

Full Service Bulletin



HOLY COMMUNION JULY 30, 2023 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

*During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, peruse the bulletin, find the scripture readings in the pew Bible, and focus your thoughts on the Lord. You may pray: **Almighty God, You provide the true bread from heaven, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Prepare us to receive His body and blood, that abiding in Him, and He in us, we may be filled with the power of His endless life. Amen.***

CHILDREN

We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.

INTRODUCTION

Jesus always affirmed the great value of God's law. But He also taught about a new and revolutionary treasure — the good news of the kingdom of God. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal God's kingdom: a hidden treasure and a valuable pearl worth more than all we own, a net that gains a great catch. As we seek first God's kingdom, we will discover that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

PRAISE TIME (10:30)

1. "Shine" (VBS cd # 3 - Chris Sligh)

Chorus: **Jesus is the light of the world. (repeat)**
And he's here livin' in my heart.
Even when the world goes dark,
I can shine, shine, shine in the night.
I can shine my light. (repeat)

I've got his light in me,
Always ignited and I can't hide it.
it burns eternally,
lluminatin' and it's not fadin'.
It's like a star that won't go out up in the night sky.
I want his love to shine burnin' so, so bright. *Chorus*
I want the universe to see me Bein' more like him daily.
(repeat)

'Cause... *Chorus*

I can shine my light. (repeat)

2. "Turn Your Eyes" (VBS cd # 5 - Helen H. Lemmel)

Oh, oh C'mon, now!
Are you ready to praise Jesus tonight?
Let me hear you sing Oh oh, Oh, Jesus

Verse 1: **O soul, are you weary and troubled?**
No light in the darkness you see.
There's light for a look at the Savior
And life more abundant and free.

Chorus: **C'mon, now! So turn your eyes, Turn your eyes,**
Turn your eyes upon Jesus.
Turn your eyes, Turn your eyes,
Turn your eyes upon Jesus.

(Repeat Verse 1 and Chorus)

C'mon, now! Oh oh, Oh, Jesus, Oh oh, Oh, Jesus

Traditional Chorus: **Turn your eyes upon Jesus**
Look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace. *Chorus*

Oh, turn your eyes upon Jesus. Oh oh, Oh, Jesus.

3. "God of the Stars" (VBS cd # 7 - Chris Sligh)

**You're feeling down.
We've all had those days.
We've all felt that way sometime before.
Yeah, you're sad.
Well, you know that's all right.
You know we've all cried for something more.
Everyone has felt this way before.**

**Chorus: Feel what you feel 'cause the God of creation's
The author of peace with no limitations.
Don't let your heart, don't let your heart be troubled.
Don't try to run from your hardest of feelings.
The God of the stars is the source of all healing.
Don't let your heart, don't let your heart be troubled.
Don't let your heart, don't let your heart be troubled.
Yeah, you're sad.
Well, you know that's all right.
You know we've all cried for something more. Chorus
'Cause everybody's felt this way,
When we see someone in pain,
We can comfort them and say Chorus**

4. "Light of the World" (VBS cd # 8 - Jay Stocker)

**The world is searching for an answer,
A ray of hope in a hopeless world.
Who can we turn to?
Where is our rescue?
There is someone, He's the answer.
He's the light, and He'll light the way.
His name is Jesus,
and He came to save us.**

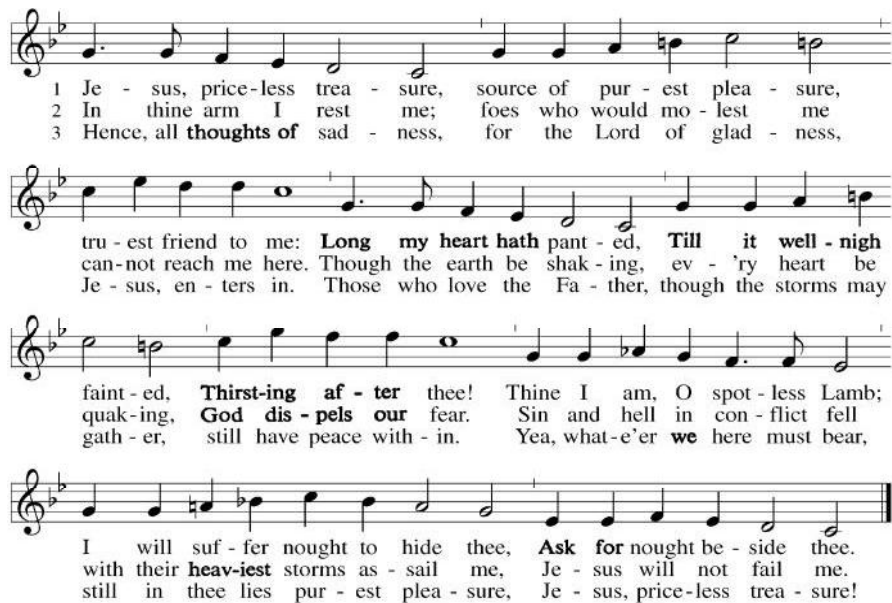
**Chorus: He is the light, light, light. Light of the world,
And He shine. shine, shines All over the earth,
Shining bright, bright, bright.
He is the light of the world. (Repeat)**

(Repeat from beginning)

Woh-oh, woh, Woh-oh, woh, Woh-oh, woh. Chorus

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure” (SBH # 575)



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,
2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me
3 Hence, all thoughts of sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,
tru - est friend to me: Long my heart hath pant - ed, Till it well - nigh
can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be
Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love the Fa - ther, though the storms may
faint - ed, Thirst-ing af - ter thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;
quak - ing, God dis - pels our fear. Sin and hell in con - flict fell
gath - er, still have peace with - in. Yea, what-e'er we here must bear,
I will suf - fer nought to hide thee, Ask for nought be - side thee.
with their heav-iest storms as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure, Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt.
Music: JESU, MEINE FREUDE, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

INVOCATION *(= All may make the sign of the cross.)*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the presence of God, Who sees our hearts and our minds, let us confess our sin.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.)

P: God our strength, **C:** we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us. We put ourselves first and others last. What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more. Even when we want to do what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite. Rescue us from death’s grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus. AMEN.

P: Sisters and brothers, all have fallen short of the glory of God; therefore we are justified by God’s grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, in Whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. C: AMEN.

GREETING *(Please rise.)*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the life of the Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

*With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
"Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)*

HYMN OF PRAISE *"Children of the Heavenly Father"*

(SBH # 572 - favorite)



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa-ther safe-ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil-dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



nest-ling bird or star in heav - en such a ref - uge ne'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958
Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**
L: Let us pray together: **C: Beloved and sovereign God,
through the death and resurrection of Your Son You bring
us into Your kingdom of justice and mercy. By Your Spirit,
give us Your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that
comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING...Psalm 128 *(congregation: indented)*

Blessed are all who fear the LORD,
who walk in His ways.

You will eat the fruit of your labor;

blessings and prosperity will be yours.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;

your sons will be like olive shoots around your table.

Thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD.

May the LORD bless you from Zion

all the days of your life;

may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem,

and may you live to see your children's children.

Peace be upon Israel.

GLORIA PATRI *(Music: Henry W. Greatorex)*

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost, As it was in
the be-gin-ning, is now and ever shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

The musical score is for a Gloria Patri in D major, 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost, As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ever shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men."

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

(Please sit.)

FIRST READINGGenesis 29:9-28.....Pg. 45

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READINGRomans 8:26-39.....Pg. 1757

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

"Seek Ye First" (Maj # 544 - favorite - Karen Lafferty)

I Seek ye first the king - dom of God and his
righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is for the acclamation "Seek Ye First" in D major, 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The third system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "I Seek ye first the king - dom of God and his righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia."

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELMatthew 13:44-52.....Pg. 1519

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON *(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)*

"The Power of Love"

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
(Romans 15:13)

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise.)*

“As Man and Woman We Were Made” (WOV # 751 - Brian Wren)



1 As man and wom - an we were made that love be found and
2 Now Je - sus lived and gave his love to make our life and
3 And Je - sus died to live a - gain, so praise the love that,
4 Then spread the ta - ble, clear the hall, and cel - e - brate till

life be - gun, so praise the Lord who made us two, and
lov - ing new; so cel - e - brate with him to - day and
come what may, can bring the dawn and clear the skies, and
day is done; let peace go deep be - tween us all and

praise the Lord when two are one: praise for the love that comes to
drink the joy he of - fers you, that makes the sim - ple mo - ment
waits to wipe all tears a - way; and let us hope for what shall
joy be shared by ev - 'ry - one; laugh and make mer - ry with your

life through child or par - ent, hus - band, wife.
shine and chang - es wa - ter in - to wine.
be, be - liev - ing where we can - not see.
friends, and praise the love that nev - er ends.

SMALL CATECHISM READING

L: Let us confess our faith by reading a portion of Luther’s Small Catechism, *Part III. The Lord’s Prayer*:

L: What is The Fifth Petition?

C: “And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.” (*Matthew 6:12*)

L: What does this mean?

C: We pray in this request that our Heavenly Father will not regard our sins or deny our prayers on account of them, for we are worthy of nothing for which we ask, nor have we earned it. Instead we ask that God would give us all things by grace, for we sin many times each day we sin and truly deserve only punishment. Because God does this, we will, of course, want to forgive from our hearts and willingly do good to those who sin against us.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)

OFFERING

We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Please rise.)*

P: The LORD be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the LORD.**

P: 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 that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn: *(WOV p 22)*

The musical score is written on five staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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 in 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

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. AMEN.

COMMUNION *(Please be seated)*

P: Come to the table and taste of God's goodness and mercy. *All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and put it in the offering plate. We have returned to kneeling for communion by "tables." People who want to minimize contact and maintain greater physical distance can take a pre-filled glass and stand a foot back from the altar rail. For a gluten-free rice wafer (blue-green) say "Rice." Grape juice (white) is in pre-filled glasses. Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.*

LAMB OF GOD *(WOV p39)*

☞ 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 SOLO *(sung while others are receiving.)*

“Oh, Let the Son of God Enfold You (Spirit Song)”

(CH # 384 - favorite - John Wimber)

COMMUNION HYMN *(sung while others are receiving.)*

“Surely the Presence of the Lord” (Maj # 314 - favorite - Lanny Wolfe)



Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place; I can
feel His might - y pow - er and His grace. I can
hear the brush of an - gels' wings, I see glo - ry on each face;
Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(Please rise.)*

L: Let us pray together: C: Almighty God, You provide
the true bread from heaven, Your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament
of His body and blood may abide in Him, and He in us,
that we may be filled with the power of His endless life,
now and forever. AMEN.

BLESSING

P: 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. **C: AMEN.**

SENDING HYMN "Abide With Me"

(Maj # 528 - favorite - Text: Henry F. Lyte; Tune: William H. Monk)



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments.

Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place.

You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETERS: 8:30-Adam Barlow / 10:45-Sharon Branigan
SOUND SYSTEM: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Jim Steiner
LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Jan Stryker
PROJECTOR: 8:30-Karen Brown 10:45-Jim Femister
SONG LEADER: Nancy Cook
LITURGIST: 8:30-Seth Miller / 10:45-Lyn Stryker
LECTOR: 8:30-Karen Brown / 10:45-Lyn Stryker
USHERS: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski / 10:45-Sharon Branigan
COMMUNION: 8:30-Seth Miller, Patty Stein, Jonathan Miller
/10:45-Lyn Stryker
ALTAR GUILD: Patty Stein, Alyce Stein
PHONETREE: Jonathan Mosebach
GRASS CUTTERS: Lyn Stryker, Bruce Landis, Melissa Yalch
COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Jan Stryker
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM
(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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