

JESUS IS BETTER THAN MANNA

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

BETHEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH | York, Nebraska

August 15, 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship the Lord with us today. Large print hymnals and hearing assist devices are available upon request. Restrooms are located on the north side of the main level and in the lower level. If you have any questions or need assistance with anything, please ask one of our ushers.

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SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

Worship Materials

The order of service and the hymns for today are printed for you in this folder and on the screen. They are also in "Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal" which is in the hymnal rack on the back of each pew. Watching the theme and passage on the screen may help you prepare for worship.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader
Organist

Pastor Mark A. Haefner

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MORNING PRAISE

"Morning Praise" is based on the historic service called "Matins." Joined to Christ, our risen Lord, we glorify God as we rise to the activities of this new day.

HYMN

In Hopelessness and Near Despair | 738

1 In hopelessness and near despair, I cry to you, my Savior!
My guilt is more than I can bear. I have not earned your favor.
You know me as I really am: How much is truth, how much is sham;
Why should you heed my pleading?

2 I see my heart's condition now, My heart's diverse affections.
Why do I love the things you loathe; I'm torn in two directions:
Now prodigal, now Pharisee. O God, be merciful to me;
Who else but you can help me?

3 I tremble as I feel your hand, Expecting retribution,
Yet hear no curse or reprimand, But grace and absolution:
With you there is forgiveness, Lord, You speak the sweet, consoling Word,
And I am sure you love me!

4 Forgiven, free of guilt and shame, Grant me some time to render
A gift to glorify your name, Love to reflect your splendor:
This world must know what I have learned, That you bestow what none has earned: The
joy of full forgiveness!

This hymn is a recasting of Martin Luther's great penitential hymn "From Depths of Woe I Cry to You."

OPENING DIALOG

please stand, if able



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



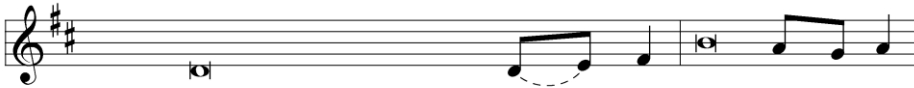
C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



M: (Advent) Behold the _____ King comes: let us wor - ship him.
 (Christmas) Unto us the _____ Christ is born: let us wor - ship him.
 (Epiphany) The glory of Christ _____ is re - vealed: let us wor - ship him.
 (Lent) Behold the _____ Lamb of God: let us wor - ship him.
 (Easter) The Lord is _____ ris - en: let us wor - ship him.
 (Pentecost) The Spirit of the Lord _____ fills the world: let us wor - ship him.
 (General) Praise be to God, the Father,
 the Son, and the Holy _____ Spir - it: let us wor - ship him.

OH, COME, LET US SING

Psalm 95:1-7



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a great king a - bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



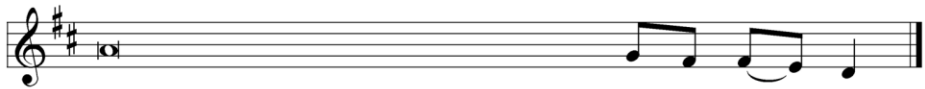
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

be seated

LESSONS

Numbers 16:1-11

Now Korah, who was the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, joined with Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and with On, the son of Peleth. These three were descendants of Reuben. They gathered ²two hundred fifty well-known Israelites, tribal chiefs of the community, appointed representatives who served on the council, and they rose up against Moses. ³They assembled together against Moses and Aaron and said to them, "You have gone too far! For the entire community is holy, every one of them, and the Lord is among them! Why do you lift yourselves up above the Lord's assembly?"

⁴When Moses heard this, he fell facedown. ⁵He said to Korah and to all his followers, "In the morning the Lord will reveal which of you are his and which of you are holy, and he will have that person come near to him. The man he chooses, he will have that man come near to him. ⁶Do this, Korah, you and all your followers. Take censers, ⁷put fire in them, and place incense on them in the presence of the Lord tomorrow. The man whom the Lord chooses will be set aside as holy. You have gone too far, you Levites!"

⁸Moses said to Korah, "Listen, you Levites! ⁹Isn't it enough for you that the God of Israel has separated you from the Israelite community and brought you near to himself to do the work of the Lord's Dwelling and to stand before the congregation to minister to them, ¹⁰and that he has brought you near, along with all your fellow Levites who are with you? Do you seek the priesthood also? ¹¹Therefore you and all your followers have gathered together against the Lord! As for Aaron, who is he that you should grumble against him?" (EHV)

M The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

111

Refrain

Sing to the Lord a new song, for
he has done mar - vel - ous things.

Psalm tone

*

Great are the works of the LORD;*
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

Glorious and majestic are his deeds,*
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wonders to be remembered.*

the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

Refrain

The works of his hands are faithful and just;*
all his precepts are trustworthy.

He provided redemption for his people;*
he ordained his covenant forever.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;*
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

1 Corinthians 2:6-11

⁶Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature, but it is not a wisdom of this world or of the rulers of this world, who are being reduced to nothing. ⁷Instead we speak God's wisdom that has been hidden in mystery—before the ages, God foreordained that this wisdom would result in our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this world knew it. (If they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.) ⁹But as it is written:

What no eye has seen and no ear has heard
and no human mind has conceived—
that is what God has prepared for those who love him.

¹⁰But God revealed it to us through his Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. ¹¹Indeed, who among men knows a man's thoughts except the man's spirit within him? So also, no one else knows God's thoughts except God's Spirit. (EHV)

M The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. Alleluia.

**♪ Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other;
Born in our darkness, he became our brother.
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:
Glory to God on high!**

please stand

John 6:41-51

So the Jews started grumbling about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They asked, "Isn't this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? So how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

⁴³Jesus answered them, "Stop grumbling among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the Last Day. ⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets, 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. ⁴⁶I am not saying that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God. He is the one who has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Amen, Amen, I tell you: The one who believes in me has eternal life.

⁴⁸"I am the Bread of Life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that anyone may eat it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." (EHV)

M The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus | 351

1 Hail, O once-despised Jesus! Hail, O Galilean King!
You have suffered to release us, Hope to give and peace to bring.
Hail, O universal Savior, Bearer of our sin and shame;
By your merits we find favor; Life is given through your name.

2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, All our sins on you were laid;
By almighty love anointed, You have full atonement made.
Ev'ry sin has been forgiven Through the power of your blood;
Open is the gate of heaven; We are reconciled to God.

3 Jesus, heav'nly hosts adore you, Seated at your Father's side.
 Crucified this world once saw you; Now in glory you abide.
 There for sinners you are pleading, And our place you now prepare,
 Ever for us interceding Till in glory we appear.

4 Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing You are worthy to receive;
 Loudest praises, without ceasing, Right it is for us to give.
 Help, O bright angelic spirits, All your noblest anthems raise;
 Help to sing our Savior's merits; Help to chant Immanuel's praise.

SERMON

please stand

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE TE DEUM



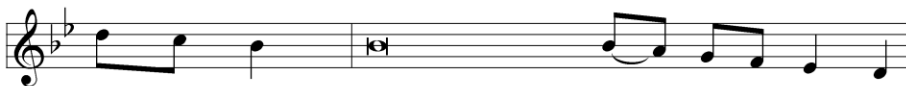
C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



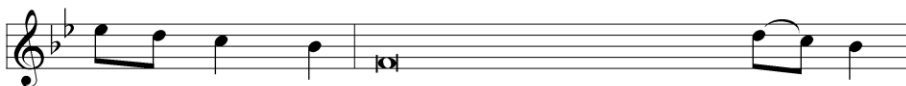
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



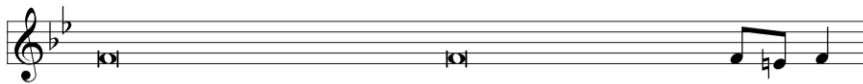
The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robbed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



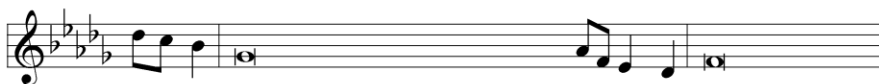
Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



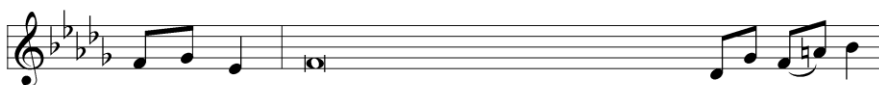
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir-gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be-liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

OFFERING WE PRESENT OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

Please leave your offering in the plate or offering box in the entry way, or make use of one of the online giving options on our website.

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income. 1 Corinthians 16:2 (NIV)

HYMN (sung as the offerings are presented)

(485)

1 We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.

2 May we thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as thou blessest us, To thee our firstfruits give.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Almighty and everlasting God, enlighten our minds by your Holy Spirit, that we may ever hear, read and receive your Word in reverence and gratitude.

C **Awaken our hearts to faith that we may firmly trust your infinite mercy, which you revealed by giving of your dear Son Jesus Christ for our salvation.**

M Enable us to see ourselves as you see us.

C **Help us confess our sinfulness and repent of our iniquity.**

M Clothe us with your armor, that we may be strong in you and, in the power of your might, may resist the treacherous wiles of Satan, the sly temptations of the world, and the stubborn weakness of our own flesh.

C **Deliver us from the dominion of darkness and preserve us for the eternal kingdom of Christ our Lord.**

M Protect us from all peril of storm or fire, from plague and famine, from war and discord, from luxury and ease. And although we have broken your commandments and deserve your punishment,

C **Grant that we may be warned by your discipline and again walk in obedience to your will.**

M Grant to us a spirit of prayer, that in faith we may boldly seek your blessings for all our needs, bring you our supplications for loved ones and our intercessions for all people, and finally trust in your goodness to fulfill our joy in your answer for Jesus' sake.

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here

M All these things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your one and only Son, who by his most bitter suffering and most glorious resurrection has given us the promise of the life that now is and that which is to come.

C Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY



M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



C: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

- 1 O Jesus, King most wonderful, O Majesty renowned,
O Conqueror invincible, In whom all joys are found,
- 2 When once you visit darkened hearts, Then truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanity departs, Then kindles love divine.
- 3 O Jesus, Light of all below, O Fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know, All that we can desire,
- 4 May ev'ry heart confess your name, Forever you adore,
Enkindled with the Spirit's flame To love you more and more.
- 5 Oh, may our tongues forever bless And honor you alone,
And may we in our lives express The image of your own!

CHILDREN'S LESSON

please stand

PRAYER FOR GRACE

- M** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.



M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

HYMN

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast | 324

1 Almighty God, your Word is cast
Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav'n descend
And righteous fruits abound.

2 Let not the foe of Christ and man
This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart
To bring forth fruits of love.

3 Let not the world's deceitful cares
The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold
The fruits of peace and joy.

4 Whene'er the precious seed is sown,
Life-giving grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive
Its saving pow'r may know.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: 10:30 AM Worship
4:00 PM NELHS Opening Service

Wednesday

2:00 PM Trinity Opening Service (at NELHS)
6:30 PM Council planning meeting

Sunday: 10:30 AM Worship

Upcoming Events:

August 15, 4 PM NELHS opening worship with installation of new faculty.

August 18, 2 PM Trinity opening worship and installation of Marilee Nolte.

September 19 National Hymnal Week hymn sing and kick off service

WELS National Hymnal Week is September 19-26. Find out more at welshymnal.com.

- Hymn Sing September 19th at 9:30 AM
- Kick off service on Sept. 19th at 10:30 AM
- Video presentations on worship all during the week (watch alone or with a group)
- Special online concert September 26 (watch alone or with a group)



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