

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Day: L: O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

First Reading: Amos 7:7-15

⁷ This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸ And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; ⁹ the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰ Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

¹² And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴ Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵ and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Psalm 85:8-13

L: ⁸ I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

**C: ⁹ Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

L: ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**C: ¹¹ Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

L: ¹² The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

**C: ¹³ Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the

Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Special Music

Just A Little Talk with Jesus
The Men's Choir

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?"

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

Glory to you, O Lord/Praise to you, O Christ.

¹⁴ King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³ And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Sermon

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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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.

Offering Prayer

L: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

Prayers of the Church: L: In Your mercy,... **C: ...hear our prayer.**

The Words of Institution**The Lord's Prayer**

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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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion Songs: *Morning Has Broken* ELW #556; *This Is My Father's World* ELW #824

Prayer Following Communion L: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

Benediction

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood, strengthen, keep, and unite us, now and forever. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn*Lead On, O King Eternal*

ELW #805

Postlude

Quilters will again be meeting this fall to begin their work. We will also be assembling school kits this year and need your help! You can make up your own kit, or simply supply needed items that we will put together for finished kits. This is a list of school kit items needed: 70 sheet notebooks, 30 centimeter ruler, pencil sharpener, blunt scissor, pencils with erasers, black or blue ballpoint pens, box of 16 or 24 crayons and 2 ½ inch eraser. We will supply the backpacks. A more complete list is posted on the Narthex bulletin board. ***Thank you so much for taking part in this project!***

Scholarships: Members of St. John's attending post high school education institutions this fall, please let the Church Office know. Those who are attending ELCA colleges will receive a \$100 EPIC Scholarship from the Church that is matched by the college. All students receive a \$50 general scholarship from the Church. These gifts are funded through proceeds from the Youth & Education portions of the St. John's Trust Fund. ***Scholarships to be distributed on Sunday, August 11, 8:30am service ONLY.***

July 14, 2024
Song Booklet
The Eighth Sunday of Pentecost
St. John's Lutheran Church, 8:30 A.M.

Gathering Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth*

**1. For the beau-ty of the earth
For the glo-ry of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.
Refrain
*Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grate-ful praise.***

**2. For the beau-ty of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow-er,
Sun and moon, and stars of light.
Refrain
*Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grate-ful praise.***

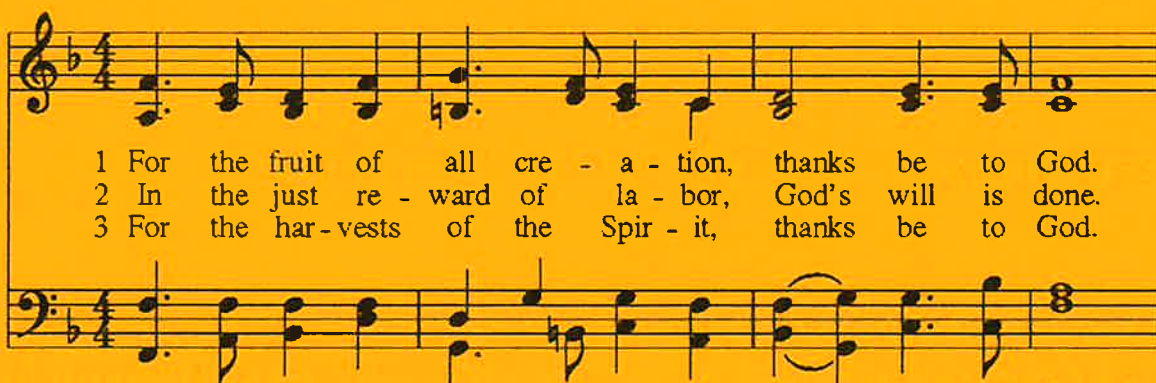
**3. For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mys-tic har-mo-ny
Linking sense to sound and sight.
Refrain
*Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grate-ful praise.***

**4. For the joy of hu-man love,
Brother, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gen-tle thoughts and mild.
Refrain
*Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grate-ful praise.***

**5. For each per-fect gift of Thine,
To our race so free-ly given,
Graces hu-man and di-vine,
Flowers of earth and buds of Hea-
ven.
Refrain
*Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grate-ful praise.***

SPECIAL TIMES & SEASONS

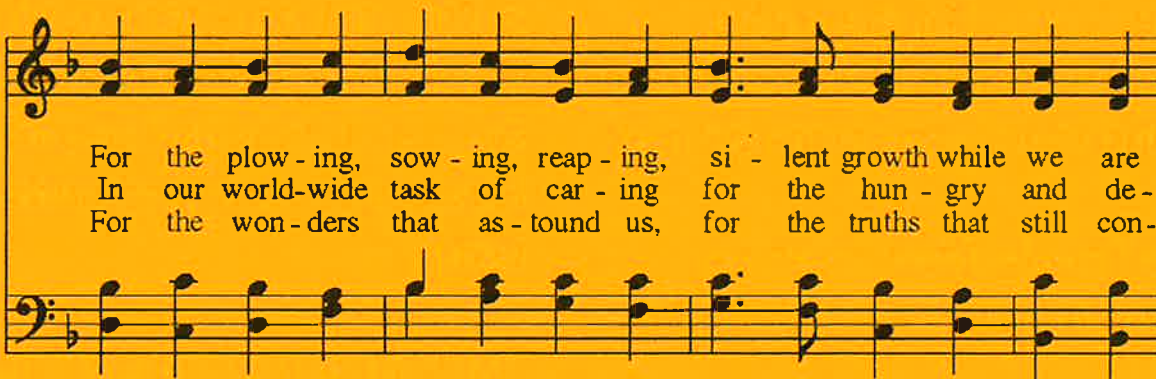
723 For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For his gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 found us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Morning Has Broken

Eleanor Farjeon

Arrangement II

Music Traditional Scottish

C Am Dm G F C Am

Soprano

Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 Sweet the rain's new fall. sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing born of the

Alto

3 Em/G F Em Dm G C F C

S.

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev' - ry

A.

6 Am Dm/F G C/G F G7 C

S.

morn - ing! Praise for them spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where His feet pass.
 morn - ing. God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

A.

Communion Hymn

This Is My Father's World

1. This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears, All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker's praise. This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair; In the rustling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.

3. This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad? The Lord is king, let the heavens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad.

Closing Hymn

Lead On, O King Eternal

1. Lead on, O King Eternal The day of march has come Henceforth in fields of conquest Your tents shall be our home Through days of preparation Your grace has made us strong And now, O King Eternal We lift our battle song
2. Lead on, O King Eternal Till sin's fierce war shall cease And holiness shall whisper The sweet amen of peace For not with swords loud clashing Nor roll of stirring drums But deeds of love and mercy The heavenly kingdom comes
3. Lead on, O King Eternal We follow without fear For gladness breaks like morning Where'er Your face appears The cross has lifted over us We journey in its light The crown awaits the conquest Lead on, O God of might!