

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20, 2023

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE LIVE AND WORSHIP ON THE UNCEDED TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF THE KWIKWETLEM FIRST NATION, WHICH LIES WITHIN THE SHARED TERRITORIES OF THE TSLEIL-WAUTUTH, KATZIE, MUSQUEAM, SQUAMISH AND STÓ:LŌ NATIONS. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE CARED FOR THIS LAND SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL AS WE SEEK TO JOURNEY TOWARDS A MEANINGFUL RECONCILIATION.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose grace sustains us,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of our siblings in Christ.

Merciful God,

C: **we confess that we have sinned.
We have failed to live in friendship with others,
causing hurt to family and friends
ignoring opportunities to care,
hoarding your blessings.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Righteous God,

C: **We have failed to live in friendship with creation,
shutting out voices that challenge our habits,
choosing convenience over stewardship,
idolizing prosperity.**

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: **We have failed to live in friendship with you;
neglecting prayer,
avoiding the call to discipleship,
trusting our own will over yours.**

**In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.
God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Hear the promise of God's mercy:
you are freed and forgiven
in the name of † Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn ELW # 650 In Christ There is No East or West

Greeting

L: 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 ACS 1011 Holy God

Congregation sings the following refrain after each sentence sung by the worship leader.

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,
ho - ly and im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

Hymn of Praise Glory to God

Refrain

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



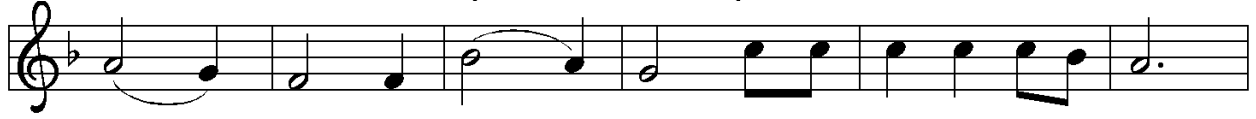
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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. 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 -

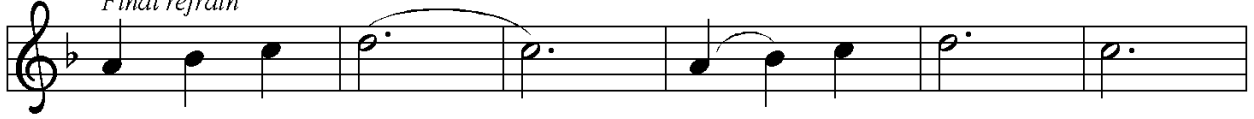


lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



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

Final refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est.



A - men, a - men.

Prayer of the Day

Word

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

Children's Time

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.


Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67

Refrain:



You o - pen wide your hand and sat - is -
fy the de - sire of ev - 'ry liv - ing thing.

L: May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.

C: **Refrain**

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

C: **Refrain**

L: The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

C: **Refrain**

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

[Paul writes:] I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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.

L: The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:10-28

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day She Came to Jesus (Tune: ELW #793 – Be Thou My Vision)

She came to Jesus from outside the fold —
Canaanite woman! Persistent and bold!
Looking to Jesus, she wanted to see
One who would help her and set her child free.

Claiming a blessing, a touch of God's grace,
She knew God's love was not bounded by place.
Jesus, you listened, debated — then healed —
For in her asking, her faith was revealed.

God, you still bless those who seek you in prayer.
You welcome dreamers who faithfully dare.
In Christ, now risen, your mercy extends:
Those on the outside are welcomed as friends.

Tune: Traditional Irish melody (“Be Thou My Vision”)
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Apostle’s 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.**

Prayers of the People

After each petition, the Pastor will say “God in your mercy” and the congregation will respond, “hear our prayer”.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

All are invited to share a sign of peace with those around them, as we recognize the image of God in each other.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

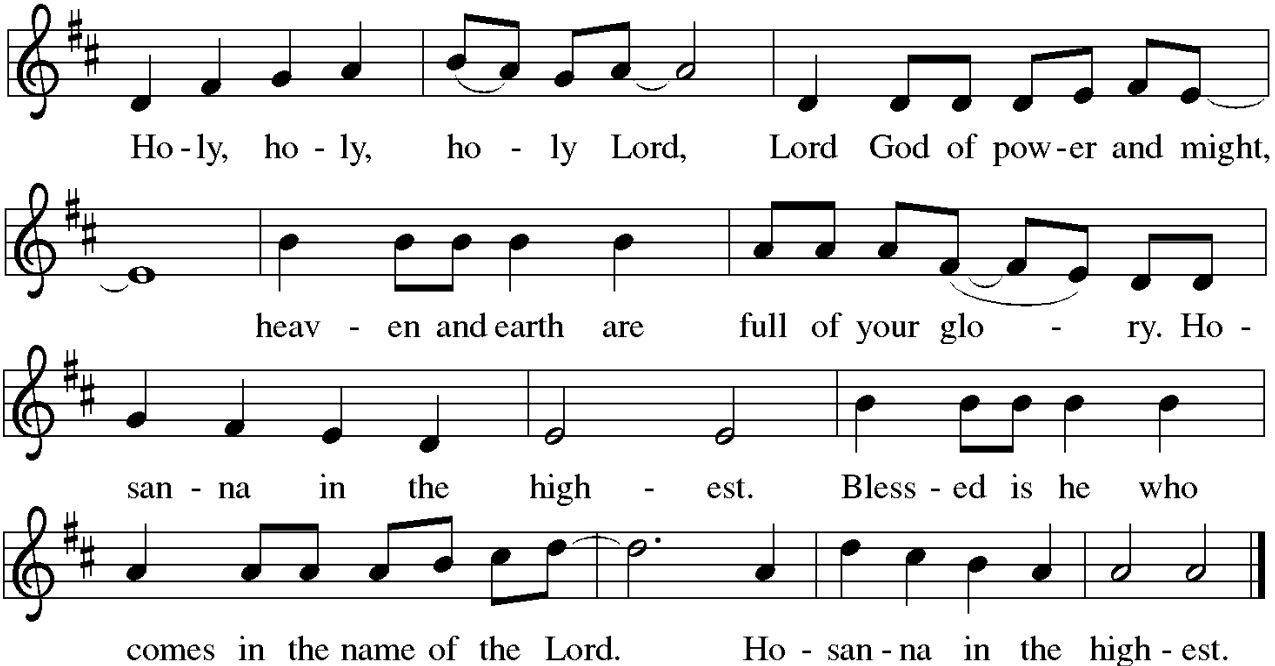
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en 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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

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.

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 Communion

P: All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

Lamb of God

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.

Communion is distributed

Directions for Communion: All are invited to this meal of grace, including children. At the Usher's direction, you are invited to advance to the communion rail through the centre aisle, commune in groups, and exit back to your pews through the window aisles, depositing your used wine/juice vessel in the repository tray at the head of each window aisle. If you would prefer to receive communion in your pew once all have come forward, please raise your hand and the servers will come to you. Wine is located in the two outer rings of the tray and the grape juice in the centre.

Hymns sung during Communion

- ELW # 656 Blest Be The Tie That Binds
- ELW # 708 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love
- ELW # 774 What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine
- ACS # 1018 Deep Peace (Chant)

Prayer After Communion

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn ELW #785 When Peace like a River

Dismissal

- P: Go in peace. Be friends with all.
- C: Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 20, 2023

(To open hyperlinks, try right-clicking your mouse while on the link and select *Open Hyperlink or Control-Click*)

Flowers are placed on the altar by Lil Vigurs in loving memory of her mother, Pam Wicklund, who died August 20, 2016. *Loved, remembered and missed.*

Pastor Eric is away: Pastor Eric is taking the remainder of his holidays from August 21st to August 28th, so there will be **no communion on Sunday, August 27th**. Should any pastoral needs arise during his absence, please call the office.

Tri-Cities Winter Shelter: St. Laurence will again be hosting the Tri-Cities Winter Shelter in their church facility during the month of October. There is a Volunteer Orientation meeting on **September 9 at 10 am** for all volunteers. If you're interested in volunteering please plan on being there as shift sheets will be available for early sign-up. See the bulletin board for more information.

Rally Sunday: Join us on **Sunday, September 10** for *Rally Sunday* and the kick-off of our fall schedule. Our service will be outdoors at 10:30 am. We will locate the service such that we will be able to set up a few chairs on the east side landing for those with mobility issues. We'll enjoy a group activity and we'll gather inside after the service for pie and ice cream. You are welcome to sign up to donate a pie on the sheet provided on the usher's table, or sign up by contacting the office. Invite your friends and neighbours, too, and let's rally back to church!

CLAY Highlights: Our youth and leaders had an awesome time at the CLAY gathering last week. Photo highlights from the gathering have been shared on the [ELCIC Facebook page](#), news highlights are available on the [ELCIC website](#) and [anglicanlutheran.ca](#).

CREATION CARE:

- **Building Momentum for Climate Justice Across the Synod:** The Synod's Climate Action Justice Group has created a very helpful document with information promoting the conduct of Green In-person Gatherings. We will be paying attention to this as a congregation, but you may also find useful tips in there for your own personal gatherings. You can download the document when you [click here](#).
- **Laudato Si Circle:** The next Laudato Si' Circle meets is taking a break for the summer. Details on future meetings to come.

SOCIAL JUSTICE:

- **Action to protect rights in the Philippines:** KAIROS (the Ecumenical Justice Network to which we belong as the ELCIC) has expressed concern about the Canadian government inadvertently enabling the Government of the Philippines to continued attacks on human rights and human rights defenders by providing financial, programmatic and technical support to the Government of the Philippines. To learn more, please [click here](#). Also, to view a letter written by church leaders, including the ELCIC to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, please [click here](#).

PACIFIC JUBILEE RETREAT:

- **Returning to Silence: That Which Holds Everything:** From **Thursday, Sept 14 to Thursday, Sept 21, 2023** at Rivendell Lodge, Bowen Island, BC. [Learn more and register](#)

A gentle reminder that in consideration of those who have severe sensitivities and Allergies, the church has been designated as a fragrance-free zone. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

This Week At Church (Note 1)

This Sunday *Summer Hymn Sing* at 10:20 am
 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Worship Service with communion
 live-streamed at 10:30 am (View live-stream [here](#))

Wednesday Prayer Gathering at 1 pm over Zoom

Next Sunday *Summer Hymn Sing* at 10:20 am
 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Worship Service (no communion)
 live-streamed at 10:30 am (View live-stream [here](#))

Note: Most events are in-person events except those noted “on Zoom” or “Online”. The links to these online events are accessible through our website. Our Sunday morning worship service is offered in-person, live-streamed and via on-line recording posted to our website shortly after the service is over, except as otherwise noted.

Last Week at Church

<u>Financial information from:</u>	<u>July 30th</u>	<u>Aug 6th</u>	<u>Aug 13th</u>
Total Offerings	\$ 4,285.00	\$ 4,293.25	\$ 3,643.00
- General Offering	\$ 4,255.00	\$ 3,818.25	\$ 3,358.00
- Directed Gifts	\$ 30.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 285.00
- Project Contingency	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ -

Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

We welcome you to worship today. It is our prayer that you sense the joy that is present in Jesus Christ. God loves and values each of you without conditions attached. We bring our joys and needs before God, trusting in God's presence.

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General Office Hours				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00

We always recommend phoning before stopping by, as time may change .



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