



“Loving God... Loving Each Other”

Jesus
forgiveness
forgive
work
unlovely
love
others
death
freedom
knows
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God
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Forgiveness

The 15th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church

PRELUDE

Jesus, Name Above All Names

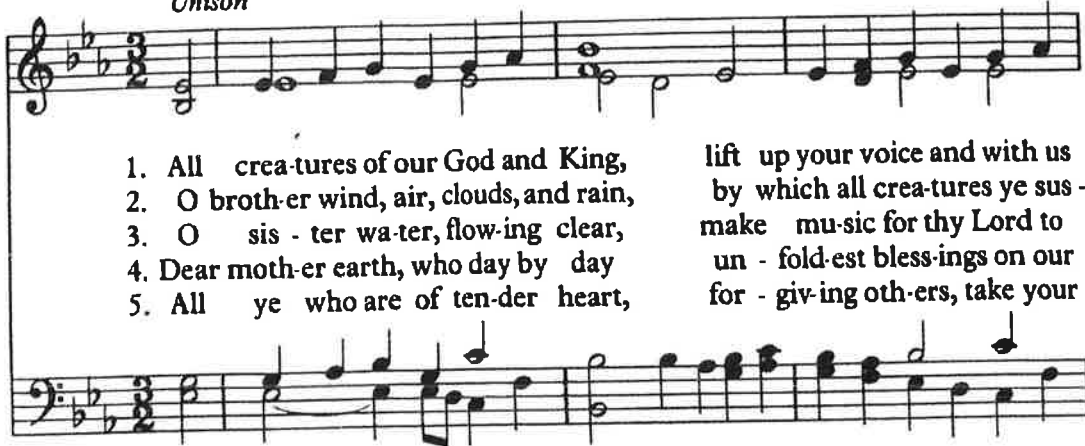
Wilson

WELCOME

SONG

All Creatures of Our God and King

Unison



1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
2. O broth-er wind, air, clouds, and rain, by which all crea-tures ye sus-
3. O sis-ter wa-ter, flow-ing clear, make mu-sic for thy Lord to
4. Dear moth-er earth, who day by day un-fold-est bless-ings on our
5. All ye who are of ten-der heart, for-giv-ing oth-ers, take your

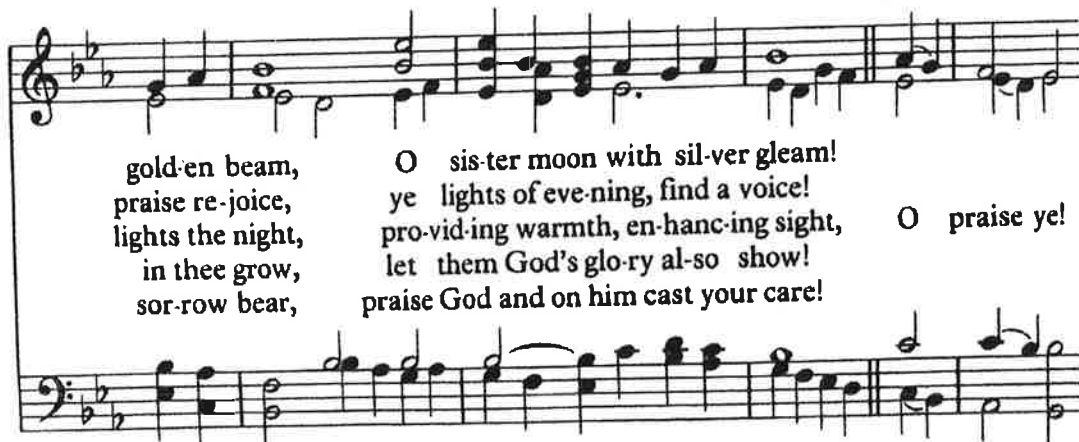
Harmony

Unison



sing, O praise ye! Al-le-lu-ia! O broth-er sun with
tain, O praise ye! Al-le-lu-ia! Thou ris-ing morn, in
hear, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! O broth-er fire who
way, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! The flowers and fruits that
part, O praise ye! Al-le-lu-ia! Ye who long pain and

Refrain (Harmony)



gold-en beam, O sis-ter moon with sil-ver gleam!
praise re-joice, ye lights of eve-ning, find a voice!
lights the night, pro-vid-ing warmth, en-hanc-ing sight, O praise ye!
in thee grow, let them God's glo-ry al-so show!
sor-row bear, praise God and on him cast your care!

Unison

O praise ye! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

This musical score is for a unison hymn. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are 'O praise ye! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!'.

GREETING

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

People: **And also with you.**

Kyrie

(sing twice)

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

This musical score is for a Kyrie. It consists of two systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are 'Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.' and 'Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.'.

PRAYER

WORD

THE LESSONS

Leader: A reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached^b Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷"Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your

brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept,^s fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them. (NRSV)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: A reading from Paul’s Letter to the Romans

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.” ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God. (NRSV)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew and Luke

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.” (NRSV)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Forgiven and Forgiving

Pastor Tim Kuenzli

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

PRAYERS

SPECIAL PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Memorial for Ethel Cochran that purchased a planter and landscaping for our Memorial Garden

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PREPARATION TO RECEIVE THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (spoken)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BENEDICTION

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and . . . give you
peace.

People: Amen.



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to give work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace to serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The Power of Your Love

Holstein

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