

Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 8, 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: *Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him*
Franz Josef Haydn

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: #675: *O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True*

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.

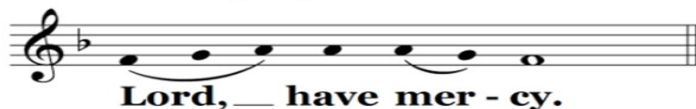
C **And also with you.**

KYRIE

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



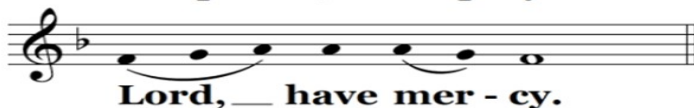
AM: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

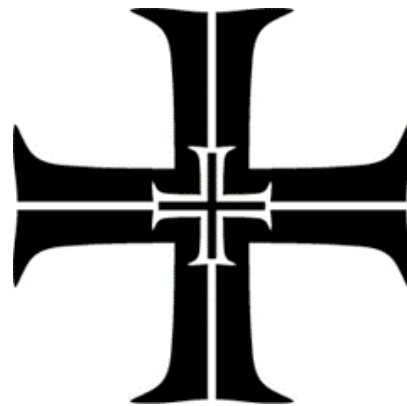
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapted.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**



LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

We sit

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 35:4-7A

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

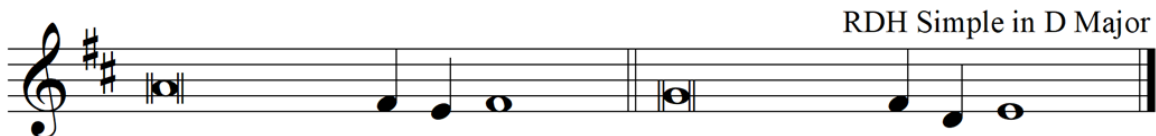
⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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

PSALM: PSALM 146 (sing responsively by whole verse)



¹Hal- | lelujah! Praise the Lord, | O my soul!

²**I will praise the Lord as long | as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

³Put not your | trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there | is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**
and in that day | their thoughts perish.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | Lord their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in**
them; who keeps promis- | es forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger. The Lord sets the | captive free.

⁸The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who | are bowed down; the Lord | loves the righteous.

⁹The Lord cares | for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

¹⁰The Lord shall | reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: JAMES 2:1-17

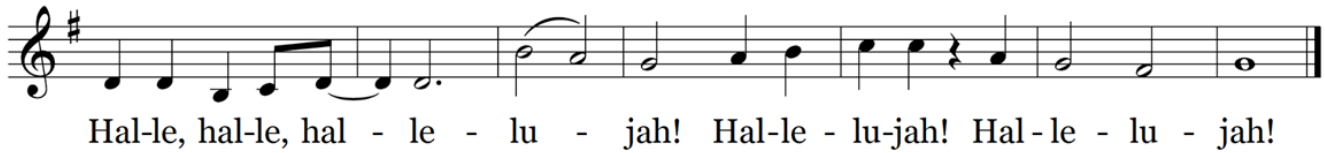
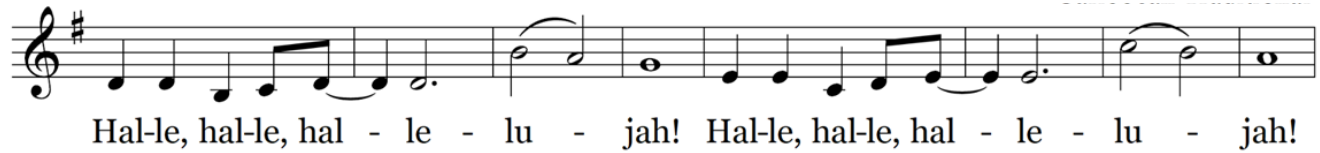
¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

We stand

GOSPEL VERSE: *Caribbean Alleluia*
(*We sing it twice*)



HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 7:24-37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th Chapter.

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

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ!**

We sit

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SERMON: "How to Live Out...
...What You Say You Believe"

Rev. Ronald D. Philabaum

We stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: #886: *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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 Hear us, O God, C **your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

LITURGY OF THE LORD'S TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

*My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!*

*May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!*

*While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.*

*When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall
o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then, in love fear and distrust remove;
oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!*

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

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 Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

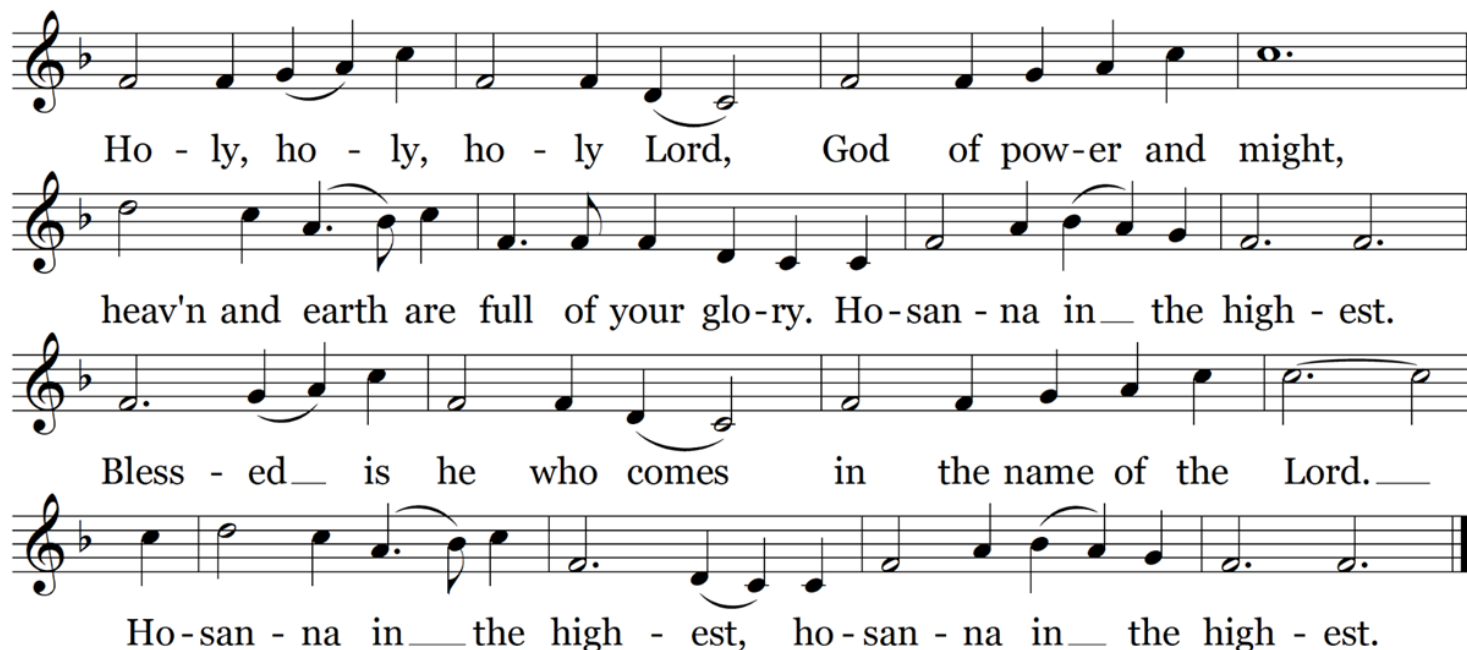


It is right_____ to give our thanks and praise._____

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.

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 Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

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 758: *You Are the Way, the Truth, the Life*

ELW 755: *Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me*

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 Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P God all mighty, God most merciful † bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #823: *Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him*

DISMISSAL

P Go in Peace. Follow Jesus.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him*

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