

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

... carry the
CROSS
and follow me ...

Luke 14:27, NRSV

13th Sunday after Pentecost
SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

PRELUDE

Donald Busarow

*Processional on CRUCIFER
Lift High the Cross*

Please stand.

GATHERING LITANY

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

A time for silence and reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: We confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.

Amen.

CELEBRATING FORGIVENESS

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.

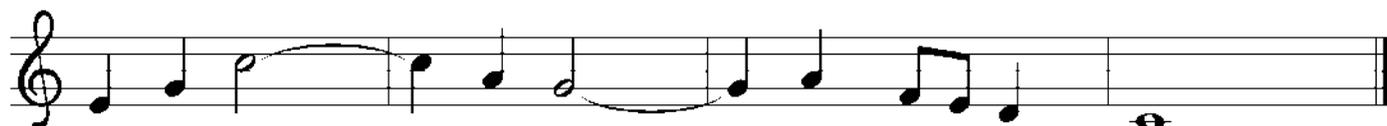
You are free to love, as God loves you!

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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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. Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

A READING FROM DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

R: A reading from Deuteronomy the 30th chapter.

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore

to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

R: The Word of the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

READING PHILEMON 1-21

R: A reading from Philemon the 1st chapter.

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister,
to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my
God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith
toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may
become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do
for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement
from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been
refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command
you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of
love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a
prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child,
Onesimus, whose father I have become during my
imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is
indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my
own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he
might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for
the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in
order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something

forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

R: The Word of the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 14:25-33

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 14th chapter.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff contains the melody for the next two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!'. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

*The cantor will sing the verse.
We respond by singing the Acclamation a second time.*

C:  **Glo - ry to you, O Lord.**

P: ²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C:  **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor C.J. Bailey

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

ELW 798



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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THE CREED

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith as expressed
In the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**C: 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 to 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

We respond to each prayer petition:

P: Merciful God.

C: Receive our prayer.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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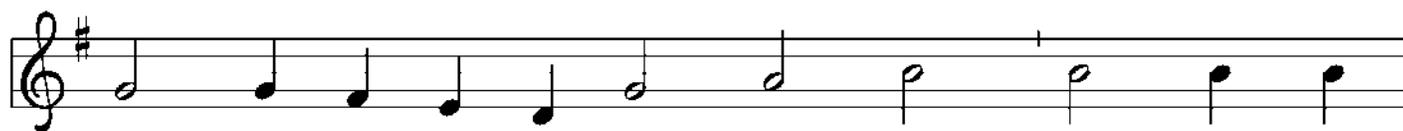
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The Summons

Will You Come and Follow Me

Please stand.

THE DOXOLOGY ***ELW #884***



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all



crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH. Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

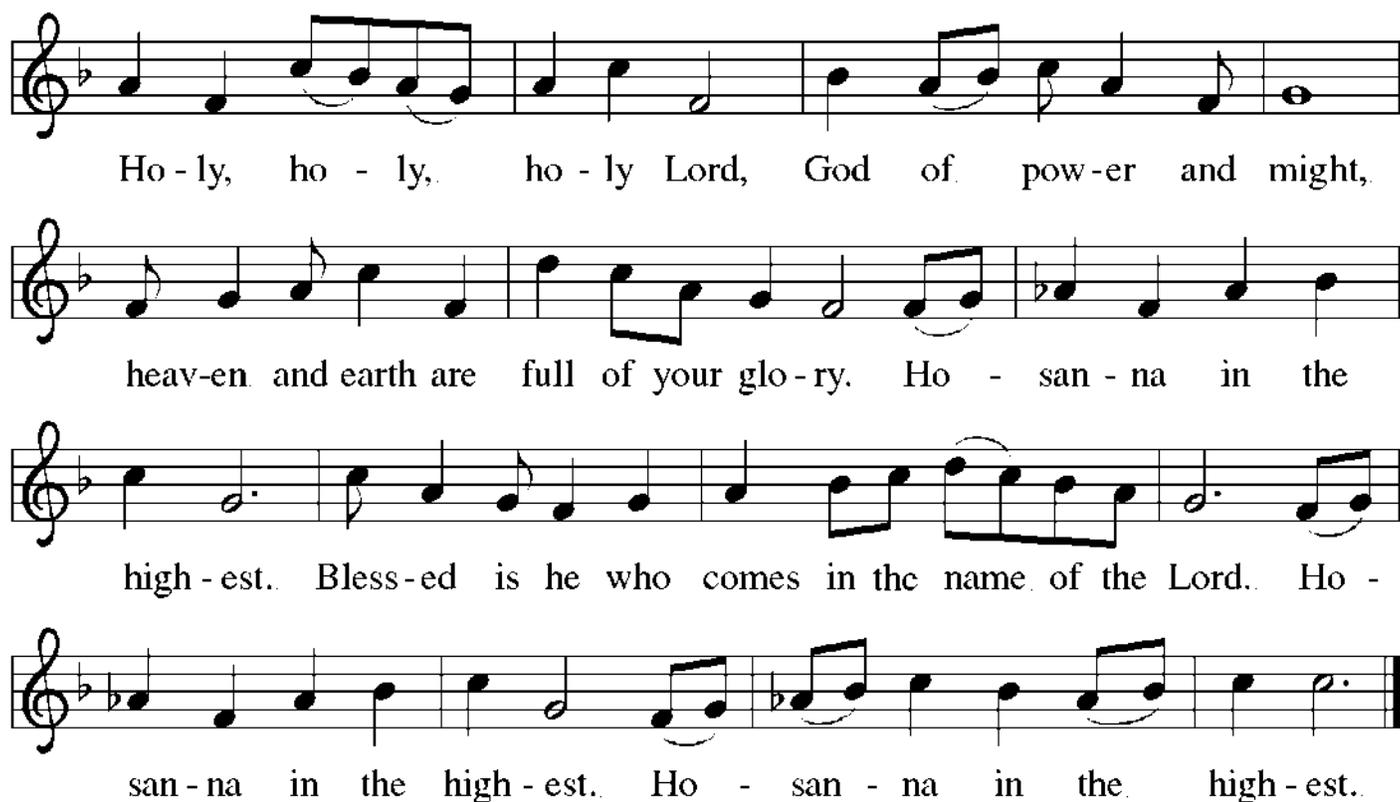
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

THE PROPER PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In your mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have the gift of eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in this Holy Supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.**

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet!

*At this time, we share in taking the bread and wine
as we feast on the body and blood of Christ.*

TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged
our wounds and fed us with your mercy Now send us forward to
live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know
your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God of peace, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort

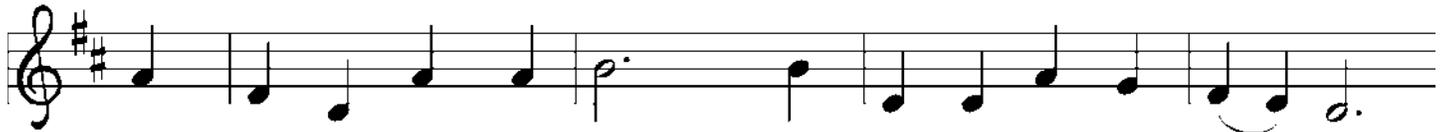
C:  A - men, A - men. A - men, A - men.

The musical notation is a single staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, followed by a double bar line. The second phrase consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, followed by a double bar line. The third phrase consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, followed by a double bar line. The fourth phrase consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, followed by a double bar line.

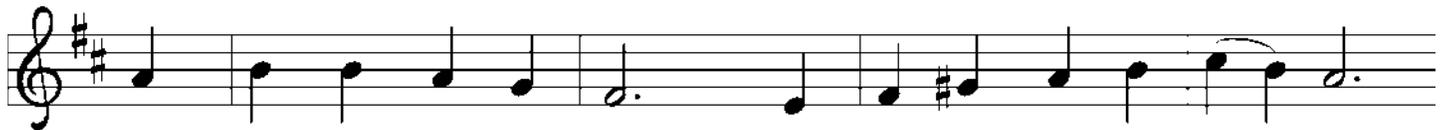
Please stand.

O God, My Faithful God

ELW 806



1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
 3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;
 4 When dan-gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth-ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
 what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—
 guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;
 help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer-less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
 to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless
 but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,
 help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
 what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
 then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.
 and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT, Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace! Love your neighbor!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Raymond Haan

Trumpet Tune in C
WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT
O GOD, MY FAITHFUL GOD

Today's Worship Leaders

Cantor:	Victor Welsch	Facebook Camera: Wendy Bailey
Lector:	Philip Scherr	Slide Show Creator: Pastor Bailey
Host:	Janet Zirger	Slide Show Operator: Andrew Bailey
Director of Music:	Curtis L. King	Worship Leader Pastor C.J. Bailey

Many thanks to our faithful volunteers who help bring Sunday Worship Services to you on WTTF, Facebook Live and in person.

We are not able to offer all of these opportunities without the help of many people.

May your generosity in volunteering time and talents come back to you in an abundance of blessings.

HEALING SERVICE

This Wednesday all are welcome to a Service of Healing. In our worship together, time will be shared for reading of scripture, song, the laying on of hands and communion. All are welcome as we give thanks together.

Announcements

Thanks to the generosity of many people, we have been able to gather all of the supplies needed to fill 50 school kits for LWR.

Please note that there is a collection spot for items you may wish to donate to the Transformation Life Center (TLC). They are in need of items to be used by the women and children served by the TLC. In particular, they could use: body wash, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, shampoo & conditioner, baby wipes, toothpaste, toothbrushes and hand soap.

Gas cards and/or SCAT passes.

This morning Pastor Bailey will be participating in a joint Baptism for Jamie Porter at First Presbyterian. In order to arrive on time, Pastor will be leaving following worship and will be unable to greet you as usual at the conclusion of worship.

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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."*