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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.*

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

*The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.*

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

***EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING FOUR, PAGES 147-155***

**\*GATHERING**

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

PRELUDE

*Dance of the Blessed Spirits*

Gluck

**\*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

God our Father, our Creator,  
who made the heavens and earth  
**We are your children,**  
**and we are in awe of all you have made.**  
Christ the Son, our Redeemer and Savior,  
You lived and died for us all  
**You live again,**  
**and have prepared the way for us.**  
Holy Spirit, the Sustainer,  
You move in us and among us  
**We follow your wisdom**  
**and feel your presence.**  
Holy God, Triune, Three-in-one,  
help us to know you more fully.  
**Guide us in this time of worship. Amen**

—by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell

## \*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism... Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.  
**Amen**

## \*GATHERING HYMN

*Just As I Am, without One Plea*

ELW 592

## \*GREETING

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

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

## WORD

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*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 28:5-9

*Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jeremiah 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

Psalm 89:1-4. 15-18

*Prayed responsively by the leader and congregation.*

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;  
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

**I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;  
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to my servant David:

**'I will establish your descendants forever,  
and build your throne for all generations.'**"

Happy are the people who know the festal shout,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance;  
they exult in your name all day long, and extol your righteousness.

**For you are the glory of their strength;  
by your favor our horn is exalted.**

For our shield belongs to the Lord,  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

### SECOND READING

Romans 6:12-23

*Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*GOSPEL

Matthew 10:40-42

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

\*CREED

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ, living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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,**

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

**He will come again 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 INTERCESSION

Rejoicing in the good news of God come near, let us pray for the Church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

For those who endure suffering and hardship for the sake of the gospel, that they be strengthened for their courageous witness. Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the marvel of all living things that inhabit our planet, that we will preserve and protect the common life we share with all creation. Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the nations of the world, that despite differences of color, creed, and custom, we live in peace; and for wisdom for all world leaders. Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For those who struggle with sickness, doubt, despair, and the search for meaning, especially... that they bring their questions and find their answers in you. Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

*Additional prayers may be offered here in speech and silence.*

For all who long for Christian community, and for the people in this congregation who with their hospitality and caring provide it. Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

With thanksgiving for the saints who have kept the faith and now rest in you, especially..., and for courage to run the race set before us. Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

We lift our prayers to you, God of mercy, confident that all things are in your hands. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**

## \*PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

## MEAL

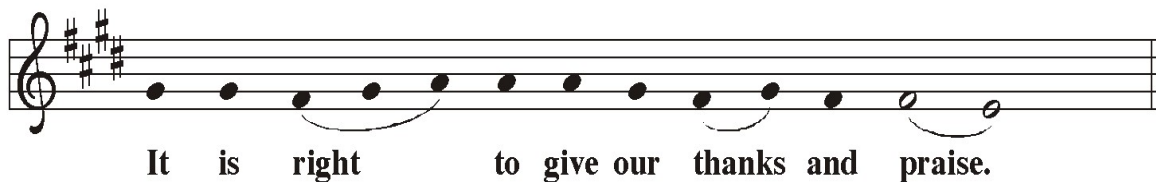
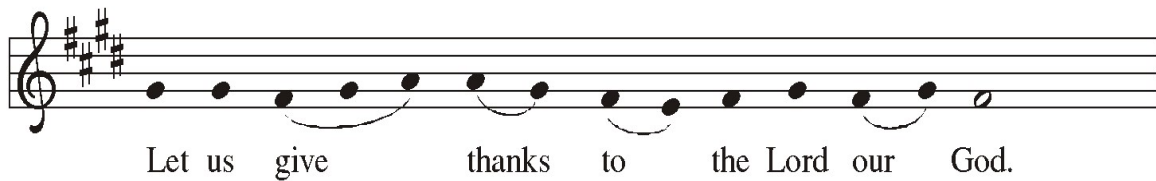
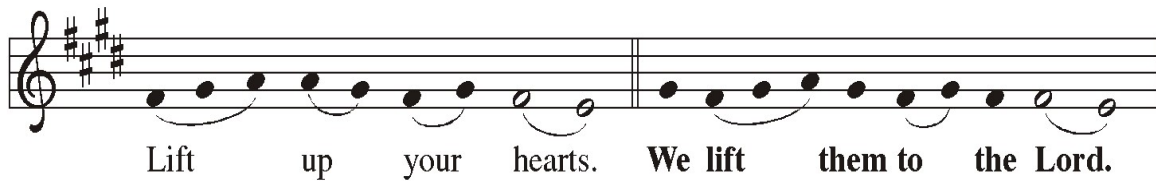
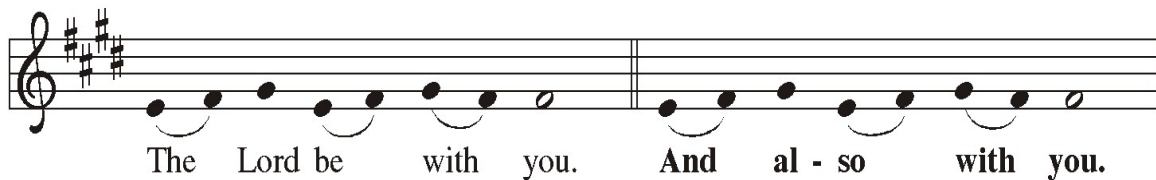
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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

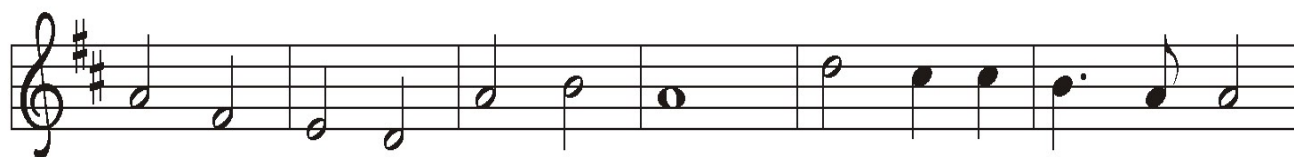
### \*DIALOGUE



### \*PREFACE FOR SUNDAYS

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:

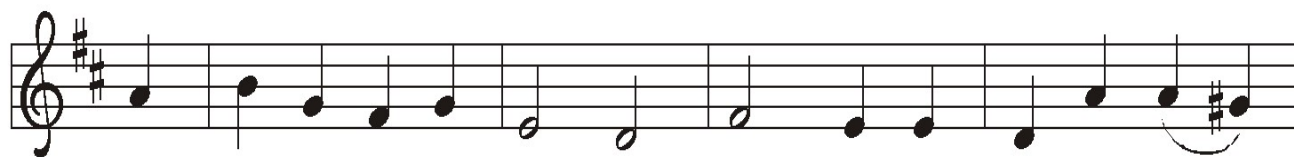
## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



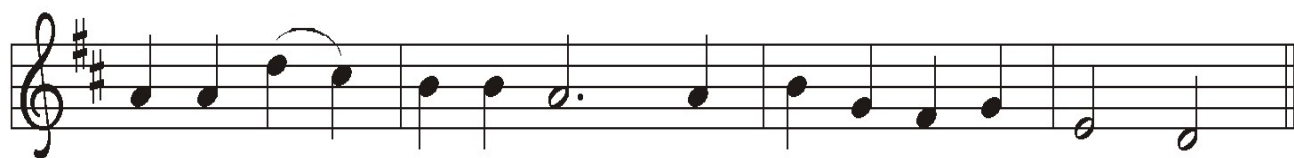
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n 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.

## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:  
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.  
You have filled all creation with light and life;  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:  
the promise to Israel,  
the rescue from Egypt,  
the gift of the promised land,  
the words of the prophets;  
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,  
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed  
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.



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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup  
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.  
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,  
we await his coming in power  
to share with us the great and promised feast.  
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share in Christ's body and blood  
may live to the praise of your glory  
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.  
**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants  
of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest  
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever. Amen**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
**Our Lord's body let us take together.**

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*Anthem*

arr. Hassell

**\*BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Almighty God, we give you thanks that you have fed us with this heavenly food. In your grace and by your Spirit, help us to be what we celebrate, the body of Christ in the world. Send us out, renewed by this sacramental meal, to do the work you have given us to do: to witness for Christ, to love you with singleness of heart, and to serve you with clarity of purpose; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

## SENDING

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## \*BENEDICTION

The blessing of the living God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. **Amen**

## \*SENDING HYMN

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

ELW 888

## \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace and joy. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Dance*

Brahms

## SERVING IN THE LITURGY

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PREACHING AND PRESIDING MINISTER

Dennis Lauritsen, pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

Tom Myers

MUSIC MINISTER

David Richards

SERVICE LEADER

John Broussard

LECTOR

Charles Matthies

GREETER

Ann Kmet

USHER

George Valek

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTAN

Fred Kuzel and John and Janet Broussard

## **Outdoor Worship this Summer and Autumn**

July 23<sup>rd</sup> with Ice Cream Social  
September 10<sup>th</sup> with Potluck Meal  
and October 1<sup>st</sup> with Blessing of Animals  
in Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi,  
renewer of the church, died 1226

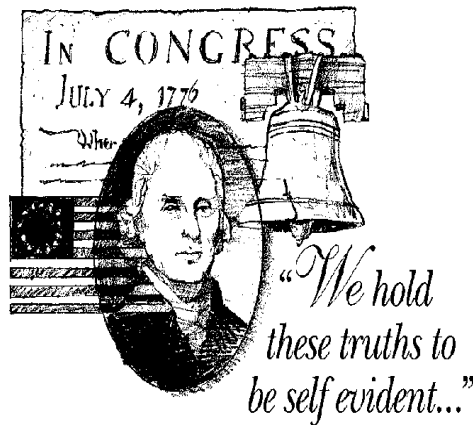
## IN THE PRAYERS...

**Members of the Congregation:** Anne Gavac, Helen Gaydusek, Karole Gaydusek, Elaine Haase, Anita Horak, Luddy Kovalsky, Dolores Krc, Rev. James Kuemmerle, Mildred Mendel, Lois Mika, George Pagurko, Mildred Riban, Mary Sasuta and Mary Sordel.

**Friends and Relatives of the Congregation:** Dwight Richard Anderson, Rev. Chris Anderson, Wally Bisping, Ellen Bailey, James and Lori Broussard, Dan and Mary Costello, Eric Dennison, Barbara Dykes, Denise Fricano, Bill Holmes, Ron Kelly, Nicole Kisiel, Lenyce Lawrenson, Delores Linden, Darlene Loughlin, Michele Mason, Donald Neal, Julie Patron, Pat Pileggi, Gail Purcell, Beth Sheldon, Stevie Singer, Sandy Rossella, Elaine Sorich, Peter Spilotro, Kathy Stenson, Gertrude Tarbox, Janie Tarbox, Tom Thoreson, Stevie Singer, Joan Watkiss and Mike Yavorski.

\*Please let us know when people may be removed from the prayer list, and we will offer a prayer of thanksgiving for their healing!\*

**Hitzeman Funeral Home** is assisting the Lions Clubs International in collecting usable eyeglasses for their “Recycle For Sight” program. If you have old glasses and/or cases at home that will no longer be needed, please bring them to church and place them in the green box located on the brochure table in the hallway off the dining hall. Thank you.



### Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

<i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2023:</i>	\$2,527.00
<i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i>	\$1,707.00
<i>Shortage:</i>	\$ 820.00



## **The New Colossus**

*by Emma Lazarus, 1883*

*Lazarus' ancestors were among the first Jewish emigrants  
to the United States from Portugal,  
arriving long before the American Revolution.*

“Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame  
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;  
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand  
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame  
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name  
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand  
Glow world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command  
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame,  
‘Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!’ cries she  
With silent lips. ‘Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!’”

## *All Creation Sings—*

A recently released hymnal supplement to *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters at Sts. Peter and Paul,

Back in the fall of 2020, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America released *All Creation Sings (ACS)*, a hymnal supplement that goes hand in hand with *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)* to support the church's mission of worship in Word and Sacraments that leads to service and justice in the world. *ACS* invites us to expand our song and prayer with timely attention to the health of our planetary home and the human community within it. Included are 200 hymns and songs, more than 30 of them multilingual and many being new since *ELW* was released.

We have been downloading and including hymns from *ACS* in our worship bulletins as needed over the past several months; however, the formatting of the included hymns is difficult to read for many of our members. The Worship and Music Committee has recommended we purchase pew editions of *ACS* to use in our services in conjunction with *ELW*.

You are invited to prayerfully contemplate and donate towards the cost of obtaining these pew editions. See the attached form for more details. Should you wish your donation(s) to commemorate a special event or to be given in memory of a departed loved one or loved ones, please indicate this on the form. Bookplates will be placed in each copy for each donation received.

I pray that God's Holy Spirit guide you as you consider this commitment.

In Christ,

*Charles Matthies*

*Chairperson, Sts. Peter and Paul Worship and Music Committee*

*(Please complete the form on the reverse side and return as indicated.)*

# Donate a Hymnal!

You can contribute a copy or copies of *All Creation Sings* for just \$15.00 each. Please provide the information requested below, attach a check, and either drop it in the offering plate or send it to the church office.

If you are donating more than one hymnal, please use a separate form for each donation. Extra forms are available at the back of church, in the weekly bulletins, or the church office.

Thank you!

Please complete the information below as you would like it to appear on the nameplate in the hymnal.

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