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Mark 7:15,  
NRSV



*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*August 29, 2021*  
*First Lutheran Church*

# **PRELUDE**

Johann Sebastian Bach

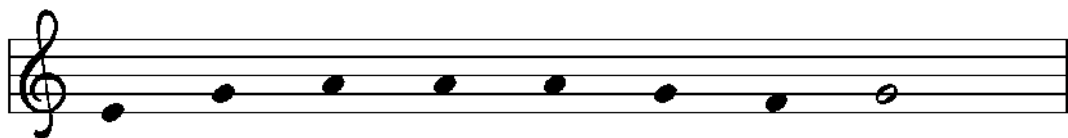
Prelude and Fugue in d, S. 554

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.**

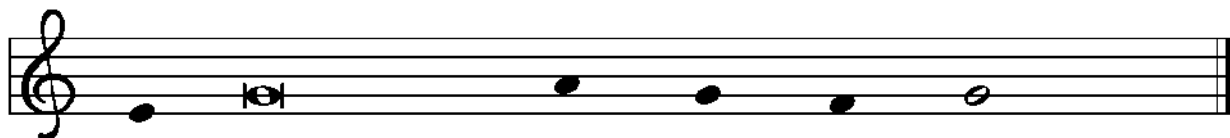
P: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## ***THE PSALMODY***



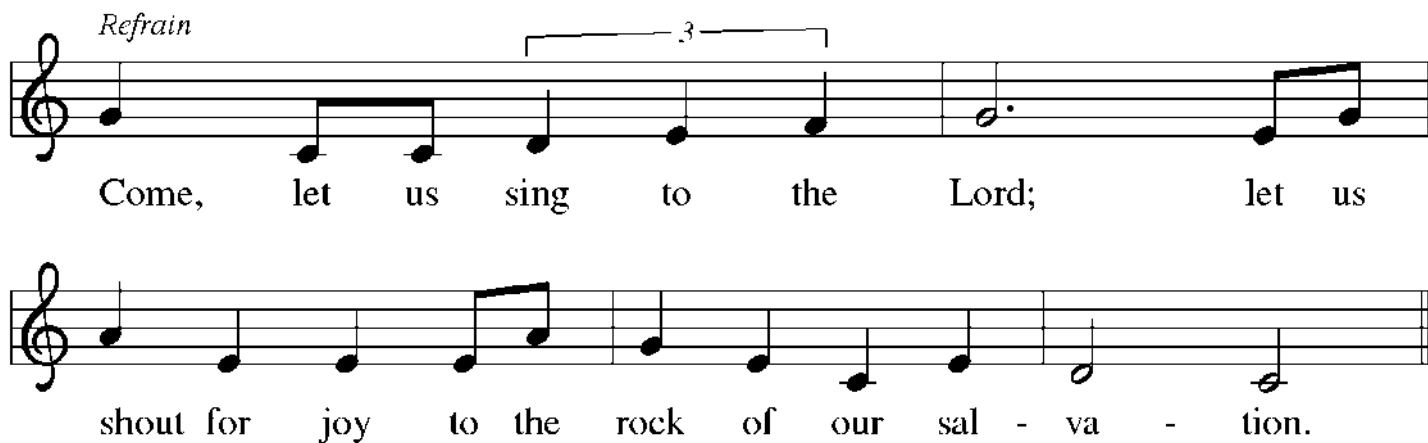
Give glory to God, our light and our life.



**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.*

## ***READING FROM DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2,6-9***

R: A reading from Deuteronomy the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

<sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning

people!” <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

R: Word of God, Word of Life!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## ***A READING FROM JAMES 1:17-27***

R: A reading from James the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they

will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

**P:** Word of God, Word of Life!

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.*

## ***THE GOSPEL MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23***

**A:** This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the seventh chapter.

**C:**



**Glo - ry to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Musical notation for the phrase "Praise to you, O Christ." The melody is written on a single staff in treble clef. It consists of eight measures. The first four measures are quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5. The fifth measure is a quarter note G4, followed by a triplet of quarter notes: A4, B4, C5. The sixth measure is a quarter note B4, and the seventh measure is a quarter note A4. The eighth measure is a half note G4. The lyrics "Praise to you, O Christ." are written below the staff, with "Praise to" under the first four notes, "you," under the fifth note, "O" under the sixth note, and "Christ." under the seventh and eighth notes. A fermata is placed over the final G4 note.

*Please be seated.*

# ***LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL***

***ELW 512***



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson

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## 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.*

## NICENE CREED

**P:** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith as expressed in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**C: We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

# ***MEDITATION & OFFERING***

*Michael Burkhardt*

*TERRA BEATA  
This Is My Father's World*

*Please stand.*

## ***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.



**C:**

A - men

# THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD ELW 824



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all  
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the  
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.  
morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their mak-er's praise.  
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the  
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.  
rus-tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.  
Lord is king, let heav-en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901

Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930, adapt.

## ***DISMISSAL***

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

C: Thanks be to God!

## ***POSTLUDE***

*Richard Proulx*

*Fanfare for Organ*

## *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>Nominee Family</i>	<i>SlideShow Creator:</i>	<i>Pastor Bailey</i>
<i>Lector:</i>	<i>Shelley Ross</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"

## *Weekly Announcements*

**\*\*Boxes are available in the main foyer area for the collection \*\*  
of school supplies. We are in need of the following item:**

### **NOTEBOOKS**

#### *Synod Assembly*

The Northwestern Ohio Synod will gather in Assembly on Friday, September 24, 6-8:30 p.m.. First Lutheran can send two delegates to this digital assembly. Individuals must have Zoom capabilities. If you would like to serve in this capacity please let Pastor Bailey know for registration information.

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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."