

Sunday, September 12, 2021 — Time After Pentecost

University Lutheran Church Lutheran Campus Ministry

10:30 AM Worship Service



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

PRELUDE

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WELCOME

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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, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God, our comforter:

C **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

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, _____

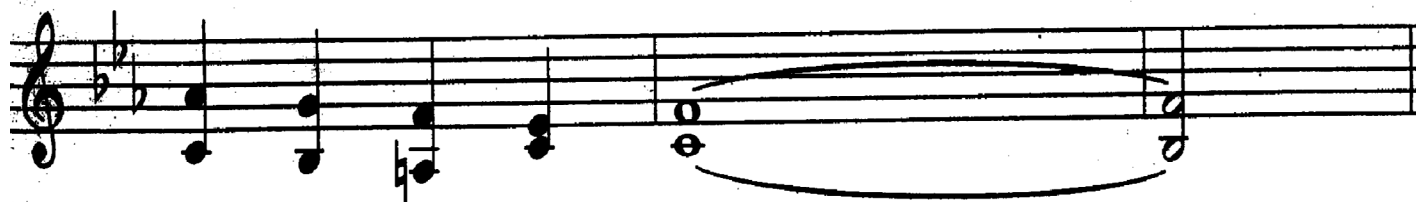
5. Root - ed in the rich earth of your Gos - pel, _____



— 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. _____

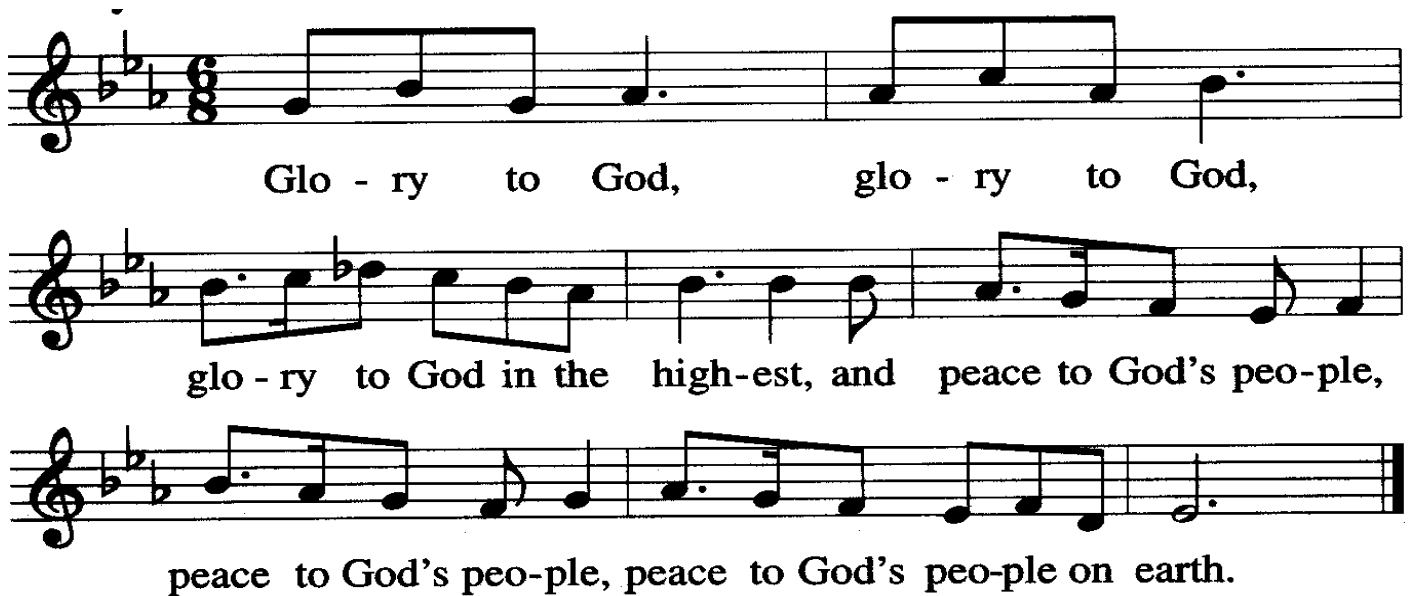
deep with - in our hearts. _____

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 O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

PSALM

Psalm 116:1-9

The Psalm will be spoken in unison.

¹I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice, and listened to my |
supplication,

²**for the LORD has given | ear to me whenever | er I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon
me; I came to | grief and sorrow.

⁴**Then I called upon the name | of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, |
save my life."**

⁵Gracious is the | LORD and righteous; our God is full | of compassion.

⁶**The LORD watches o- | ver the innocent; I was brought low, | and
God saved me.**

⁷Turn again to your rest, ¹ O my soul. for the LORD has dealt ¹ well with you.

⁸**For you have rescued my ¹ life from death, my eyes from tears, and my ¹ feet from stumbling;**

⁹I will walk in the presence ¹ of the LORD in the land ¹ of the living.

SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell.

⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God.

¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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 8:27-38

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the eighth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and

follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P The Gospel of the Lord.
 C Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

Gary N. McCluskey, Pastor

HYMN OF THE DAY

HERE I AM, LORD



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,	I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,	I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,	I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin	my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them.	They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them.	My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night,	I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone,	give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide	till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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 Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

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 Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 God of abundance,
C you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

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*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.

MISSION MOMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

P People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, + one God, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

SENDING

A Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Aiko Yamada Mancini

Participants in Worship

Pastor

Gary N. McCluskey

Worship Assistant

Kalyn Behnke

Lector

Beth Wootten

Director of Music

Aiko Yamada Mancini

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Brian Mancini

Aiko Mancini

Musicians

Erin Crawford, voice

John Fillo, voice & bass

Aaron Griffith-VanderYacht, voice

Sophie Lott, voice

Nic Peters, voice & percussion

Nils Peterson, voice

Maddie Shaner, voice

Aiko Yamada Mancini, voice & piano,