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**September 5, 2021
Celebration Of Word and Sacrament
Contemporary Service**

*We welcome all of our visitors and
sincerely hope that you will join us again soon.*

Those Serving Today:

Pastor: William Smith
Deacon: Bill Rice
Music: Larry Gerling
Cantor: Dave Lindsey
Screens: Mike Sedgwick
Filming: Gus Lundquist
Ushers: Susan Hopkins &
Michael Lindsey
Altar Guild: Irene Richardson &
Kelley Sedgwick

Altar Flowers
Presented to the Glory of God

Sunday, September 5, 2021

“GREAT IS THE LORD”

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Divine Service – Alternative Form**

PRAYER ~ 8:30am in Sanctuary

PRAISE & WORSHIP ~ 8:45am in Sanctuary

WELCOME!

All: “Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;
Give thanks to Him and praise His name!” Psalm 100:4

OPENING SONG

“Here I am to Worship” By Tim Hughes

Verse 1

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see Beauty that made
This heart adore You Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus 1

So here I am to worship Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God And You're
altogether lovely Altogether worthy Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days Oh so highly exalted Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came To the earth You created All for love's sake became poor

Misc 1

(Bridge)

And I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross
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BLESSING OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen!

*Pastor: God has called us together to receive His blessings of Word and Sacrament.
Let us unite together in confession.*

All: Heavenly Father we confess that we are deceived when we fail to recognize and
acknowledge that we are sinners and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words and
actions.

*Pastor: God declares in His Word that He is faithful and true to forgive us when we
come to Him and ask for forgiveness of our sins, of commission and omission.*

Pastor: Let us take a moment in silent reflection on God's Word and in our hearts.

All: Dear Father in Heaven, we have sinned against You and others through our own prideful
ways. We have fallen short of loving You with our whole heart; we have not loved others as we
are called to do. We have loved our ways before Your ways, O Lord. In Jesus' name, and
through His righteousness, be merciful to us, and forgive us our sins. Restore us, Father, to
walk in Your ways, and to live in Your Glorious Will for our lives from this day forward. Amen!

Pastor: It is my joy to assure you that, by your confession and through Jesus' victory over sin on your behalf – you are FORGIVEN, all your sins, in the name of the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY SPIRIT.

All: Amen!

GOD OF MERCY (KYRIE) To the tune of “Holy God” LSB-940

God of mercy you make us whole, Christ of mercy you fill our soul

Spirit of mercy you lead us in love, Three-In-One abiding above

Descend on us now, sweet gentle Dove! Amen and Amen! God of infinite love!

Pastor: MARANATHA! The Lord is coming!

All: Amen! Come Lord Jesus!

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

SONG OF PREPARATION “Thy Word”

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

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I will not forget, your love for me and yet, My heart forever is wandering

Jesus be my guide And hold me to your side And I will love you to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

OLD TESTAMENT:

ISAIAH 35:4-7a

Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

PSALM 146

¹ **Praise / the LORD!** Praise the LORD, / O my soul!

² **I will praise the LORD as long / as I live;** I will sing praises to my God while I have my / being.

³ **Put not your trust in / princes,** in a son of man, in whom there is no sal- / vation.

⁴ **When his breath departs, he returns / to the earth;** on that very day his plans / perish.

⁵ **Blessed is he whose help is the God of / Jacob,** whose hope is in the / LORD his God,

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is / in them,** who keeps faith for- / ever;

⁷ **who executes justice for / the oppressed,** who gives food to the / hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; ⁸ **the LORD opens the eyes / of the blind.** The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the / righteous.

⁹ **The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the / fatherless,** but the way of the wicked he brings to / ruin.

¹⁰ **The LORD will reign for- / ever,** your God, O Zion, to all generations. / Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit; as it was in the be- / ginning, is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT

JAMES 2:1-10, 14-18

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Please Stand

GOSPEL:

P: The Holy Gospel according to... Mark 7:31-37

All: Glory to You, O Lord

Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to You, O Christ

Please Be Seated

SERMON MUSIC

"Great Is The Lord" By Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, By His power we trust in His love.

Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true, By His mercy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory. Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, Now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord!
Great is the Lord!

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true, By His mercy He proves He is love.

Great are You, Lord and worthy of glory. Great are You, Lord and worthy of praise.
Great are You, Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:
Great are You, Lord!
Great are You, Lord!

SERMON “GREAT IS THE LORD”

Please Stand

PROCLAMATION OF FAITH – Apostles’ Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into Hell The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offerings will be received in the Offering Plate as you exit the Sanctuary.

CHURCH AT PRAYER

L: Lord in Your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

SACRAMENTAL BLESSINGS (Baptismal and Eucharistic Communion)

In Holy Communion the bread and the wine are the real body and blood of Christ, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Baptized Christians, who believe Christ is present in the bread and the wine, who see their need for forgiveness, and who want to conform their life to Jesus’ example may receive Holy Communion. You may receive the wine from the individual cup.

Those who do not wish to commune are also invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Discreetly fold your arms across your chest to signal the clergy that you do not wish to commune, but wish to receive a blessing.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS **“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might: Heav’n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD’S PRAYER

C: 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.

PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord

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

C: And also with you. Amen.

AGNUS DEI **“Lamb of God”**

C: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG

“Glorify Thy Name” By Donna Atkins

Father, we love You, we worship and adore you,

Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore you,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore you,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE “Thank the Lord”

C: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has done. Let ev’ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

BLESSING OF SENDING

Pastor: Go now and tell what God has done. May He bless you and keep you on your way and may His peace that passes all understanding attend your every step.

All: Amen!

CLOSING SONG

“There is a Redeemer” by Melody Green

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son, Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit ‘til the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names, Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory I will see His face, And there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

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And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

STEP BY STEP

Immediately after service

**Birthdays this week: Susan Hopkins (Sept 6)
Bob Marzano (Sept 6)**

Those Serving Next Sunday:

Usher: Bonnie Metcalf and Irene Richardson

Altar Guild: Susan Hopkins and Dawn Lindsey

Announcements:

September 5th – First Sunday's Meeting right after service TODAY!

**September 19th – Joint Worship Service at Peace Lutheran (10am)
and meeting with Rev. Rivkin right after service**