



*Ebenezer*  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Service of Worship

July 24, 2022 | 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

*Welcome  
to Ebenezer!*

## + GATHERING +

*Our worship is "liturgical" - a fancy word meaning that worship is the work we do together. We sit, stand, kneel, sing and respond—all to add our movements and voices to the thankful chorus of the whole Church.*

*Restrooms are found in the reception area. Exit sanctuary by the double doors by pulpit and follow portico to the double doors on your left.*

*Devices for the hearing impaired are located on designated pews. For assistance, please see an usher.*

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful God,

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.**

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.

**Amen.**

*We stand and face the processional cross.*

**Hymn: ELW 688 Lord of Light**

**ABBOT'S LEIGH**

### 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.**

## Kyrie (ELW p. 120)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen, amen.**

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

*We sit.*

### **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Children's Message (10:30 a.m.)**

**First Reading:** Genesis 18: 20–32

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup>I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." <sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

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

**Second Reading:** Colossians 2: 6–15 [16–19]

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [<sup>16</sup>Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup>These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

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

## **+ Word +**

*From our Old and New  
Testament readings, we  
hear words of promise and  
fulfillment.*

*We stand.*

## Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you O Lord.**

### Gospel: Luke 11: 1-13

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”<sup>2</sup>He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. **Your kingdom come.** <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. **And do not bring us to the time of trial.**” <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup>“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Christ.**

*We sit.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Paul Aebischer

*We stand.*

**Hymn: ELW 759 My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

**OLIVET**

*In our hearing of the  
Gospel, God is  
announcing Good  
News in our midst.*

## 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.

*We kneel or stand as able.*

## Prayers of the People

*After the assisting minister introduces the prayers, we stand or kneel as able for the petitions and respond with the chorus below.*

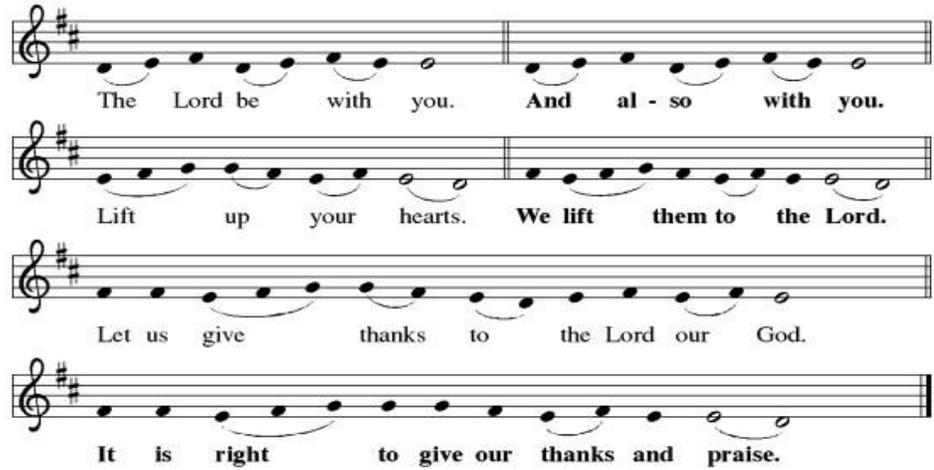
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers. **Amen.***

## Anthem (10:30)

*Until we resume passing  
the offering plate, we  
invite you to use this  
time to reflect on how  
you've experienced and  
shared God's generosity.  
Our offering plates are  
located at each entrance.*

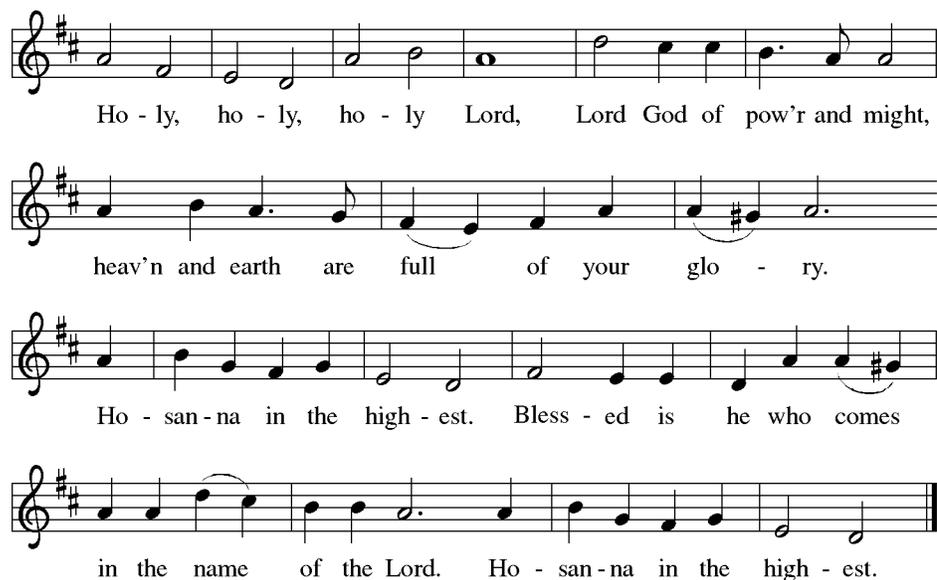
## Great Thanksgiving Communion(8:30 spoken, 10:30 chant)



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

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.

## Words of Institution

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - low - ed be your  
 name, your king - dom come, your will be done on  
 earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our  
 dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as  
 we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.  
 Save us from the time of trial and de -  
 liv - er us from e - vil, for the king - dom, the pow'r and the  
 glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er.

## + Meal+

### *What is Holy Communion?*

*In the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we are joined to Christ and his disciples at the Last Supper. In this meal, we receive forgiveness, reconciliation, and the promise of eternal life.*

### *How we Commune*

*Please come down the center aisle at the usher's invitation. You may commune (standing) at the station beside the baptismal font or (kneeling) at the altar. In either case, please pick up an empty cup from the tray at the head of the aisle. You will receive the bread first, and then your cup will be filled from the pouring chalice. Bowls are available on either side of the sanctuary for empty cups. Please return to your pew by the side aisle.*

## Invitation to Communion

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.  
 Come to the banquet.  
 Thanks be to God.

*We sit*

*Please wait for the Usher's invitation to come forward to receive communion via the center aisle. We will commune one side of the church at a time. After receiving communion, please return to your seat via the side aisle.*

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, grant us peace.

**Songs for Communion:**

*Hymn ELW 742 What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

*Hymn ELW 744 Lord, Be Glorified*

*When all have returned to their places, we stand or kneel.*

**Communion Blessing**

**Prayer after Communion**

Life-giving God,  
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds  
and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others,  
both friend and stranger,  
that all may come to know your love.

This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

**Blessing**

**Hymn: ELW 874 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! (vs. 1-4)**

**VINEYARD HAVEN**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace.

Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

**+ Sending +**

*Our worship service  
ends and our service in  
the world begins. We  
go forth to gladly tell  
what we have seen and  
heard!*



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# Lord of Light

1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and  
 2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -  
 3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may  
 4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent

suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom  
 ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance  
 low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,  
 day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing

as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -  
 of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -  
 with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions  
 peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that

fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.  
 ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:  
 from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:  
 pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

*Refrain*

Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

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# My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's  
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



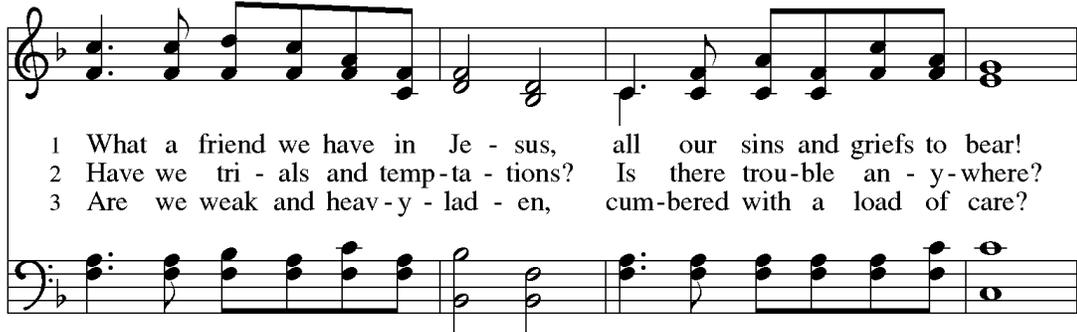
guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!



Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

# What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?  
3 Are we weak and heav-y - lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?  
Do your friends de-spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

# Lord, Be Glorified

1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;  
2 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;  
3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;  
4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;

The first system of music consists of a vocal line in treble clef and a bass line in bass clef. Both are in the key of D major (two sharps). The vocal line begins with a half note chord (D4, F#4) and continues with a melody of quarter and eighth notes. The bass line provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

in my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.  
in our song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.  
in your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.  
in your world, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.

The second system of music continues the vocal and bass lines from the first system. The vocal line concludes with a half note chord (D4, F#4) and a final whole note chord (D4, F#4). The bass line also concludes with a half note chord (D4, F#4) and a final whole note chord (D4, F#4).

Text: Bob Kilpatrick, b. 1952

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## Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



- 1 Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing; your
- 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise, send
- 3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth pour
- 4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray, as



fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.  
forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.  
out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

### *Refrain*



Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!

- 5 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*
- 6 Praise God who reigns on high,  
the Lord whom we adore:  
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

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