

## Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church



### Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 16, 2024, 10am

**Welcome to Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church!** We greet one another as sisters and brothers in Christ and welcome all who may be visiting. We are delighted that you are here to worship, first time visitors, and encourage you to sign our guest book in the entry hall. Please fill out a visitor's card in the pew holders and place it in the offertory plate. HOLY COMMUNION is open to all who confess their faith in Jesus and acknowledge Him to be Lord. Those unable to partake of wine are assured the Church affirms our Lord's presence in, with and under the bread alone.

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *God, Whose Farm Is All Creation*

Setting: Robert Lind

#### **GATHERING**

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

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection*

**P** Gracious God,  
**C** **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**P** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C** **Amen.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN: #516: Almighty God, Your Word is Cast**

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

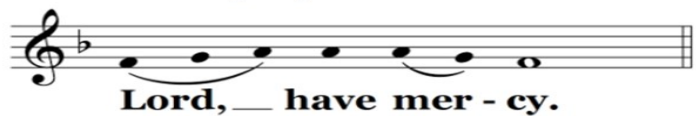
**C** **And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

AM: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



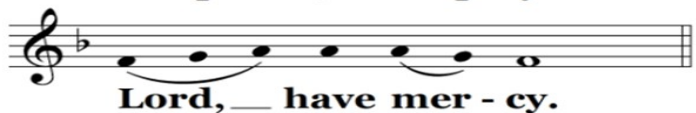
AM: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



AM: 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.



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



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



## HYMN OF PRAISE: *Glory Be to God on High*



Je - sus Christ, we all ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Setting Ten Gloria, adapted.

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapted.

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

*We sit*

#### **FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 17:22-24**

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.

<sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.

<sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the LORD.

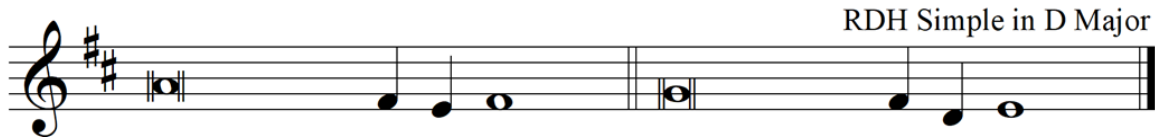
I bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

L The Word of the Lord. **C Thanks Be to God!**

**PSALM: PSALM 92:1-4, 12-15 (sing responsively by whole verse)**



<sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks | to the LORD,  
to sing praise to your name, | O Most High;

<sup>2</sup>**to herald your love | in the morning  
and your faithful- | ness at night;**

<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and | on the lyre,  
and to the melody | of the harp.

<sup>4</sup>**For you have made me glad by your | acts, O LORD;  
and I shout for joy because of the works | of your  
hands.**

<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish | like a palm tree,  
and shall spread abroad like a ce- | dar of Lebanon.

<sup>13</sup>**Those who are planted in the house | of the LORD  
shall flourish in the courts | of our God;**

<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit | in old age;  
they shall be | green and succulent;

<sup>15</sup>**that they may show how up- | right the LORD is,  
my rock, in whom there is | no injustice.**

**SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-17**

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ] <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

L The Word of the Lord. C **Thanks Be to God!**

*We stand*

**GOSPEL VERSE: HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH ELW 172**  
**(We sing it twice)**

Caribbean Traditional

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics. The lyrics are: 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah!' and 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!'.

**HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 4:26-34**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4th Chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord! (*spoken boldly*)**

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

<sup>30</sup>He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P The Gospel of the Lord. C **Praise to You, O Christ!**

*We sit*

### **CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

**SERMON:** *Making a Big Deal Out of a Small Seed* Rev. Ron Philabaum

*We stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** #679: *For the Fruit of All Creation*

### **APOSTLES’ CREED**

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 THE FAITHFUL

*After each portion of the prayers:*

P Merciful God, C receive our prayer.

## SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

## LITURGY OF THE LORD'S TABLE

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *God Whose Farm Is All Creation*

*God, whose farm is all creation, take the gratitude we give;  
take the finest of our harvest, crops we grow that we may live.*

*Take our plowing, seeding, reaping, hopes and fears of sun and rain,  
all our thinking, planning, waiting, ripened in this fruit and grain.*

*All our labor, all our watching, all our calendar of care  
in these crops of your creation, take, O God: they are our prayer.*

Text: John Arlott, 1914-1991

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Tune: STUTTGART, attr. Christian F. Witt, 1660-1716; adapt. Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-1876

### OFFERTORY SONG: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray:

**C 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.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

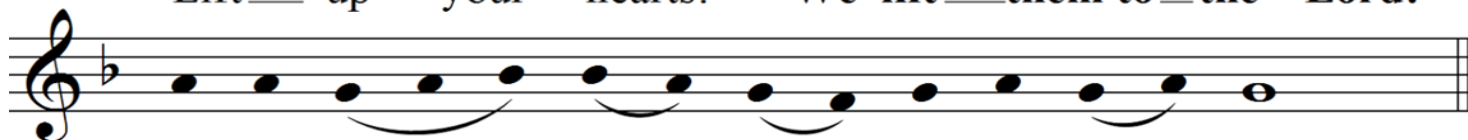
**HOLY COMMUNION**



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.

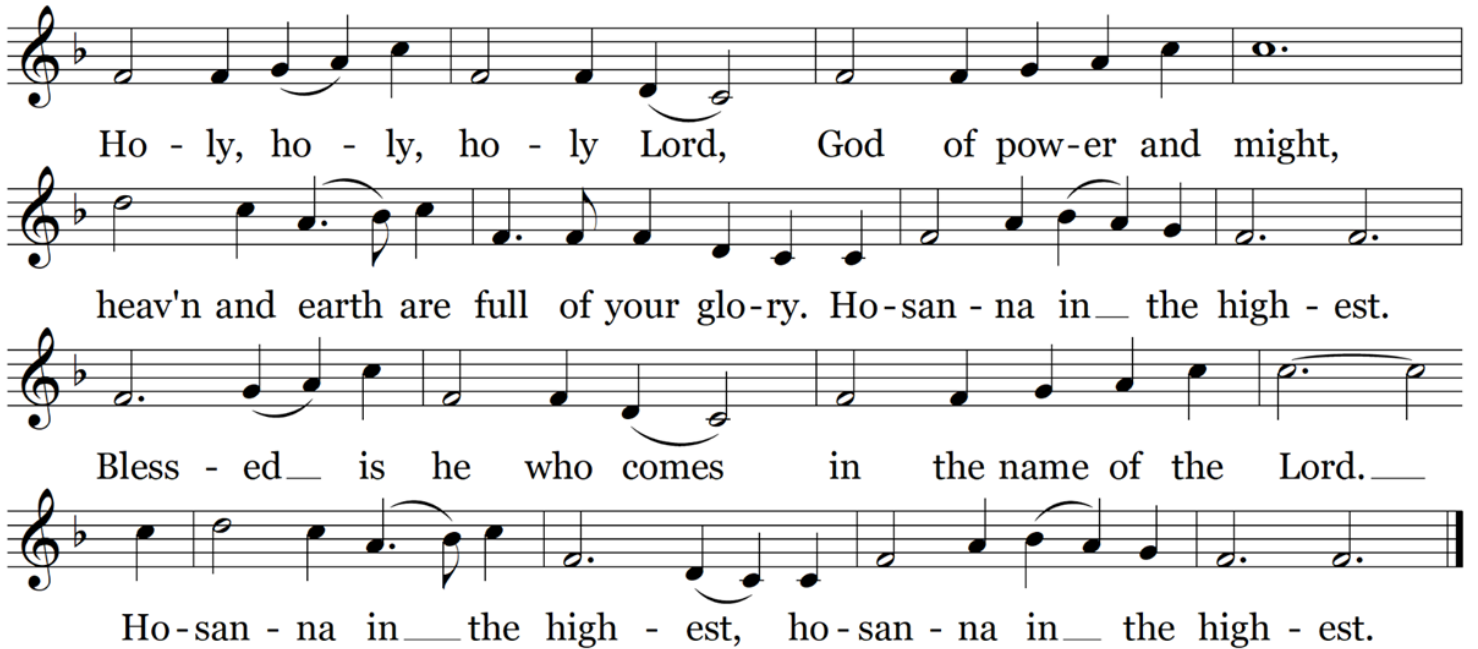


It is right\_\_\_\_ to give our thanks and praise.\_\_\_\_

P It is indeed our 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:



## SANCTUS



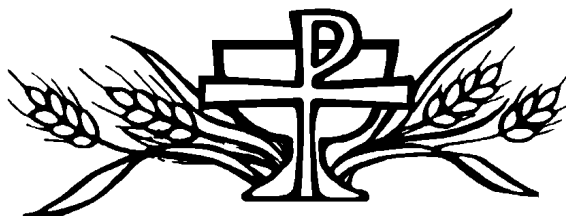
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in\_\_ the high - est.  
Bless - ed\_\_ is he who comes in the name of the Lord.\_\_\_\_  
Ho-san - na in\_\_ the high - est, ho-san - na in\_\_ the high - est.

Text: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord," English Language Liturgical Consultation, *Praying Together* © 1988.  
Tune: LAND OF REST, North American traditional.

P Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

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.



**I am the bread of life**

P Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life. Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. Amen.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

### COMMUNION HYMNS

*O Lamb of God* [ELW Setting 10, p. 208]



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



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.

ELW 481: *Come to the Table of Mercy*  
ELW 512: *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

*We stand*

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

**C Amen**

**SENDING**

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

**PRAYER**

P 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.

**C Amen.**

**BLESSING**

P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✚ be upon you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** #551: *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

**DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** *Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast* Setting: Healey Willan



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*To participate in God's mission, this congregation as a part of the Church shall*

**WORSHIP:** *Joyfully proclaim the Word of God*  
**LEARN:** *Dutifully study, teach and live the Word of God*  
**WITNESS:** *Boldly share the Word of God*  
**SERVE:** *Humbly and enthusiastically respond to the Word of God*  
**SUPPORT:** *Gladly give our time, talent and treasures motivated by the Word of God*

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