



## **Gethsemane Lutheran Church**

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

**July 25, 2021**

*You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.  
(Ps. 145:18)*

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## **GATHERING**

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### **PRELUDE**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
But if we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sin  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Most merciful God, **have mercy on us.**

**We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word,**

**and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.**

With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

**GATHERING HYMN, ELW #705, GOD OF GRACE**



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

## GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE

**Assistant: In peace, in peace, REFRAIN**

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have  
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

A For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,  
for the unity of all . . . (Refrain)

A For your people here who have come to give you praise,  
for the strength to live your Word . . . (Refrain)

*Assistant:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O

*Congregation:*

God. A - men.

## HYMN of PRAISE

**Refrain**

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,

all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

**Verse 1**

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of  
God.

*to Refrain*

**Verse 2**

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

2. Pow - er and rich-es, wis - dom and

might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ

for ev - er. *to Refrain*

**Verse 3**

*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to

make us peo - ple of God; to make

all things new. *to Refrain*

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S BLESSING**

*The children are invited to come forward for a special time of teaching and blessing with Jasmine. Nursery (ages birth to 3) and Sunday School (ages 4 to 10) are open this morning...welcome families! We're so glad you are here!*

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## WORD

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### **FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44**

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to Elisha, the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 145:10-18**

All your works shall praise you, O Lord,  
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power,**

that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures  
throughout all ages.**

**You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your  
works.**

The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.**

You open wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**You are righteous in all your ways  
and loving in all your works.**

You are near to all who call upon you,  
to all who call upon you faithfully.

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ALLELUIA VERSE

*Congregation*

Al- le- lu- ia Al- le- lu- ia Lord, to whom shall we  
go You have the words of e- ter- nal life  
Al- le- lu- ia!

*Repeat optional*

### THE HOLY GOSPEL – John 6:1-21

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that

he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

**SERMON**

## HYMN OF THE DAY, ELW #461, ALL WHO HUNGER GATHER GLADLY



- 1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.  
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.  
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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## CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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**

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations, especially Pilgrim Lutheran Church in the Lents neighborhood. Empower churches throughout the world and kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat. Nurture wheat and barley crops grown for the nourishment of your people and conserve fish habitats and populations. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility. Inspire each of us with a vision of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing, especially those we name now in heart and with voice..... Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this assembly. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for those who have died. As you sustained them through all their days, so dwell in our hearts, that we may have the power to comprehend, with the apostle James and all the saints, the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Those joining us via livestream have the option of joining a breakout room. Breakout rooms are NOT recorded or broadcast on Facebook.*

## **THE OFFERING**

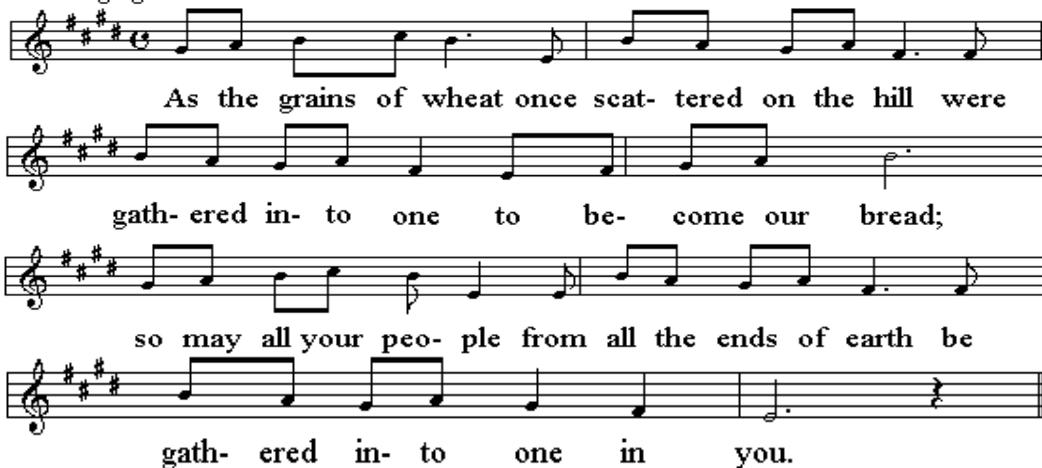
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## OFFERTORY

## As the Grains of Wheat

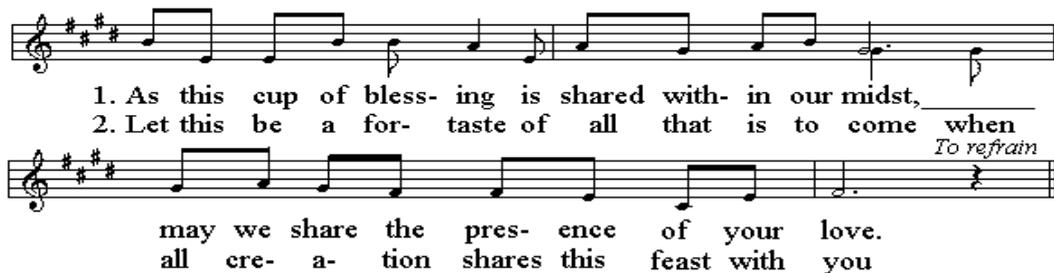
### Refrain

*Congregation*



As the grains of wheat once scat- tered on the hill were  
gath- ered in- to one to be- come our bread;  
so may all your peo- ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath- ered in- to one in you.

### Verses



1. As this cup of bless- ing is shared with- in our midst,  
2. Let this be a for- taste of all that is to come *when*  
*To refrain*  
may we share the pres- ence of your love.  
all cre- a- tion shares this feast with you

## THE OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

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## **SENDING**

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## **THE BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace. Amen.

## SENDING SONG, ELW # 551, THE SPIRIT SENDS US FORTH



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

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**Many thanks to all those who made worship this morning possible!**

Preacher: Dick Bemrose

Cantor: Philip Dochow

Reader: Priscilla Nelson

Usher: Roseann Libonati

Tech/Livestream: Ethan Carleton & Jasmine Anderson Sprague

Organist: Brooke Benfield

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## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Pr. Elizabeth is on vacation this week. She will be back for worship on August 1st.
- Elaine Walters passed last Saturday, July 17, in the hospital. In lieu of a memorial service, the family will hold a small, private get-together. Cards of condolence may be sent to the church, and we will arrange delivery to the family. Please join in prayers of gratitude for Elaine's life and prayers of comfort for her family. God in your mercy, hear our prayer.
- We worship in person and online. Join us via Livestream at [facebook.com/gethsemaneportland](https://www.facebook.com/gethsemaneportland) or on Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/95638970351>. To join by phone, call (253) 215 8782 and enter Meeting ID: 956 3897 0351.

- We plan to return to two services (8am and 10:30am) in the fall.
- For the latest updates from our COVID team, visit [glcportland.org/covidinformation](http://glcportland.org/covidinformation).

### **IN-PERSON GUIDELINES:**

- **Please sign in when you arrive.** This is helpful both for church attendance records and contact tracing. There are sign-in sheets at the Narthex entrances.
- Following the governor's announcement on Oregon's reopening, **face masks are not required.** However, we recognize that not all people who enter the church building are vaccinated. Underlying health conditions pose an additional risk. **We support each person's decision to wear a mask.**
- **Please ask before you hug or shake hands.** This might feel awkward at first, but not everyone feels comfortable...so please just ask.
- Don't forget to drop off your offering! There is a plate and offering envelopes at the back of the sanctuary.
- Let's have grace and respect one another. Welcome home!

