

2023

“Gloria In Excelsis Deo”



TURN

*From Idols to the
Living and True God*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

**Outdoor worshipers, tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to
hear and join in today's Worship service**

*Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness.
Psalm 29:1, 2*

Call Statement:

“My call is to share my Faith in Christ”

Mission Statement:

*“To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships
so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”*

WELCOME AND PRAYER

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

All: Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness....Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and, for His sake, forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you**
(Share the Peace for the LORD with each other)

SONG

Our God

Verse 1

Water You turned into wine, Opened the eyes of the blind;
There's no one like You, None like You.

Verse 2

Into the darkness You shine, Out of the ashes we rise;
There's no one like You, None like You.

Chorus

Our God is greater, Our God is stronger;
God You are higher than any other.
Our God is healer, Awesome in power our God, our God.

Bridge

And if our God is for us Then who could ever stop us,
And if our God is with us Then what could stand against?
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

All: **And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Almighty and Eternal God,

All: **You do not desire the death of a sinner but want all
people to repent and live. Hear our prayers for those
who do not know You. Turn their hearts from idols and
empty things to the living and true God, and gather**

**them into Your holy Church for the glory of Your name;
through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.** Portion
of the Bidding Prayer modified from The Common Service Book of the
Lutheran Church, 1917, 1918

LESSONS

Isaiah 44:6 - 8

Psalms 119:57 - 64

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24 - 30, 36 - 43

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

There is No Other

SONG

God of Wonders

Verse 1

Lord of all creation, Of water earth and sky;
The heavens are Your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high!

Chorus 1

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth Lord of heaven and earth

Verse 2

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night.

Bridge

Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth. (3x)

Chorus 2

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me.
Father hold me, hold me.
The universe declares Your majesty,
You are holy, holy, holy, holy!

Chorus 3

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me.
Father hold me, hold me.

Ending

Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth. (4x)

APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer..

Pastor: *(After each petition. . .) Lord, in your mercy;*

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: . . . Accept, O Lord, the prayers of Your faithful people for the well being of Your holy Church throughout the world. Govern and sanctify it, with all its pastors and ministers, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept by Your Word in true Faith and fervent love toward You and one another.

All: Amen.

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**All: 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

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you by His grace unto life everlasting.

All: Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal God,

All: We give You thanks, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: **Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

SONG

How Great is Our God

Verse 1

**The splendor of the King, Clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, And darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, And trembles at His voice.**

Chorus

**How great is our God!
Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, How great is our God!**

Verse 2

**And age to age He stands, And time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son.
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb.**

BRIDGE

**Name above all names, Worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is our God!**

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

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NEXT SUNDAY July 30, 2023

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings for Next Sunday

Deuteronomy 7:6-9 Psalm 125 Romans 8:28-39

Matthew 13:44-52

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Attend: 24

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**Join us for Fellowship Hour following
worship today**

**You are invited to come and enjoy a time of
fellowship as you sit down for some coffee,
cookies and conversation with your
Faith in Christ family.**

*Praise God
from whom all blessings flow*
