



For all who  
**exalt themselves**  
will be humbled,

Luke 14:11, NRSV

and those who  
**humble themselves**  
will be exalted.

*First Lutheran Church*

*August 28, 2022*

*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

# **PRELUDE**

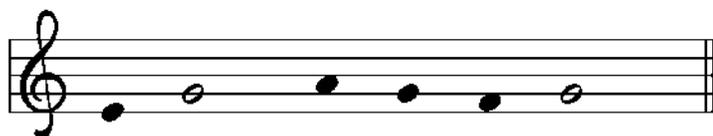
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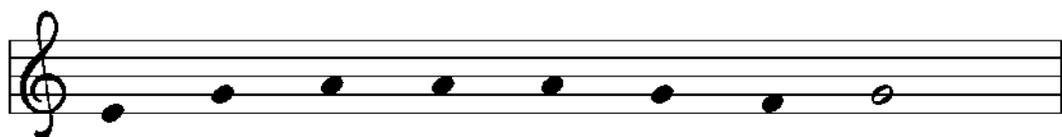
- I. Peal*
- II. Chant*
- III. Dance*

*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*

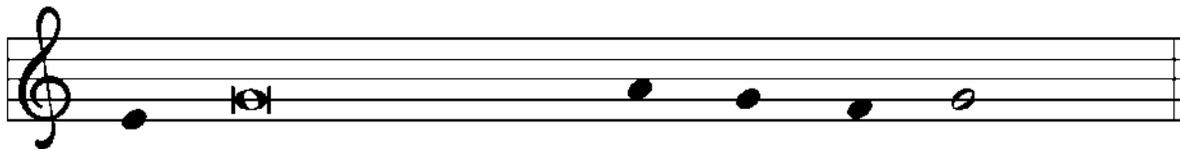
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Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us

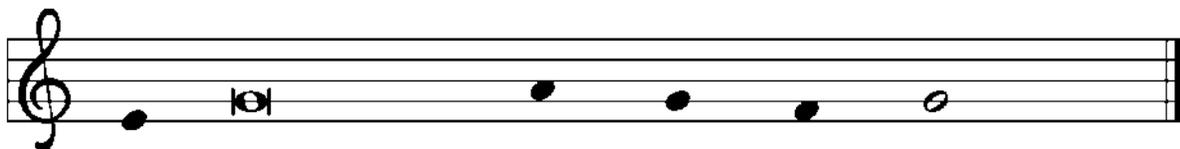
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shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

*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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## ***A READING FROM PROVERBS 26:6-7***

**R:** Selected verses from Proverbs the 26<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great;

<sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

**R:** The Word of the Lord!

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

## ***A READING FROM HEBREWS 13:1-8, 15-16***

**R:** A reading from Hebrews the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor

by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

R: Word of God, Word of Life!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.*

## ***THE GOSPEL LUKE 14:1, 7-14***

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C:   
Glo - ry to you, O Lord

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case

someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: A musical staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). A triplet of notes (G4, A4, Bb4) is indicated by a bracket and the number '3' above it. The lyrics 'Praise to you, O Christ.' are written below the staff, with 'Praise to' under the first four notes, 'you,' under the triplet, and 'O Christ.' under the final three notes.

*Please be seated.*

# WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL

## ELW 359



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760-1842

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## TEMPLE TALK

Challie Briehl

# 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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# *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***

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*Partita on GATHER US IN*

*IV. Meditation*

*V. Scherzo in  $\frac{7}{8}$*

*Please stand.*

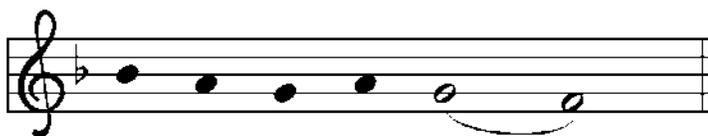
## ***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***

### ***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.



A - men

Please stand.

# LET US GO NOW TO THE BANQUET

*Repeat Refrain*



Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



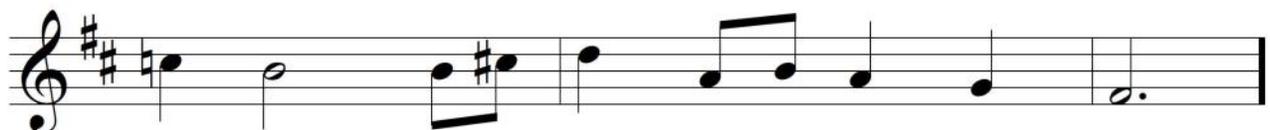
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -

2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the

3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



u - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm  
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be  
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -



walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.  
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.  
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

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Music: Guillermo Cuellar, b. 1955

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VAMOS TODOS AL BANQUETE  
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# ***THE SENDING***

**P:** Go in peace! Love your neighbor!

**C:** Thanks be to God!

# ***POSTLUDE***

*Charles Lenz*

*Partita on GATHER US IN  
VI. Finale*

## *Today's Worship Leaders*

<i>Cantor:</i>	<i>Victor Welsch</i>	<i>Facebook Camera: Wendy Bailey</i>
<i>Host:</i>	<i>Linda Ellinger</i>	<i>SlideShow Creator: Pastor Bailey</i>
<i>Lector:</i>	<i>Linda Ellinger</i>	<i>SlideShow Operator: Andrew Bailey</i>
<i>Director of Music:</i>	<i>Curtis L. King</i>	<i>Today's Officiant: Pastor C.J. 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!

Many THANKS to Challie for sharing information this morning about the  
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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.”

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