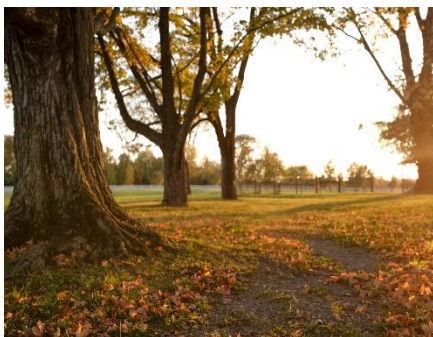




**A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND EUCHARIST**  
***for the***  
**WONDER OF GOD'S CREATION**  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2024  
Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church  
101 East Boundary Street  
Chapin, SC

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PENITENTIAL RITE** in remembrance and thanksgiving for all creation  
*(based on prayers of St. Francis of Assisi and the Iona Community)*

Pr Let us acknowledge the sins which trouble us, things known to us and things we don't even know how to confess:

**C Before God, with the people of God, I confess to turning away from God in the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.** *(Iona Community)*

Pr Most High, Glorious God, enlighten the darkness of our minds. Give us a right faith, a firm hope and a perfect charity, so that we may always and in all things act according to your holy will. Lord, have mercy.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

Pr Lord God, you are Three and you are One, you are goodness, all goodness, you are the highest good, Lord God, living and true. You are love and charity, you are wisdom, you are humility, you are patience, you are beauty, you are sweetness, you are safety, you are rest, you are joy, you are our hope and our delight... Christ, have mercy.

**C Christ, have mercy.**

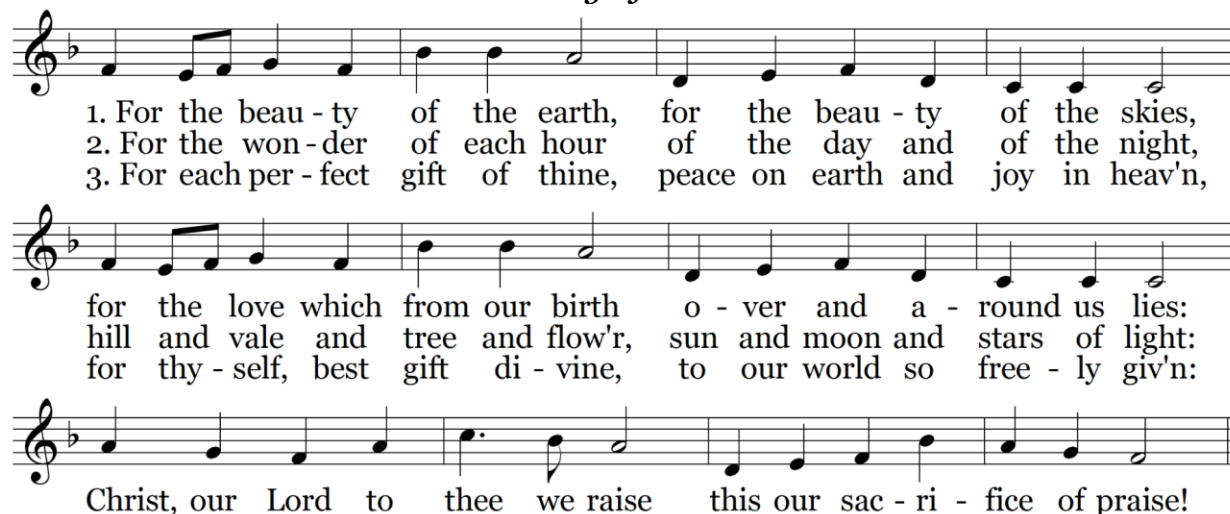
Pr Almighty God, You are beauty, you are gentleness, you are our shelter, our guard and our defender, you are strength, you are refreshment, you are our hope, you are our faith. you are our love, you are our complete consolation, you are our life everlasting... Lord, have mercy. *(St. Francis of Assisi)*

**C Lord, have mercy.**

Pr 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.**

## OPENING HYMN: *For the Beauty of the Earth*



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
2. For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3. For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n,  
for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:  
Christ, our Lord to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise!

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt.  
Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872.

Pr 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.**

Pr Let us pray.

**Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth, we humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve us to our care and responsible use of your bounteous creation. Prosper all who labor therein, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks with glad and generous hearts. Make us good stewards of all that you have made, ready to give aid and sustenance to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## THE WORD

**FIRST READING:** Job 38:1-7, 12-20; 42:1-3

<sup>1</sup>Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup>"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? <sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. <sup>4</sup>"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements — surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone <sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

<sup>12</sup>"Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, <sup>13</sup>so that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be

shaken out of it? <sup>14</sup>It is changed like clay under the seal, and it is dyed like a garment.

<sup>15</sup>Light is withheld from the wicked, and their uplifted arm is broken. <sup>16</sup>"Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? <sup>17</sup>Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

<sup>18</sup>Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

<sup>19</sup>"Where is the way to the dwelling of light, and where is the place of darkness,

<sup>20</sup>that you may take it to its territory and that you may discern the paths to its home?

<sup>1</sup>Then Job answered the LORD:

<sup>2</sup>"I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

<sup>3</sup>'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore, I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

### PSALM 121 [sung responsively by whole verse]

RDH simple in D Major



<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes | to the hills;

from where is my | help to come?

<sup>2</sup> **My help comes | from the Lord,**  
**the maker of heav- | en and earth.**

<sup>3</sup> The Lord will not let your | foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> **Behold, the keep- | er of Israel**  
**will neither slum- | ber nor sleep; R**

<sup>5</sup> the Lord watches | over you;  
the Lord is your shade at | your right hand;

<sup>6</sup> **the sun will not strike | you by day,**  
**nor the | moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup> The Lord will preserve you | from all evil  
and will | keep your life.

<sup>8</sup> **The Lord will watch over your going out and your | coming in,**  
**from this time forth for- | evermore. R**

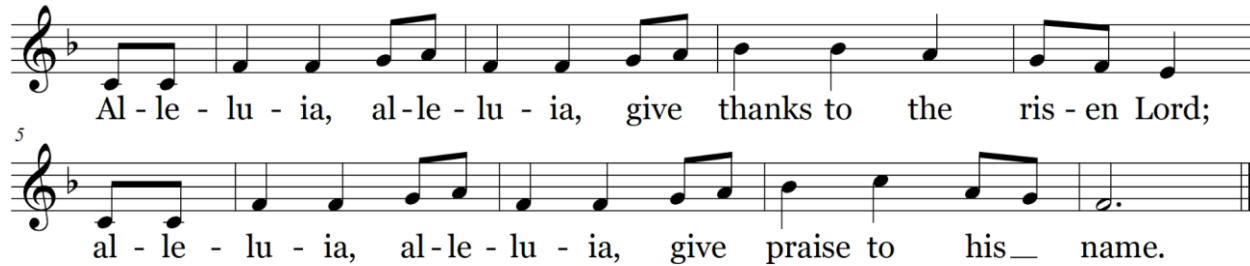
### SECOND READING: I Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19

<sup>6</sup> Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, so that<sup>[c]</sup> we can take nothing out of it, <sup>8</sup> but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup> But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil,

and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>17</sup> As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

### ALLELUIA, GIVE THANKS (we sing twice)



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### ST. JOHN 1:1-9, 14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st Chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SERMON: *Stumbling With Two Left Feet*

The Reverend Ron Philabaum

## **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**

**P** Hear us, O God,

**C** **your mercy is great.**

## **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.

## **THE MEAL**

## **GATHERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Pr** Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pr The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

Pr Lift up your hearts!

**C We lift them up to the Lord!**

Pr Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to offer God thanks and praise.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER V [ELW p. 65f.]

Pr Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of  
Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and  
glory, now and forever.

**C 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

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

## DISTRIBUTION

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING and PRAYER

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

C **Amen.**

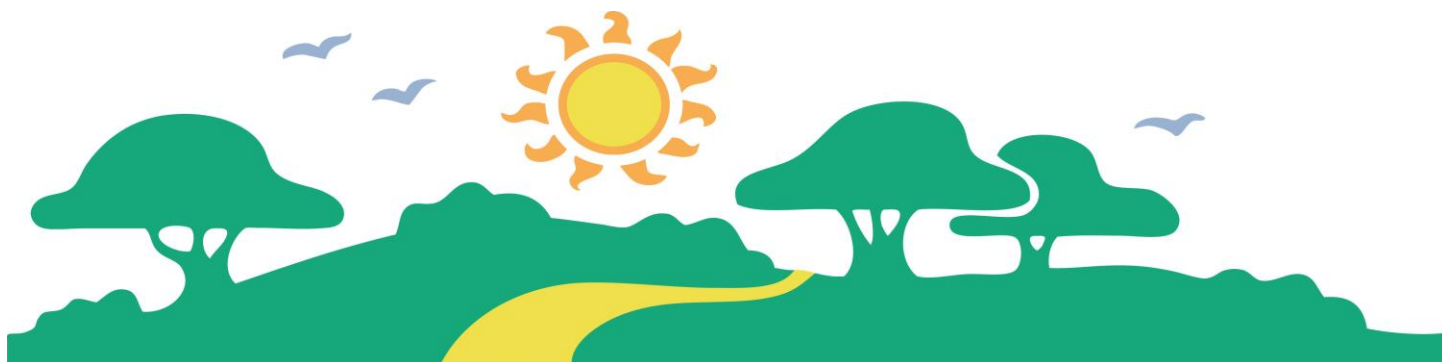
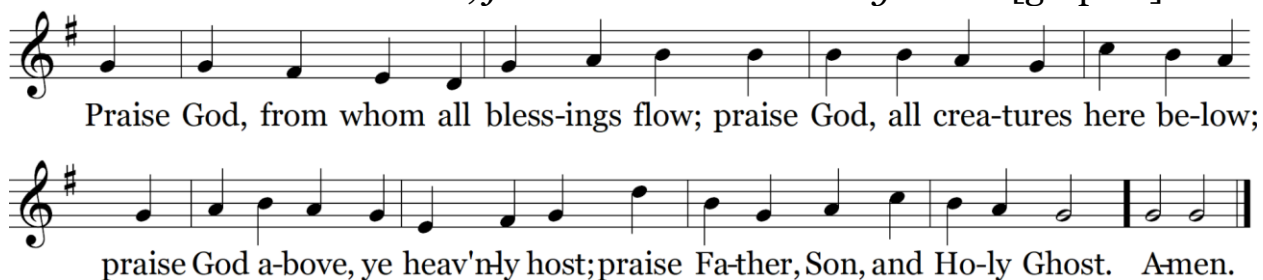
Pr Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

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

C **Amen.**

### FINAL SONG: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* [graphic]



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**WORSHIP:** *Joyfully proclaim the Word of God*  
**LEARN:** *Dutifully study, teach and live the Word of God*  
**WITNESS:** *Boldly share the Word of God*  
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