EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 31, 2022



Prelude *Variations to the Sicilian Hymn* (a.k.a. SICILIAN MARINERS, ELW 545) Benjamin Carr (1768–1831)

Introit Psalm 28: 8, 9, 2

You, O Lord, are the strength of your people, a safe refuge for your anointed. Save your people and bless your inheritance; shepherd them and carry them forever. Hear the voice of my prayer when I cry out to you, when I lift up my hands to your holy of holies.

Welcome

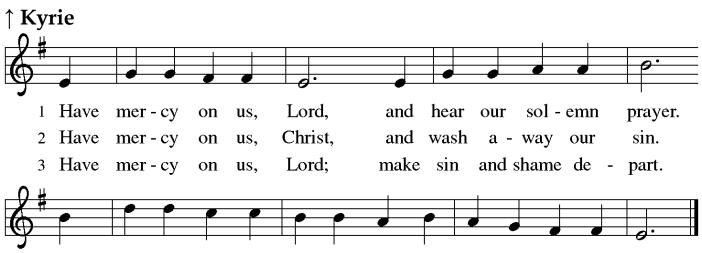
↑ Gathering Hymn

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven ELW 864

↑ Greeting

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

G: And also with you.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin. Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!





- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

↑Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

G: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G: Amen.

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

A: Word of God, Word of life.

G: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

A: Word of God, Word of life.

G: Thanks be to God.

↑ Gospel Acclamation



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

↑ The Holy Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

P: The Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

G: Glory to you, O Lord.

Following the reading

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

Q: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Thom Wert

↑ Hymn of the Day

Take My Life, That I May Be ELW, Hymn 685

↑ Apostles' Creed

G: 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 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 the Church

A: ... Lord, in your mercy,

G: hear our prayer.

Holy Communion — All baptized Christians who seek a taste of the new and forgiven life in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the sacraments. We confess and believe that Christ in his risen form is truly present in the Sacrament of bread and wine and that by sharing in this meal, we share in Christ's resurrection.

The ministration of the Sacrament is given in two ways:

In the pew:

You may commune in the pews with individual elements. These are available in the narthex as you enter.

When invited to commune, peel off the bottom tab to eat the bread; peel off the top tab to drink the wine. The waste can go in the paper bag found in each pew.

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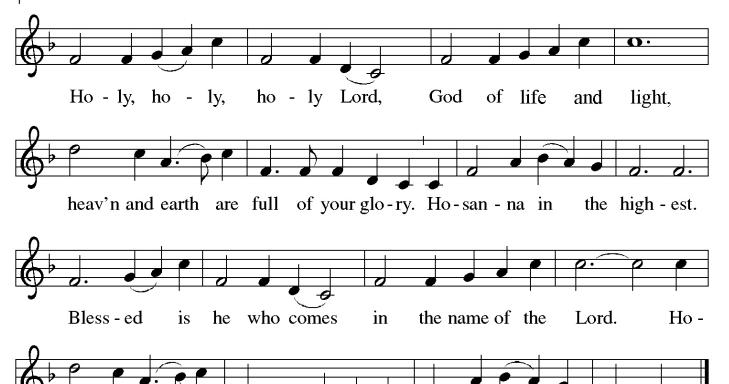
Come down the center aisle; please sanitize your hands. Receive a wafer in your hands. Dip it in a chalice, either wine or grape juice, before partaking. Continue to your right and use the outside aisle to return to your seat.

If you prefer to receive only bread, be assured that you are receiving the full presence of God.

↑ The Great Thanksgiving

- **P**: The Lord be with you.
- **G**: And also with you.
- **P**: Lift up your hearts.
- **G**: We lift them to the Lord.
- **P**: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G**: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- **P**: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .
 - ... praise your name and join their unending hymn:

↑ Sanctus



↑ Words of Institution

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↑ Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, inspire us to work toward your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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high - est.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

↑ Invitation to the Table

P: Christ is among us. Receive the bread of life.

Agnus Dei



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray. you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray. e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Post Communion Prayer

P: 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.

G: Amen.

Announcements

↑ Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you.The Lord look upon you with favor and + grant you peace.

G: Amen.

↑ Sending Hymn

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing ELW 545

↑ Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

The Whole Armor of God Lani Smith as David Paxton (1934–2015)

Please remain seated until the ushers dismiss you from your pew, and maintain social distancing as we exit. On your way out, put your bulletin back in the baskets on the table if you do not want to take it with you. Offerings may be put in the offering plate as you exit. You may remain in fellowship with one another as long as you like; please respect others' need for social distancing.

About Today's Music:

Today's organ prelude previews the melody of our final hymn, "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" (ELW 545). The tune comes from an unknown source, but was associated with the text, *O Sanctissima*, reportedly sung by Sicilian seafarers aboard ship at sunset and also by gondoliers in Venice. It thus came to be known as "The Sicilian Mariner's Hymn to the Virgin" and so the tune is given in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* and other hymnals as SICILIAN MARINERS. The tune has also been associated with the German carol, *O, du fröliche* ("O, How Joyfully"). Interestingly, the tune also has some association with the African American spiritual, "We Shall Overcome." The organ variations are by Benjamin Carr, who was born in London in 1768 and moved to Philadelphia in 1793. Carr is regarded as one of the earliest and most significant music publishers and composers in the young United States.

– Cantor Kyle