



# Advent

## Lutheran Church



Sunday, September 5, 2021  
15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost

# GATHERING

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

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.*

**Amen.**

*Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.*

*God, our provider,*

**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

*Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.*

**Amen.**

## HYMN

## Let All Things Now Living

[ELW 881]



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!"

## **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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*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.**

# WORD

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

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## CHILDREN'S TIME

### READING – Isaiah 35:4 – 7a

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

*Say to those who are of a fearful heart,*

*“Be strong, do not fear!*

*Here is your God.*

*He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.*

*He will come and save you.”*

*Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,*

*and the ears of the deaf unstopped;*

*then the lame shall leap like a deer,*

*and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.*

*For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,*

*and streams in the desert;*

*the burning sand shall become a pool,*

*and the thirsty ground springs of water.*

*Word of God. Word of life.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

### Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

## HOLY GOSPEL – Mark 7:24 – 37

The holy gospel according to Mark.

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[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The gospel of the Lord.

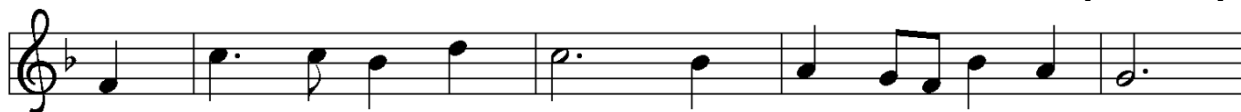
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON – Pastor Peter Carlson Schaffauer

### HYMN

### Oh, Praise the Gracious Power!

[ELW 651]



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
- 2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
- 3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
- 4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
- 5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath-ers in one house of faith all strang-ers far and near:  
and eas-es from their anx-ious clutch the prej-u-dice that blinds:  
ob-liv-i-ous to gen-der, wealth, to so-cial rank or place:  
a liv-ing tem-ple built on Christ, our rock and cor-ner-stone:  
with vi-sions of a world at peace, no lon-ger bled by war:

*Refrain*



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,  
the love, the word, the tide.  
Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,  
praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*

7 Oh, praise the living Christ  
with faith's bright songful voice!  
Announce the gospel to the world  
and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

## 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 into 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 THE PEOPLE

*Hear us, O God,*

**Your mercy is great.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

*The peace of Christ be with you always.*

**And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

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### **OFFERING**

#### **OFFERTORY**

***Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel? (African-American Spiritual)***

*by Leonard Van Camp*

Jenny & Derick Larson - Vocals

#### **COMMUNION GREETING**

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.*

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

#### **COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Blessed are you, O God.....until he comes.*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Pour out your Holy Spirit...*

*...now and forever.*

**Amen.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

#### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

*May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and give you peace.*

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

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

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### **BENEDICTION**

## HYMN

## Beautiful Savior

[ELW 838]



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

**DISMISSAL**

*Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.*

**Thanks be to God.**



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