

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Oh God beyond All Praising #880
Around You, O Lord Jesus #468
Build Us Up, Lord #670

+ SENDING +

The Holy Spirit sends us forth to serve in Jesus' name.

We stand for the blessing.

Blessing

Sending Hymn *All Are Welcome #641*

Dismissal

What is our mission?

**Transformed by the crucified and risen Jesus we are a loving
community of disciples making disciples.**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 20, 2017

**Worship with Holy Communion
Sundays at 9 a.m.**

**Faith Formation for all ages
Sundays at 10:20 a.m.**

MISSION STATEMENT: Transformed by the crucified and risen Jesus we are a loving community of disciples making disciples.

WELCOME! We welcome you to join us in worship, growth in faith and service.

CHILDREN are always welcome and encouraged to participate fully in worship. If needed, a cry room is available near the east exit.

VISITORS, please fill out a Connection Card, found in your bulletin. You may place the card in the plate during the offering. Please also take a gift bag (also at both entrances) to learn a little more about Bethlehem.

FOR WORSHIP, most of what you will need is in this bulletin or the weekly insert with readings and news. Pastor/leader parts are in plain typeface. Congregational parts are in **bold typeface** and indented.

HYMNS are indicated by number and may be found in the back part of the red hymnal.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from the ushers.

FAITH FORMATION (Sunday School):

Lights! Camera! Action!: Preschool—8th grade -Basement

What Lutherans Believe: High School—Adults -Fellowship Hall

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Prayers of The People

Each petition ends: Lord, in your mercy.

We respond: Hear our prayer.

+ MEAL +

We gather at the Table of our Lord to share his Supper.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

John 20:21

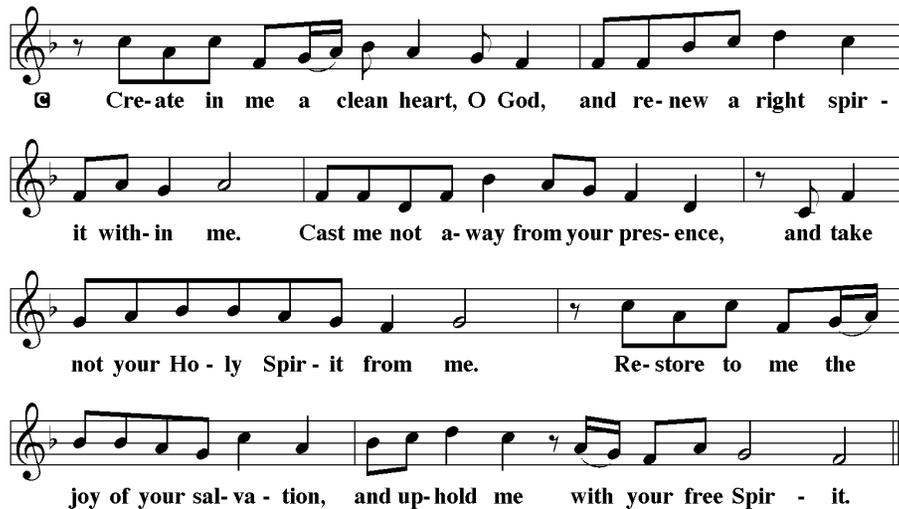
We share a sign of peace by greeting those around us with the words "Peace be with you."

Offertory

Today's loose offering will go to local outreach.

We stand and sing as the gifts are brought forward:

Offering Hymn *Create in Me*



☩ Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray...

Wise and gracious God,

Receive the labor of our hands--these gifts of money, bread and wine--along with the offering of our lives. Nourish us with the life of your Son, that we might be his body in the world, making known your abundant mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



☩ Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;
just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na-tions.
Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?
☩ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.
☩ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All
na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,
for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.
☩ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er. WOV

+ WORD +

The Word of God, Jesus Christ, speaks to us.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Children's Sermon

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 56:1-8

A reading from Isaiah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

We begin by singing the refrain below, and then we will read the verses responsively, singing the refrain where indicated with the word **Refrain**.



Let the peo - ple praise you. Lord, let all sing praise.



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Music: Tune: a trad. Hebrew melody (PD).

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¹May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,

²**that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**

Refrain

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Refrain

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:68



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon. Following time for reflection, we stand to respond in song:

Hymn of the Day Gather Us In #532

Apostles' Creed

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.