



**June 9, 2024**

**3rd Sunday After Pentecost  
Service of Holy Communion**

Today we step slightly aside from the normal rhythm of the church calendar to celebrate the gift of music in the church. A great tradition in the Lutheran Church is music. Martin Luther, whose brilliance and passion helped give birth to the Lutheran reformation, loved music and opened the way for the church to be a community of song. He once claimed: "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world." Today we give thanks for the gift of song and for all our musicians of St. Andrew Church who inspire us with their gifts and lead our congregational song.

## **+GATHERING+**

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

### **WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**      *Medley: Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom, Touch the Earth Lightly, and Look at the World*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

The assembly stands. *All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,  
**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.  
We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.  
We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.  
We take offense at your teachings and your ways.  
Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?  
Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.  
Amen.**

Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.  
Through Jesus, † the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** *A brief Hymn Sing of favorite songs.*

**\*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.

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into  
victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all  
evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

**+WORD+**

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

## CHILDREN'S BIBLE STORY TIME

*Children may leave worship with the teachers for Bible Story Time. They will return during the Hymn of the Day.*

### FIRST READING                      2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

*Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.*

A reading from Second Corinthians.

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****ELW p. 124***We all sing*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The ruler of this world will be driven out.\* And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself. Repeat Alleluia

**GOSPEL Mark 3:20-35**

*In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.*

The holy gospel according to Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus went home;]<sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat.<sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind."<sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons."<sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan?<sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot

stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." <sup>33</sup>And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **HYMN SING "SONGS OF CREATION"**

***Look at the World***      Words and music by J. Rutter (choir)

Look at the world, everything all around us;  
 Look at the world, and marvel every day.  
 Look at the world: so many joys and wonders,  
 So many miracles along our way.

*Refrain: Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation,  
 Give us thankful hearts that we may see:  
 All the gifts we share, and every blessing,  
 All things come of thee.*

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower;  
 Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;

Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,  
Valley and flowing rivers, field and plain: *Refrain*.

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer  
Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.  
Everything grows, everything has a season,  
Till it is gathered to the Father's fold: *Refrain*.

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish  
Comes from the Lord in token of his love;  
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty:  
His is the earth, and his the heaven above: *Refrain*.

**All Creatures, Worship God Most High    ELW 835** vss. 1-3,6

- 1 All creatures, worship God most high!  
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;  
sing, sister moon and stars of night:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain  
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Dear sister water, useful, clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong,  
drive far the shadows, join the throng: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Dear mother earth, so rich in care,  
praise God in colors bright and rare:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,

and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## **Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom      ACS 1064**

- 1 Earth is full of wit and wisdom,  
sounding God's delighted laugh,  
from the tiny roly-poly  
to the treetop-tall giraffe.  
All creation sings in wonder;  
even rocks and trees rejoice  
as they join the ringing chorus:  
echoes of our Maker's voice.
- 2 Earth is full of wit and wisdom,  
woven into harmony.  
Ev'ry creature has a purpose,  
ev'ry flow'r and bumblebee.  
Spider, human, redwood, gecko,  
monkey, chicken, mouse, and snake  
live within a single fabric:  
cloth that only God could make.
- 3 Earth is full of wit and wisdom:  
penguin, platypus, and snail,  
cactus, sea slug, oak, and algae,  
from the microbe to the whale.  
In this great and strange creation,  
with a breath God gives us birth:  
born of soil to live as stewards,  
called to love and serve the earth.



**Touch the Earth Lightly ELW 739**

- 1 Touch the earth lightly,  
use the earth gently,  
nourish the life of the world in our care:  
gift of great wonder,  
ours to surrender,  
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.
  
- 2 We who endanger,  
who create hunger,  
agents of death for all creatures that live,  
we who would foster  
clouds of disaster—  
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!
  
- 3 Let there be greening,  
birth from the burning,  
water that blesses, and air that is sweet,  
health in God's garden,  
hope in God's children,  
regeneration that peace will complete.
  
- 4 God of all living,  
God of all loving,  
God of the seedling, the snow, and the sun,  
teach us, deflect us,  
Christ reconnect us,  
using us gently, and making us one.

**Choir - Roll Down Justice**      Mark Miller

There's a voice, strong and clear, ringing out far and near,  
 "Let justice roll down, let justice roll down!"  
 Like the rush of a stream, comes a powerful dream,  
 let justice roll down, justice rolls down!  
 Let the earth be restored, every soul be reformed;  
 let the healing renew, creation reborn.  
 Here in this sacred space with the strength of God's grace,  
 let justice roll down, justice rolls down!

*Refrain - Roll down! Roll down, justice!  
 Roll like an ever flowing stream.*

Let your heart soar, open the doors wide,  
 let your mind be transformed, let it be opened by love.  
 On this glorious day give us courage, we pray,  
 that justice rolls down, let justice roll down.  
 Let the visions take flight and God will delight  
 as the waters flow down, justice abounds! *Refrain.*

***We all sing:***

**Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace.  
 Streams of justice, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
 Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above,  
 Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mound of God's unchanging love!**  
*Choir refrain.*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**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 INTERCESSION

**A** We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

*A brief silence.*

**A** You reawaken our hearts to your mercy. We give you thanks for renewers of the church in every age. Enliven the creativity and persistence of all seeking to transform the church into a closer vision of your beloved community.  
 Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

**A** Your presence is revealed in the shade of trees, the growth of seeds into flowers, and in the blessing of plants granting food in their right season. Heal lands scarred by deforestation, pollution, or infestation. Teach us to cultivate the earth with respect and reverence.  
 Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

**A** Our nations and communities are divided, O God. Teach us again to listen with curiosity and mercy, even in disagreement. Grant us the humility to acknowledge our hardness of heart and make us bold in modeling cooperation for the sake of the common good.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

**A** Hear the prayers of all who cry out to you from the depths of fear, despair, or hopelessness, especially Freda, Lori, Nancy, Charlie, Patricia, Lee, Denise, Larry, Bob, Joan, Ann, Pamela, Bill, Donna, Marge, Vincent, Callum, Paul, Charles, Steven, Tracey, Johanna, Carole, John, Todd, Anna, Roy, and all those in nursing homes and the homebound, including Nancy Denehy, and those we name before you, on our lips or in the silence of our hearts. With haste, rescue victims of trafficking, exploitation, and abuse, and bless organizations and individuals who work on their behalf.

(Pause for silence)

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

**A** Grant wisdom and clarity to all who are in seasons of discernment and transition: high school graduates preparing for first jobs or new educational journeys, those who are shifting careers, and those who are navigating changes in their relationships. Accompany them with your peace.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

**A** Guide and nurture our Lutheran congregations in Bristol and Plainville as we continue charting and discovering pathways of joining together in proclaiming your Good News and building a servant community of healing, hope and new life. Open our hearts and minds to visions of your church for a new day.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

**A** Praise to you for our ancestors in faith who believed, spoke, and lived in you. Give us confidence that as Jesus was raised, so we too will be raised, with all the saints, into your everlasting presence.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

**A** Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### **SHARE THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **+MEAL+**

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

**OFFERING** *An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN God Extends An Invitation ELW 486**

**God Extends an Invitation**  
*Nuestro Padre nos invita*



*Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la*  
God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -



*vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -*  
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we



*so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -*  
gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the



*sí es la co - mu - nión; pues a - sí es la co - mu - nión.*  
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

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**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray:

Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,

and called us to the feast of plenty.  
 Gather what has been sown among us,  
 and strengthen us in this meal.  
 Make us to be what we receive here,  
 your body for the life of the world.

**Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

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****ELW p. 130**

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.

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
 who preached good news to the poor,  
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Fa - ther, — who art in heav - en, — hal - low - ed  
 be thy name; — thy king - dom come; — thy will be  
 done — on earth as it is in heav - en.  
 Give us this day — our dai - ly bread; — and for -  
 give - us our tres - pass - es — as we for - give those —  
 who tres - pass a - gainst us; — and lead us — not in - to temp -  
 ta - tion. — but de - liv - er us from e - vil. —  
 For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the  
 glo - ry — are yours, for - ev - er and ev - er. —  
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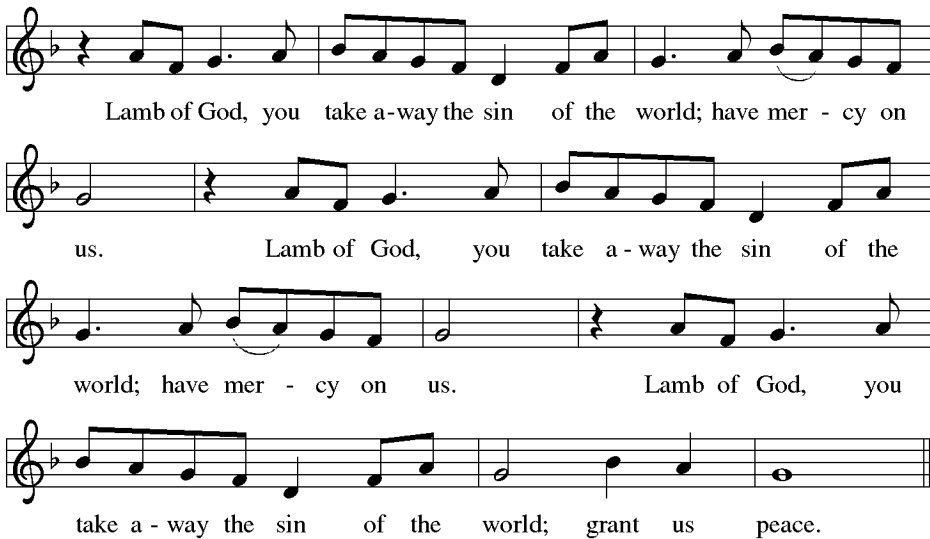
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*You are invited to come forward to the front of the nave to receive the Meal. The bread will be distributed by the Presiding Minister. Gluten free wafers are available. Please ask. The wine, served in small glasses, can be received on either side of the front. Also in each tray you will find glasses containing white grape juice as an alternative to the wine. Return to your seats via the side aisles, placing your empty glasses in the baskets provided along the way. In returning to your seats, pause to pray and give thanks for the life-giving graces you have received in this holy meal offered us by the crucified-risen Jesus.*

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come! The feast is ready!

## COMMUNION

### COMMUNION HYMN *Lamb of God ELW p. 135*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

**BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

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

**Amen**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray:

Jesus, Bread of life,

we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal,

now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

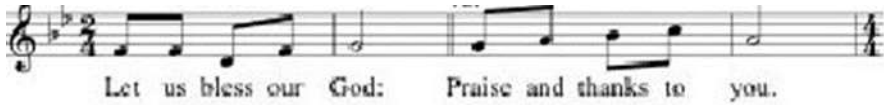
**+SENDING+**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING**

LEADER



Let us bless our God: Praise and thanks to you.

ALL



May God, Cre - a - tor, bless us and keep us, may  
Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the Spir - it of Love be our  
guide and path for all of our days. *All* A - men.

Amen.

**SENDING HYMN Beautiful Savior ELW 838**

- 1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;

Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. You are the body of Christ!  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

## **WORSHIP LEADERS for Sunday, June 9, 2024**

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Gwynne Hopko, Deacon, Minister of Music

**Assistant Minister:** Arlene Creswell

**Lector:** Jen Alling

**Instrumentalists** - Michael Beaudoin, Emily and Matthew Girard, Britt Lynch

**Tech Team:** Abigail Griffin, Ken Griffin, Noah Galvin, Connor Pratt

**Ushers:** Keith Hintz, Amanda Hintz, Michael Beaudoin

**Altar Guild:** Denise Martin

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## **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

### **Tuesday, June 11, 2024**

5:00 p.m. Choir picnic

### **Wednesday, June 12, 2024**

6:30 p.m. Summer Bells

6:30 p.m. New Church Steering Committee at Grace Lutheran Church

### **Thursday, June 13, 2024**

7:00 p.m. AA (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. Al Anon (Youth Room)

### **Sunday, June 16, 2024;** 4th Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary, You Tube, Facebook)

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

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