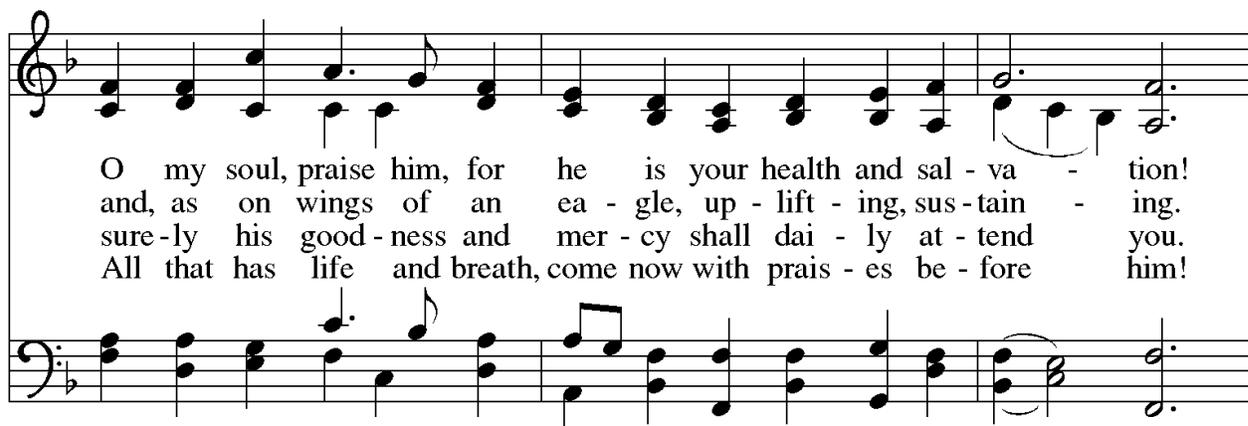
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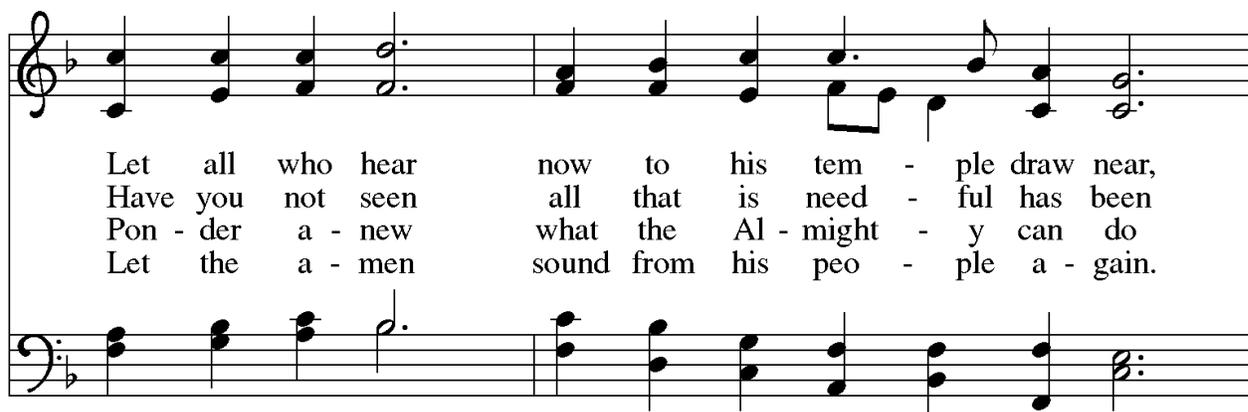
GATHERING HYMN: ELW 858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



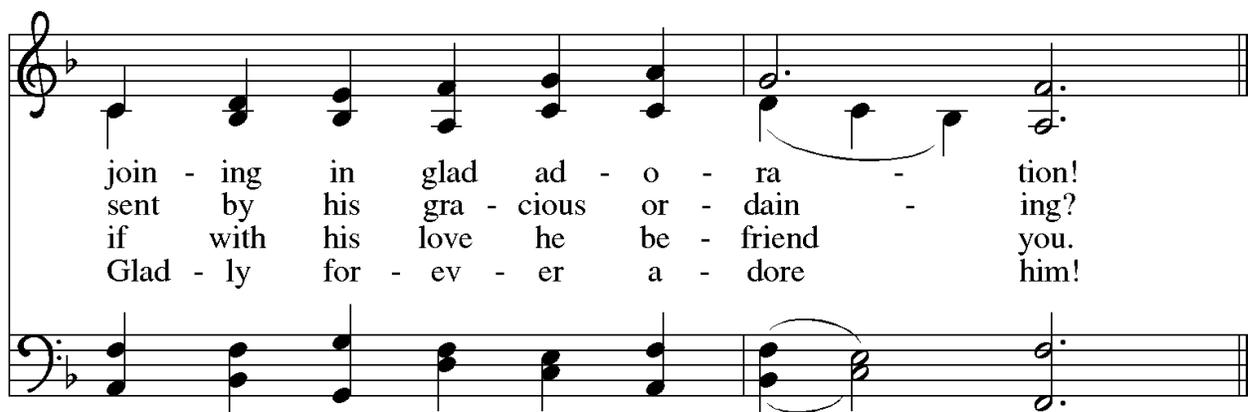
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



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!

# WORD

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*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:1, 5-8

A: A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

*After the reading:*

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 15:10-28

A: A reading from Matthew.

<sup>10</sup>Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: <sup>11</sup>it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." <sup>12</sup>Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" <sup>13</sup>He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup>Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." <sup>15</sup>But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." <sup>16</sup>Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup>Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup>But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup>For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup>These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus

answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

*After the reading:*

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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GOSPEL CANTICLE: ELW 250 Blessed Be the God of Israel

1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free  
2 With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,  
3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre-prepare the way,

and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.  
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;  
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.

So have the proph-ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm  
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,  
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease

God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.  
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness to serve God all our days.  
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

*Silence for meditation may follow the sermon.*

*Please stand as you are able when the music begins.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 612 Healer of Our Every Ill

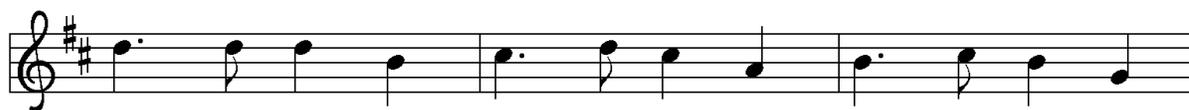
*Refrain*



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

*Refrain*

# THANKSGIVING

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***We give thanks for all that God provides and for the present of Jesus Christ among us.***

*Normally we would share communion at this point in our Sunday worship. Our decision not to meet in person as the Body of Christ to receive the Body of Christ is an act of self-sacrifice for the sake of our neighbors. By not meeting, we are joined with our community and the nation in an attempt to interrupt the exponential growth of COVID-19. Our fasting from Holy Communion is a sign of our sacrifice. We look forward with all the People of God for the day of our reunion when we will again feast together.*

## OFFERING

*During this time when we are not meeting in person, members of the community are invited to mail their offerings to the church (10550 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, 22066); arrange for automatic transfer (call the church office or email [bookkeeper@gflutheran.org](mailto:bookkeeper@gflutheran.org) for more information) or contribute via **PayPal** using the button below or on [www.gflutheran.org](http://www.gflutheran.org). Please note: PayPal levies a 3% charge per transaction to Christ the King.*



## MUSICAL OFFERING

Kristine Heine, soloist

*Please stand as you are able.*

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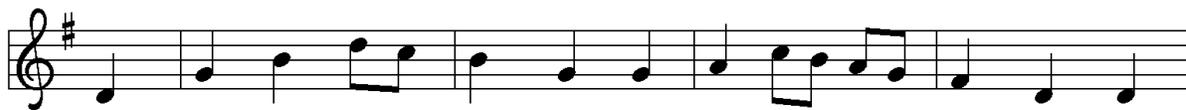
OFFERING RESPONSE: ELW 881 (st.1) Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.  
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

A: Let us pray.

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you –

for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .

for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .

for the gifts of relationship with others . . .

for the communion of faith in your church . . .

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord.

Especially we pray –

for those who govern nations of the world . . .

for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .

for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .

for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction . . .

for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .

*Congregational Five-Word Prayers will be received and read here.*

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

A: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.**

## SENDING

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

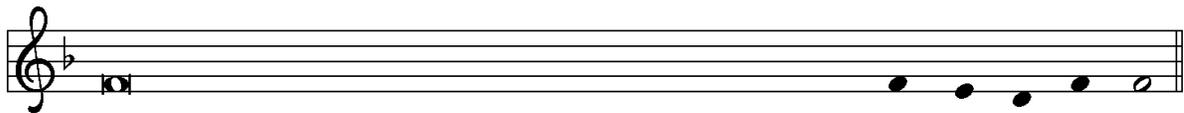
### BLESSING



Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks be to God.



Almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre-serve us.



A - men.

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SENDING HYMN: ELW 650 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com - mu - nion find;  
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.  
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;

but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.  
 his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
 all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Care for the stranger.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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