

Therefore,
since we are surrounded by
so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside
every weight, and...

run with endurance the race
that is set before us,
looking to Jesus
the founder and
perfecter of our faith.

Hebrews 12:1-2



First Lutheran Church

August 14, 2022

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Matthew H. Corl

Fanfare Psalm 33:1-3

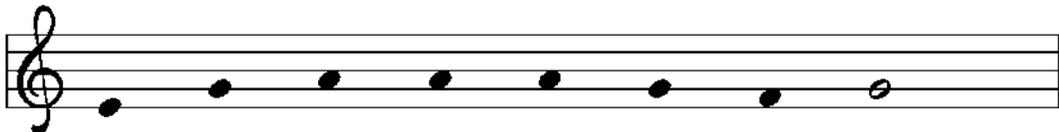
Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; praise is fitting for the upright.
Praise the LORD with the lyre;
make music for God with a ten-stringed harp.
Sing for the LORD a new song;
play your instrument skillfully with joyful sounds.

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.

THE CONFESSION

P: As a community of faith, we celebrate:

C: God is among us!

P: Together we are called:

C: To go out!

P: We are called:

C: To care for all!

P: We are called:

C: To proclaim the gospel!

P: We are called:

C: To forgive and reconcile!

P: We are called:

C: To trust God for all that we need!

P: As a people of faith, we have forgotten our calling. We have forgotten to care for our neighbor. We have failed to proclaim the gospel. We seek forgiveness, and we long to fully trust God for everything. Knowing our brokenness, we turn to God with a repentant heart.

A time of silence and reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone.

Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Hear the Good News! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love, as God loves you!

THE PSALMODY

Introduction



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

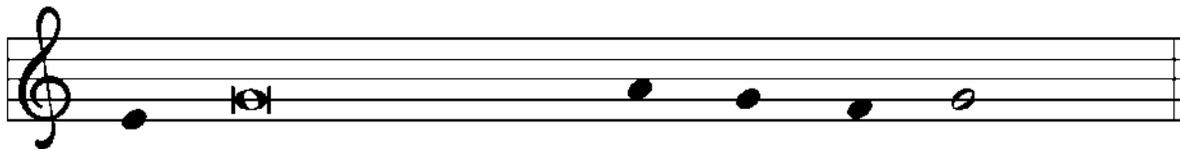
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Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us

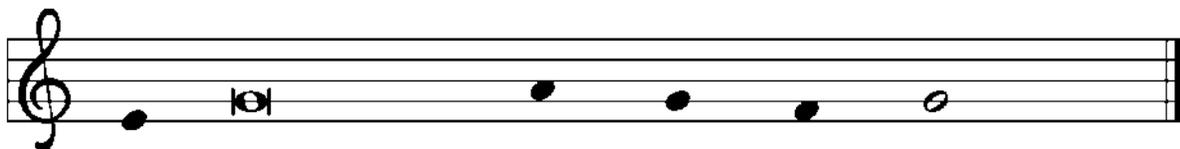
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shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

Final response:



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



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

THE GREETING

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

C: **And also with you!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM

George F. Handel

Sing with Songs of Joy

Char Pope, piano

A READING FROM JEREMIAH 23:23-29

R: Selected verses from Jeremiah the 23rd chapter.

²³Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat?

says the Lord. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

R: The Word of the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

A READING FROM HEBREWS 11:29—12:2

P: A reading from Hebrews the 11th chapter.

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Please be seated.

HOW CLEAR IS OUR VOCATION, LORD

ELW 580



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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SERMON

Bishop Beaudoin

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

Please stand.

BLESSED BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL *ELW 250*



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
2 With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3 My child, as proph - et of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness to serve God all our days.
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944, based on Luke 1:68-79

Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune

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Please be seated.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF AN ORDINATION

B: Pastor Bailey, this week you celebrate the 20th anniversary of your ordination. Together, we pause to give God thanks for your ministry as you reaffirm your ordination vows today.

B: Let us pray:

We give you thanks, almighty and gracious God, that you have fed us with heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son, uniting us through him in the communion of the Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of word and sacrament, especially for Clayton, and we pray that he may continue to exemplify the gospel in word and deed. Grant that we, with Clayton, may joyfully serve you all our days and finally rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

A READING FROM ST. JOHN 20:21-23

Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them, if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.

A READING FROM ST. MATTHEW 28:18-20

Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

B: Before almighty God, to whom you must give account, and in the presence of this assembly, I ask: Will you continue to assume this office, believing that the church's call is God's call to the ministry of word and sacrament?

P: I will, and I ask God to help me.

B: The church in which you have been ordained confesses that the holy scriptures are the word of God and are the norm of its faith and life. We accept, teach, and confess the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds.

We also acknowledge the Lutheran confessions as true witnesses and faithful expositions of the holy scriptures. Will you therefore continue to preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and these creeds and confessions?

P: I will, and I ask God to help me.

B: Will you continue to be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace? Will you continue to pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

P: I will, and I ask God to help me.

B: Will you continue to give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

P: I will, and I ask God to help me.

B: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

C: Amen.

THE ACCLAMATION OF THE ASSEMBLY

B: Will you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole church, continue to receive Pastor Bailey as a messenger of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard him as a servant of Christ?

C: **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

B: Will you pray for him, help and honor him for his work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

C: **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

B: Let it be acclaimed that Clayton Bailey is a called and ordained minister in the church of Christ. He has Christ's authority to preach the word of God and administer the sacraments, serving God's people as together we bear God's creative and redeeming love to all the world.

C: **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

B: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

For the holy catholic church, that, filled with your love, it may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness: God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

B: For all members of the church,
that they may serve you in true and godly lives: God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

B: For Clayton, called to be a pastor in the church, that, sustained by your Holy Spirit, he may carry out this ministry with joy and a spirit of bold trust, serve your people, build up your church, and glorify your name: God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

B: For all pastors; for all deacons and bishops, that, together with all those responsible for the care and nurture of your people, they may support one another in serving Christ: God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

B: For the peace of the church, that our divisions may be overcome, so that, united in Christ, we may serve the world and bear witness to the good news: God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

B: For the nations of the world and their leaders, that they may work for justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person:
God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

B: For the whole creation, that everything you have made may fulfill your purpose and that we may exercise care for your diverse gifts:
God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

B: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, the lonely, the forgotten, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected: God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

B: For the glorious company of all the saints, those who have died in faith and those who live in certain hope, we praise you. That their witness may give us courage until the day of Jesus Christ:
God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

B: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

MEDITATION & OFFERING

Matthew H. Corl

LARGO

Char Pope, piano; Curtis L. King, organ

Please stand.

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.

LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL!

ELW 805



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917

Music: LANCASHIRE. Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

THE SENDING

P: Go in peace! Love your neighbor!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Matthew H. Corl

Recessional on HYMN TO JOY

Today's Worship Leaders

*Cantor: Victor Welsch Facebook Camera: Wendy Bailey
Andrew Bailey*

Host: Shelley Ross SlideShow Creator: Pastor Bailey

Lector: Janet Zirger SlideShow Operator: John Bailey

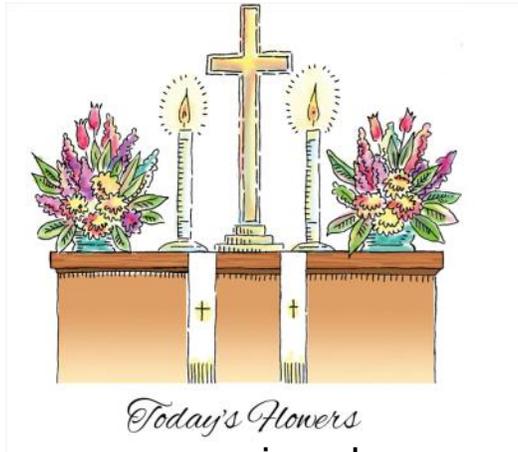
*Director of Music: Curtis L. King Today's Officiant: Bishop Beaudoin
Pastor C.J. Bailey*

Guest Pianist Char Pope

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!

A special **THANK You to Char Pope** for sharing her musical talent
as part of today's worship service.

Boxes for collecting school supplies for LWR
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