



But he said to them,

“It is I;  
do not be afraid.”  
John 6:20

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after Pentecost  
July 25, 2021  
First Lutheran Church**

# **PRELUDE**

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

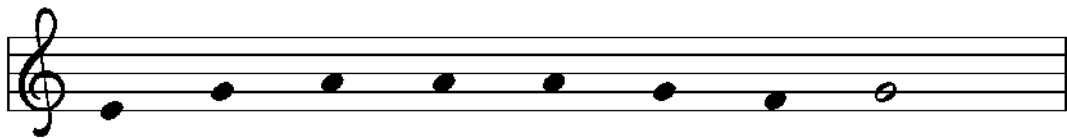
*Fugue in G, S. 578*

*Please stand.*

## **THE OPENING**



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.

# *THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM*

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

**C: By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

P: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

**C: Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

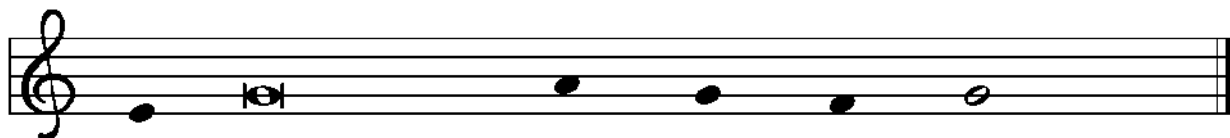
P: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## *THE PSALMODY*



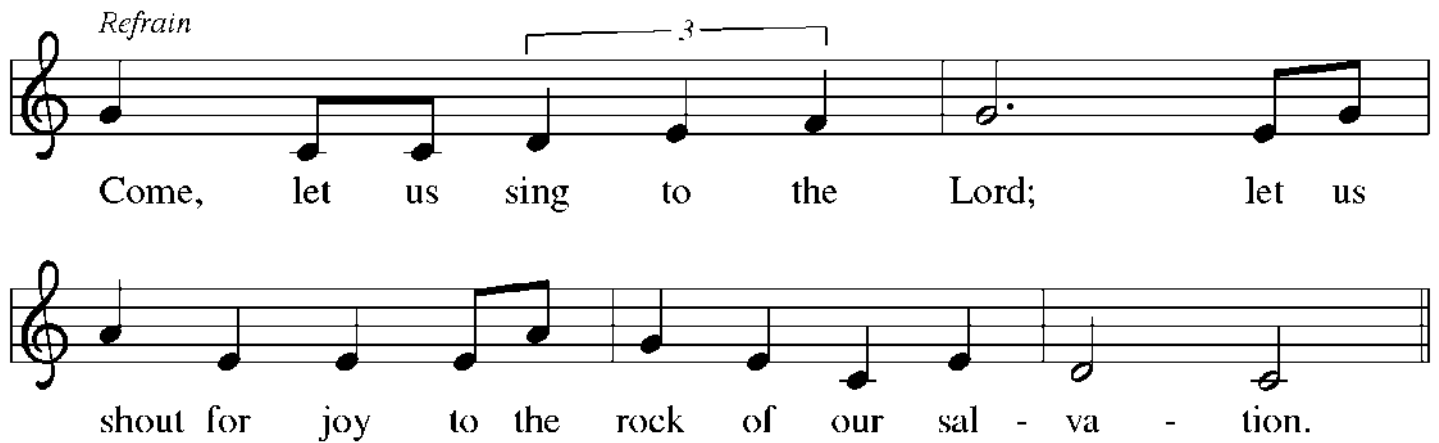
Give glory to God, our light and our life.



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

*Verses will be sung by our Cantor.*

*Refrain*



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

*Final response:*



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



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

*Please be seated.*

## ***A READING FROM 2<sup>ND</sup> KINGS 4:42-44***

R: A reading from 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>42</sup>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." <sup>43</sup>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.'" <sup>44</sup>He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD. the LORD, according to the word of the LORD.

R: Word of God, Word of Life!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

# ***A READING FROM EPHESIANS 3:14-21***

R: A reading from Ephesians the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>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, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>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, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

R: Word of God, Word of Life!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## ***BELLS OF PRAISE***

*Bill Ingram*

*It is Well with My Soul*


*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.*

## ***THE GOSPEL***

## ***JOHN 6:1-21***

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. John the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord



<sup>1</sup>Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>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?” <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>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.” <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>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.

<sup>20</sup>But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Musical notation for the vocal line. It starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The words 'Praise to you, O Christ.' are written below the notes. A triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) is indicated above the notes 'you, O'.

Praise to you, O Christ.

## *YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART*

*ELW 484*

*Refrain*

 Musical notation for the first line of the refrain. It starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The words 'You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.' are written below the notes.

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.

 Musical notation for the second line of the refrain. It starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The words 'Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.' are written below the notes.

Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

 Musical notation for the third line of the refrain. It starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The words 'so when you call your fam - ily, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.' are written below the notes.

so when you call your fam - ily, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.

- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

*Refrain*

 Musical notation for the fourth line of the refrain. It starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The words 'that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.' are written below the notes.

that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.

Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

*THE GOSPEL CANTICLE*

*Refrain*

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God the  
dawn from on high shall break up - on us.

*The verses will be sung by our Cantor.*

*Celebration of Holy Baptism*

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism.

C: **By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ.**

P: We are united with all the baptized into the body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Ellie May Leopold and Bowen Gregory Leopold have been presented for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?

I: *We do.*



P: As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,  
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten  
Commandments,  
place in their hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture them in faith and prayer,  
so that your children may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith  
and life?

*I: We do.*

P: People of God, do you promise to support Ellie and Bowen and  
pray for them in their new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

P: Ellie May Leopold, I baptize you in the name of the Father...  
and of the Son... and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Bowen Gregory Leopold, I baptize you in the name of the  
Father...and of the Son...and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Ellie and Bowen, with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of council and might, the spirit of knowledge, and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Ellie, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit, and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Bowen, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit, and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

Together, let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world.**

# ***MEDITATION & OFFERING***

*Robert A. Hobby*

*Three Hymns of Praise, Set 3*

*I. THE ASH GROVE*

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

## ***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***

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

**P:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

### ***THE BLESSING***



Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

**P:** You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, free to serve your neighbor. May God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you, that you may be a blessing to others.



A - men

Please stand.

# SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

ELW 547



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing,  
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing to God ev-er-liv-ing,



the peo-ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev-ry-day life we will face—



The sup-per is end-ed. Oh, now be ex-tend-ed  
our faith ev-er shar-ing, in love ev-er car-ing,



the fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.  
em-brac-ing God's chil-dren, the whole hu-man race.



The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall u-nite us  
Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing



to work for your king-dom and an-swer your call.  
give hon-or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
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# ***DISMISSAL***

**P:** Go in peace. For you are the Body of Christ!

**C:** Thanks be to God!

# ***POSTLUDE***

*Felix Mendelssohn*

*Sonata II*

*Allegro maestoso e vivace*

## *Today's Worship Leaders*

<i>Cantor:</i>	<i>Victor Welsch</i>	<i>Facebook Camera:</i>	<i>Wendy &amp; Andrew Bailey</i>
<i>Host:</i>	<i>Beth &amp; Jack Myers</i>	<i>SlideShow Creator:</i>	<i>Pastor Bailey</i>
<i>Lector:</i>	<i>???</i>	<i>SlideShow Operator:</i>	<i>John Bailey Haley Welter</i>
<i>Director of Music:</i>	<i>Curtis L. King</i>	<i>Today's Officiant:</i>	<i>Pastor Bailey</i>

We could not offer multiple platforms for sharing worship  
"Apart...yet Together"  
without an entire crew of people working to make the magic happen.  
THANK YOU!

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# Weekly Announcements

## Youth Meeting Today

All incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders through incoming Seniors are invited to meet with Pastor Bailey following worship today to get details about the 2022 trip to Minneapolis to attend the National Youth Gathering.

This is an outstanding once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to gather with thousands of other Lutheran youth.

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"God is among us!"  
"We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive,  
reconcile and trust God for all that we need."