

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST 2022



*Lord of the Mountains Lutheran Church is an open,  
welcoming and affirming community, fulfilling God's vision of a world  
where peace, love, and justice become a reality for all.*

# GATHERING

**Prelude** *Hymns of Praise (Praise to the Lord Almighty, All Creatures of Our God and King, and Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him)* *Philip Keveren, arr.*

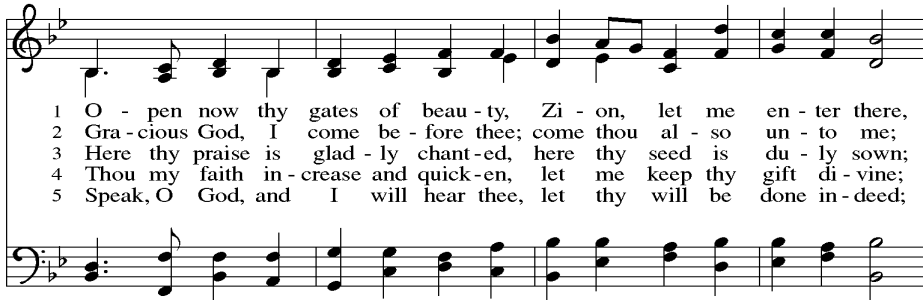
**Welcome**

**Pastor Kate Davidson**

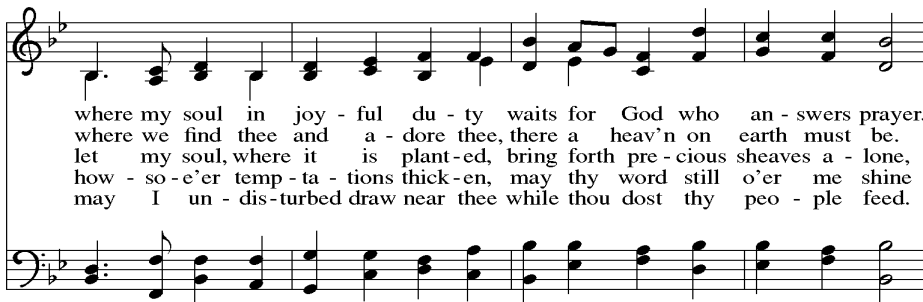
**Moment of Silent Centering**

**Opening Hymn (#533 vs. 1,2,3,5)**

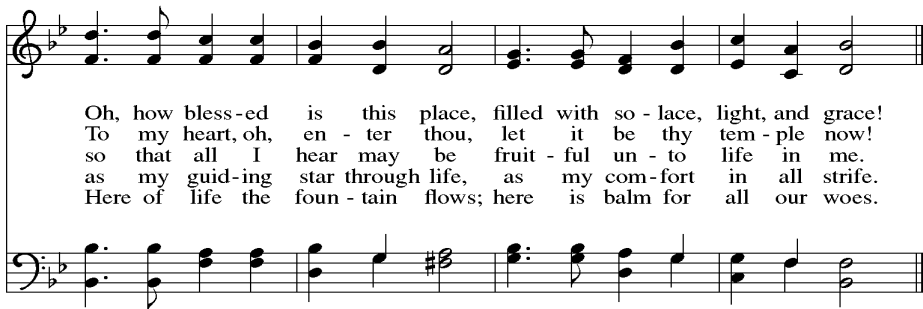
***Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty***



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;  
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;  
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;  
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine  
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.  
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

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

**All : And also with you.**

Pastor : O God, mighty and immortal,

**All : you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

### First Reading

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Reader : A reading from Isaiah.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken

Reader : The Word of the Lord.

**All : Thanks be to God!**

### Psalm

Psalm 103:1-8

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—**

who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

**who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**O Lord, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**

You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

**Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

## Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18-29

Reader : A reading from Hebrews.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Reader : The word of the Lord.

**All : Thanks be to God!**

## Gospel Acclamation



S205a

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## Gospel Reading

Luke 13:10-17

Pastor : The holy gospel according to Luke, chapter 13.

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

Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Pastor : The Gospel of the Lord.

All : **Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

Pastor Kate Davidson

## Hymn of the Day (#526)

*God is Here!*

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en;  
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

*continued*

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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## **Welcome of Visitors & Announcements** **Blessing of the Backpacks**

### **Prayers of the People**

Pastor : Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer. *brief silence*

*(...at the end of each petition)*

Pastor : Merciful God,

**All : receive our prayer.**

Pastor (*at conclusion of petitions*) : Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

**All : Amen.**

### **Sharing of Peace**

Pastor : The peace of Christ be with you always!

**All : And also with you!**

Pastor : Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.

### **Offering**

*At this time, you are invited to share generously from the blessings God has provided.*

*Live streaming attendees are able to donate online, following instructions on our website. Offerings can also be received via mail to the church office.*

### **Anthem**

### ***Faith to Carry On by Nancy Price & Don Besig***

**LOTM Choir**

At the break of day  
As I waken and pray  
I can feel that God is near  
Guiding all I do ever faithful and true  
I will never need to fear  
Though I may not understand  
All the things that God has planned  
In my heart I know I am not alone  
God will give me strength to carry on

Though I never know  
What the future may hold  
Or the trials I may face  
I can ease my mind  
In the promise of God's grace  
When there's sadness in my heart  
And my life seems torn apart  
I will find a way to rejoice each day  
God will give me hope to carry on  
*Bridge*  
When the storms of life surround you  
You will feel God's arms around you  
Bringing comfort where there's sorrow  
Giving hope to face tomorrow

At the break of day  
As you waken and pray  
Always know that God is near  
Guiding all you do ever faithful and true  
You will never need to fear  
Let each moment that you live  
Be a chance to love and give  
If you always start with a joyful heart  
God will give you strength  
God will give you hope  
God will give you faith to carry on

## Offertory Prayer

### MEAL

#### Great Thanksgiving and Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Pastor : As we gather at this table hosted by Jesus, we give thanks and open ourselves to the lavishly given gifts of forgiveness, grace, and peace that unite us and ignite us in love.

**All : Spirit of God, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so direct our wills that we may be wholly yours and dedicated to follow the challenges of Jesus' love.**

#### Words of Institution

#### The 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.**

Pastor : In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

#### Communion Hymn (#819)

#### *Come, All You People*

*U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;*  
1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;  
2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;  
3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



*u - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;*  
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 come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;

*u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.*  
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.

**Communion Hymn (#482)**

***I Come With Joy***

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
- 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
- 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
- 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
- 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

*continued*



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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## Blessing After Communion

# SENDING

### Benediction

Pastor : The God of peace, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

All : Amen.

## Sending Hymn (#796 vs. 1,2,4)

### *How Firm a Foundation*

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign,  
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ple a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
 your dress to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

## Dismissal

Pastor : Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

All : Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*Lead On, O King Eternal* by Henry T. Smart / William Phemister, arr.

PEACE BE WITH YOU

## *Welcome to Lord of the Mountains*

We rejoice that diversity in God's creation enriches, nurtures and challenges our life and ministry as followers of Jesus and as servants in the world.

Because we believe with Jesus that God's grace is truly amazing, we are committed to welcoming all people to this place... no matter where you come from, no matter what age, race, socio-economic or family status, no matter what gender identity or sexual orientation, no matter what your faith tradition or theological beliefs.

Grace is for everyone or it isn't grace.

It's that simple.

It's that amazing.

*We really do welcome all!*

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In the spirit of the Reformation, Lord of the Mountains Lutheran Church continually seeks meaningful ways of expressing our commitment to the life and teachings of Jesus.

We do this by...

- welcoming all people to full participation in our community of faith.
- recognizing there are many ways to God.
- striving to be compassionate toward all of creation.
- aspiring to live what we believe.
- respecting diversity of thought and opinion.
- working for peace and justice for all people and all creation.
- committing ourselves to serving others.

*adopted January 2018*