

Sunday, June 13, 2021 — Time After Pentecost

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# University Lutheran Church Lutheran Campus Ministry

9:00 AM Worship Service



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# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

Aiko Yamada Mancini

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins.*

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** God, our provider,

**C** **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

**P** Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**C** **Amen.**

# OPENING HYMN

# BENEATH THE TREE OF LIFE



\*[Come and gath - er] be - neath the tree of



life. [Come and gath - er] be -



neath the tree of life; Root of



wis - dom, branch of peace, fruit of heal - ing and re -



lease. [Come and gath - er] be -



neath the tree of life.



1. Here we raise the sav - ing cross of Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_

3. Come and drink the wa - ters of sal - va - tion, \_\_\_\_\_

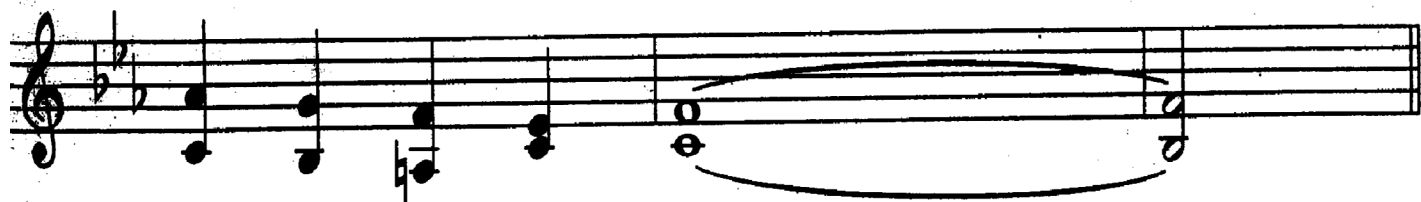
5. Root - ed in the rich earth of your Gos - pel, \_\_\_\_\_



— Sing - ing praise to him - who leads us on - from

— come and die to sin, - rise up to life - with -

— may we bear the fruits your Word has plant - ed



death in - to new life. \_\_\_\_\_

in the Reign of God. \_\_\_\_\_

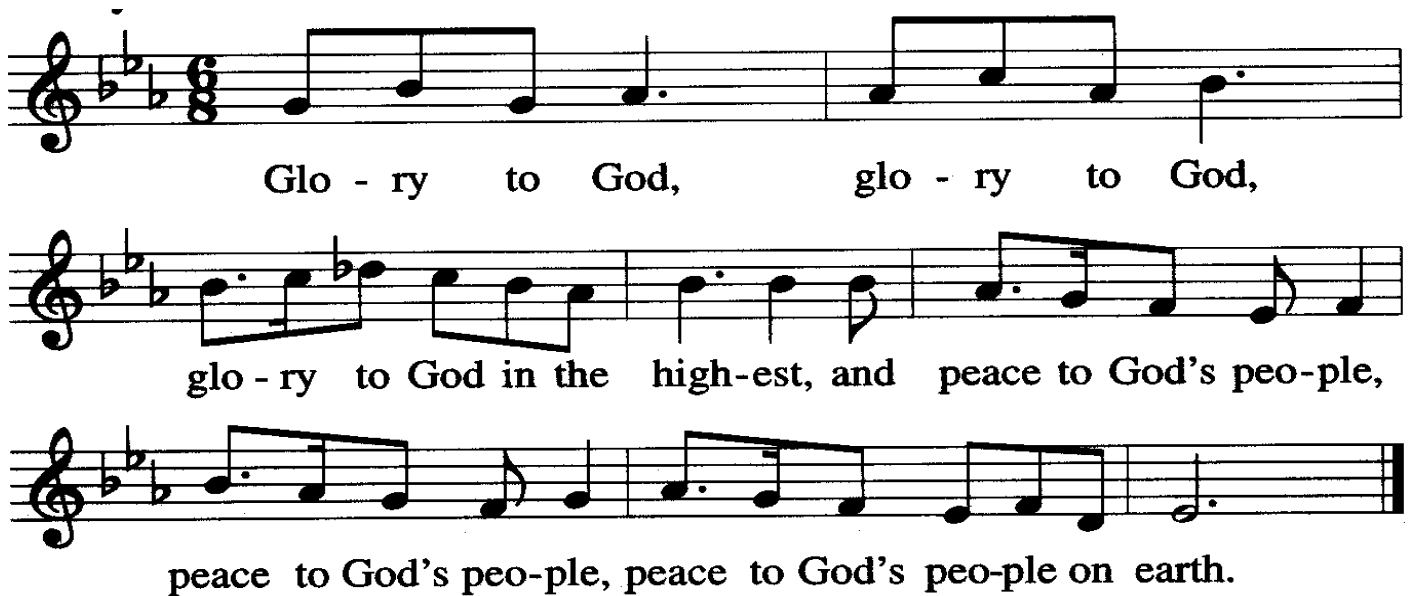
deep with - in our hearts. \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**A** Let us pray. 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.

**C** Amen.

## 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.

## PSALM

Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15

*The Psalm will be spoken in unison.*

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

<sup>2</sup>to herald your love <sup>1</sup> in the morning and your faithful- <sup>1</sup> ness at  
night;

<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and <sup>1</sup> on the lyre, and to the melody <sup>1</sup> of the harp.

<sup>4</sup>For you have made me glad by your <sup>1</sup> acts, O LORD; and I shout for  
joy because of the works <sup>1</sup> of your hands.

<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish <sup>1</sup> like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad  
like a ce- <sup>1</sup> dar of Lebanon.

<sup>13</sup>Those who are planted in the house <sup>1</sup> of the LORD shall flourish in  
the courts <sup>1</sup> of our God;

<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit <sup>1</sup> in old age; they shall be <sup>1</sup> green and succulent;

<sup>15</sup>that they may show how up- <sup>1</sup> right the LORD is, my rock, in whom  
there is <sup>1</sup> no injustice.

## SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

<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!

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? For

you have the words, you have the words, the words of e -

ter - nal life, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the fourth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

<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.

## HOMILY

Gary N. McCluskey, Pastor

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## HOW CLEAR IS OUR VOCATION, LORD



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call  
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;  
3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;  
4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,  
if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind  
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,  
in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.  
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.  
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.  
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C** 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 INTERCESSION

**A** Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence. After each portion of the prayers the Assistant will say:*

**A** Lord, in your mercy,

*The congregation will respond with:*

**C** hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

**A** We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

**C** Amen.

# THE PEACE IS SHARED

P The peace of Christ be with you all.

C And also with you.

## OFFERTORY

## FOR THE LIFE THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN



For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in Christ made known,  
with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:  
here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es; heart and mind and strength we bring;  
give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A Jesus, Bread of life,

C **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.**

*Thank you to all who continue to support our ministry through your prayers, your calls, emails, and texts. Thank you to all who continue to support our ministry with your financial gifts. We know some in our community have lost their jobs and others have had theirs significantly scaled back. We continue to have the same needs of financial support along with a few additional costs as we operate much differently during this time. You may contribute financially on line through our web site by clicking on the Give+ icon and following instructions.*

*You can also mail in your gifts to:*

*University Lutheran Church,*

*340 E. 15th Street, Tempe, AZ 85281*

*Thank you!*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BENEDICTION

**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

## LORD JESUS, YOU SHALL BE MY SONG

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are provided below the vocal line.

*1* *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*  
1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;  
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,  
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

*Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,*  
I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:  
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.  
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.  
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

*car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:*  
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.  
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.  
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,

*Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.*  
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.  
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.  
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

## SENDING

A Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

Aiko Yamada Mancini

## Participants in Worship

### **Pastor**

*Gary N. McCluskey*

### **Worship Assistant**

*Dylan Weeks*

### **Lector**

*Kelly Robers*

### **Director of Music**

*Aiko Yamada Mancini*

### **Video and Audio Production**

*Terry Pochert*

*Brian Mancini*

*Aiko Mancini*

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*Erin Crawford, voice*

*John Fillo, voice & bass*

*Aaron Griffith-VanderYacht, voice*

*Sophie Lott, voice*

*Nic Peters, voice*

*Nils Peterson, voice*

*Maddie Shaner, voice*

*Aiko Yamada Mancini, piano,  
percussion, and voice*