



# Advent

## Lutheran Church



**WELCOME SUNDAY**

Sunday, September 12, 2021  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

# GATHERING

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

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.*

*Holy God, fountain of living water, source of mercy, tender and mighty, you are clothed with majesty and splendor. Your steadfast love fills the earth.*

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

*Your love flows through water, satisfying the thirst of all living things, sustaining life in this community, nourishing and delighting us. We bless you for these gifts of water: Local waters may be named. Your steadfast love fills the earth.*

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

*Your love flows through water, a sign of your saving power: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. Your steadfast love fills the earth.*

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

*Your love flows through the water of baptism joined to your life-giving Word: your well of mercy and cleansing flood, your sea of deliverance from death into life, your healing river washing sin away, your living water springing up to eternal life. Your steadfast love fills the earth.*

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

*Shower us with your Holy Spirit. Fill us with your love. Clothe us and all your people with grace. Embolden us to do justice. Bless us to love mercy. Guide us to walk humbly with you, whom we thank and praise, through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.*

**Amen.**

## HYMN

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

[ELW 858]



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!

**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**

*O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

**Amen.**

## WORD

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

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### READING – James 3:1 - 12

A reading from the letter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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 8:27 - 38

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON – Pastor Elizabeth Felt

### HYMN

### Build Us Up, Lord

[ELW 670]



1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in  
2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our

us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your  
lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our

ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.  
doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we  
Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us

guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the  
bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us

world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.  
sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

*Refrain*

Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in

faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your

word to spread the news of your Son!

## 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

#### Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

[ELW 752]

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system has a vocal line starting with a half note G4, followed by eighth notes A4-B4-C5, and a piano accompaniment of eighth notes G4-A4-B4-C5. The second system has a vocal line starting with a half note G4, followed by eighth notes A4-B4-C5, and a piano accompaniment of eighth notes G4-A4-B4-C5. The score includes various chords and accidentals.

Chords: D, D<sup>7</sup>, G, D, E<sup>7</sup>, A<sup>7</sup>, D, D<sup>7</sup>, G, Bdim, D, A<sup>7</sup>, G, D

Lyrics:  
Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;  
Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

### 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.*

### OFFERING

#### ANTHEM

***What a Wonderful World (with This Is My Father's World)***

*by John D. Miller*

Community Choir

Carla Waterman - accompanist

## OFFERTORY

## We Are an Offering

[ELW 692]

G<sup>7</sup> C Dm<sup>7</sup> C(add<sup>2</sup>) C/E

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our

4 Fmaj<sup>7</sup> C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> G C Dm<sup>7</sup>

lives up to You: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our

7 Em<sup>7</sup> C/E F C(add<sup>2</sup>) B<sup>b</sup> G<sup>7</sup>

hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours: we are an offering.

10 Em<sup>7</sup> A Dm<sup>7</sup> E<sup>7</sup> Am

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we

13 Dm<sup>7</sup> C(add<sup>2</sup>) B<sup>b</sup> Dm G<sup>7</sup>

give to you, we give to you. We lift our

16 C Dm<sup>7</sup> C(add<sup>2</sup>) C/E Fmaj<sup>7</sup> C/E

voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You: we are an

19 Dm<sup>7</sup> G C Dm<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> C/E

offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our

22 F C(add<sup>2</sup>) B<sup>b</sup> G<sup>7</sup> C

lives, they are Yours: we are an offering. We are an offering.



## 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

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

## HYMN

### Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

[ELW 834]



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun-tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
thy clouds which are foun-tains of good - ness and love.  
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen-dor of light hid - eth thee!

#### **DISMISSAL**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

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