

# **Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church**



## **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 6, 2024, 10am LMM SUNDAY**

**Welcome to Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church!** We greet one another as sisters and brothers in Christ and welcome all who may be visiting. We are delighted that you are here to worship, first time visitors, and encourage you to sign our guest book in the entry hall. Please fill out a visitor's card in the pew holders and place it in the offertory plate. HOLY COMMUNION is open to all who confess their faith in Jesus and acknowledge Him to be Lord. Those unable to partake of wine are assured the Church affirms our Lord's presence in, with and under the bread alone.

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRESENTATION OF LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS - LMM**

**PRELUDE:** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*

Setting: Michael Hassell

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

**P** Gracious God,  
**C** **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**P** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C** **Amen.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** #656: *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

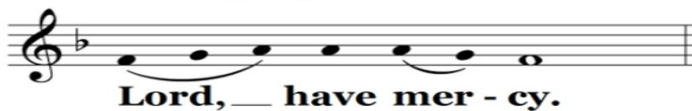
**C** **And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

**AM:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



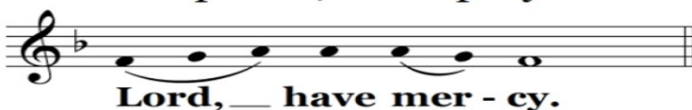
**AM:** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**AM:** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**AM:** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**AM:** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



## HYMN OF PRAISE: *Glory Be to God on High*

Je - sus Christ, we all ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;

Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.

For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The final note of the fourth staff is a double bar line.

Setting Ten Gloria, adapted.

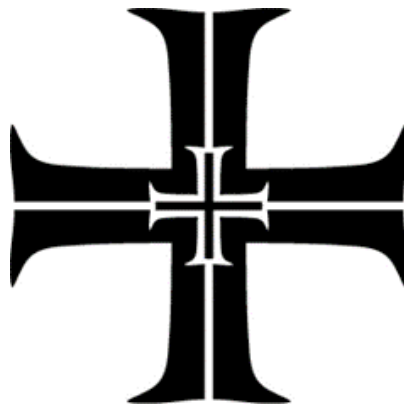
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapted.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

*We sit*

### FIRST READING: GENESIS 2:18-24

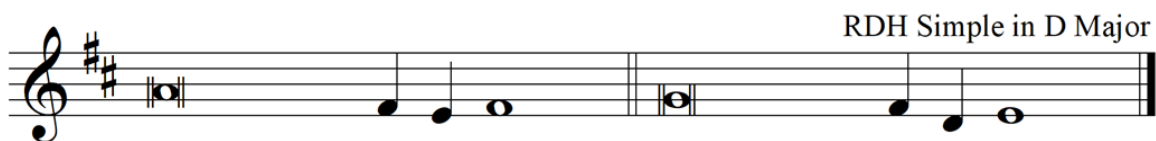
<sup>18</sup>The Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken.”

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

L The Word of the Lord. C **Thanks Be to God!**

### PSALM: PSALM 8 (sing responsively by whole verse)



<sup>1</sup>O | Lord our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

<sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;**

**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

**<sup>4</sup>what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of  
them, human beings that you should | care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less | than divine;  
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.

**<sup>6</sup>You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;  
you have put all things un- | der their feet:**

<sup>7</sup>all | flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts | of the field,

**<sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup>O | Lord our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

## **SECOND READING: HEBREWS 1:1-4; 2:5-12**

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>2:5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?

<sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

<sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,<sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is

not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying,  
“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

**L** The Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks Be to God!**

*We stand*

**GOSPEL VERSE:** *Caribbean Alleluia*  
(We sing it twice)



**HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 10:2-16**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th Chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord! (*spoken boldly*)**

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ!**

*We sit*

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**A DRAMATIC HOMILY:** *The Not So Faithful Heroes* LMM and Pr. Ron

*...a humorous look at what might have been like if our heroes of the faith hadn't been so faithful, emphasizing the themes of faith, commitment, trust, purpose, mission, God's call to us, and God's will.*

*We stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** #636: *How Small Our Span of Life*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 THE FAITHFUL**

*After each portion of the prayers:*

P God of grace,                      C **hear our prayer.**

**SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

## LITURGY OF THE LORD'S TABLE

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Lead Me, Guide Me*

Doris Akers

*Lead me, guide me, along the way; for if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

*I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to help me over my weakest hour.  
Help me through the darkness thy face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

*Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, be my aid when Satan and sin  
oppress.*

*I am putting all my trust in thee. Lead me, O Lord, Lead me.*

*I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am blind without thy light to see.  
Lord, just always let me thy servant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

TEXT: ELW 768

Text & Music: Doris Akers, 1922-1995

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### OFFERTORY SONG: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of

bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be

fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -

nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final note of the piece is a whole note on a G, followed by a double bar line.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray:

C **Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## HOLY COMMUNION



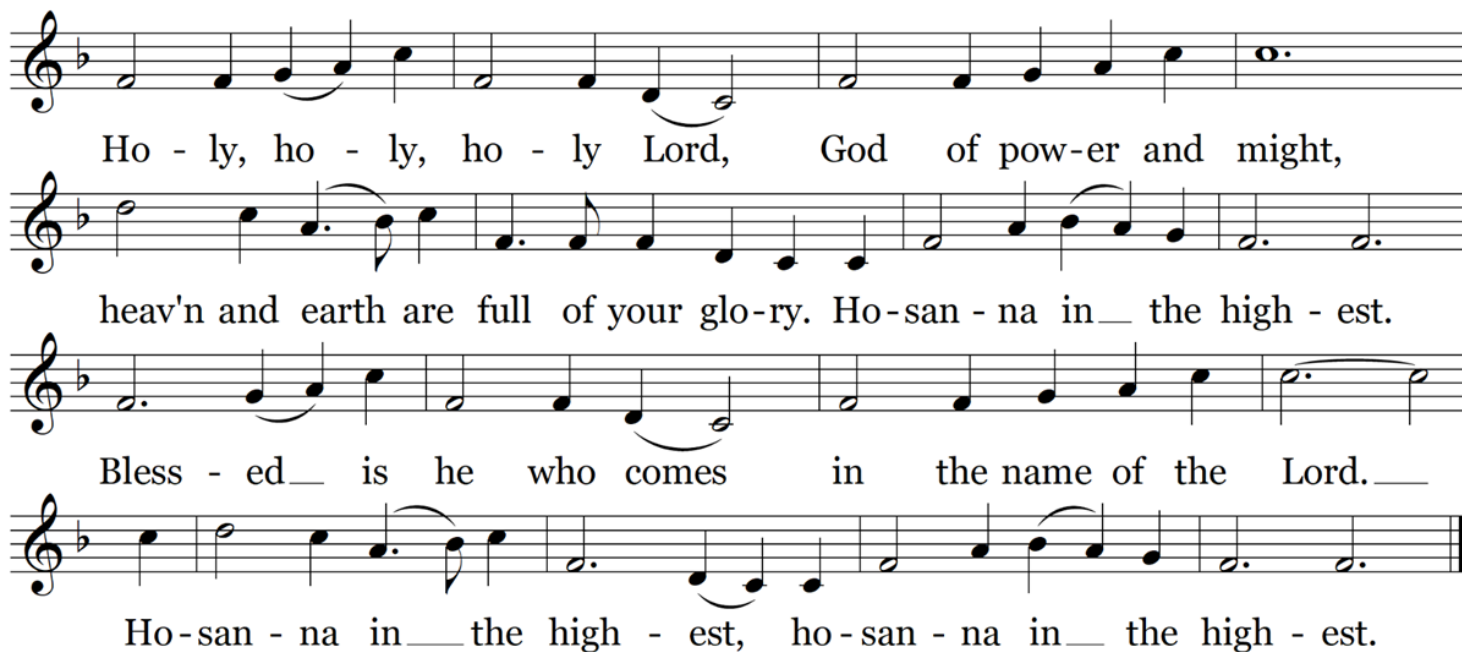
The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are as follows:

- Staff 1: The Lord be\_\_ with you. And al-so\_\_ with you.
- Staff 2: Lift\_\_ up your hearts! We lift\_\_ them to\_\_ the Lord!
- Staff 3: Let us give\_\_\_\_ thanks to\_\_ the Lord our\_\_ God.
- Staff 4: It is right\_\_\_\_ to give our thanks and praise.\_\_\_\_

P It is indeed our right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in\_\_ the high - est.  
Bless - ed\_\_ is he who comes in the name of the Lord.\_\_  
Ho-san - na in\_\_ the high - est, ho-san - na in\_\_ the high - est.

Text: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord," English Language Liturgical Consultation, *Praying Together* © 1988.  
Tune: LAND OF REST, North American traditional.

P Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

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 for the 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.

P Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up,  
and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the  
earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.  
Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:  
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,  
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,  
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the  
Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. Amen.

### 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.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

### COMMUNION HYMNS

*O Lamb of God* [ELW Setting 10, p. 208]



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

ELW 640: *Our Father, by Whose Name*  
ELW 817: *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

*We stand*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**PRAYER**

P Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

**BLESSING**

P God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** #774 *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

**DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Follow Jesus.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Setting: J. Bert Carlson

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