



Atonement Lutheran Church

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

9:30 a.m. Livestream

***BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL!***

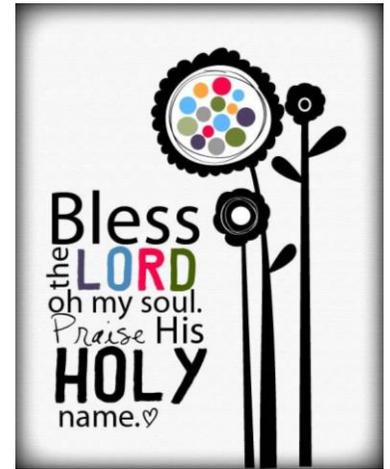
***A September Serenade of Music***

*We welcome guest musicians*

*Rachel Sanguinetti Hayes, soprano,*

*and Shoghi Hayes, trumpet, to this*

*special worship service based on Psalm 103:1-13*



**PRELUDE**

*Praise, My Soul*

**WELCOME**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**And all that is within me, bless God's holy name.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace  
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another  
before examining ourselves.**

**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,  
and turn us again to life in you**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,  
and through his death and resurrection,  
Christ has made us his own.  
Hear the truth that God proclaims:  
Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ.  
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness  
to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

✠ *All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## **GREETING**

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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our  
hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

***Blessing and Praise to God:*** *Psalm 103:1-5*

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, | O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.

<sup>2</sup>**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,  
and forget not | all God's benefits—**

<sup>3</sup>who forgives | all your sins  
and heals all | your diseases;

<sup>4</sup>**who redeems your life | from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;**

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires | with good things  
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.

## **MUSICAL REFLECTION**

*Praise to the Lord*

**God's Justice and Mercy:** Psalm 103:6-10

**6 O LORD, you provide | vindication  
and justice for all who | are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup>You made known your | ways to Moses  
and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.

] **8 LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love;**

<sup>9</sup>you will not al- | ways accuse us,  
nor will you keep your an- | ger forever.

**10 You have not dealt with us according | to our sins,  
nor repaid us according to | our iniquities.**

**MUSICAL REFLECTION**

*Let Justice Flow Like Streams*

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**God's Love and Compassion:** Psalm 103:11-13

<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high a- | bove the earth,  
so great is your steadfast love for | those who fear you.

**12 As far as the east is | from the west,  
so far have you removed our transgres- | sions from us.**

<sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion | for his children,  
so you have compassion for those who fear | you, O LORD.

**MUSICAL REFLECTION**

*I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands On Me, arr. H.T. Burleigh*

**A READING FROM GENESIS**

*Genesis 50:15-21*

<sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

Let us confess our faith, and the faith of the Church, with the words of the 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.**

## **PRAYERS**

New every morning is your love, O God of light; and all day long you are working for good in this world. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers, Gracious God, and stir up in us the desire to serve you, and to devote each day to following the light of your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

**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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God † in Christ Jesus.  
May God bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go with love. Go with joy. Go with peace. Christ goes with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Let the Bright Seraphim*

*-G. F. Handel*

## Let Justice Flow like Streams

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,  
 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

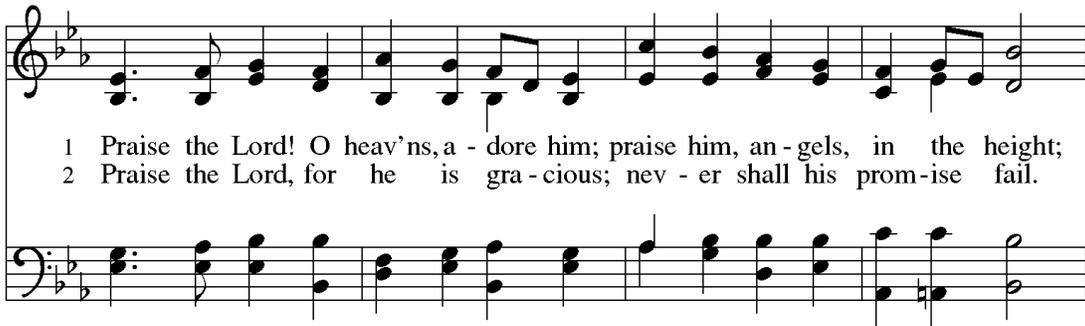
en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.  
 an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.  
 and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

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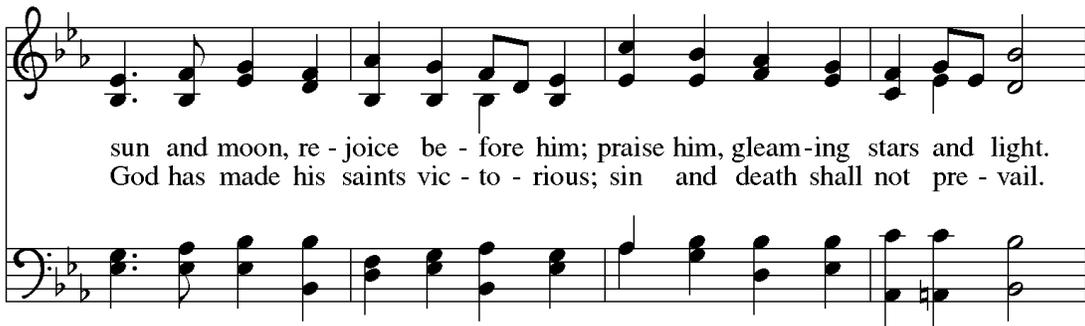
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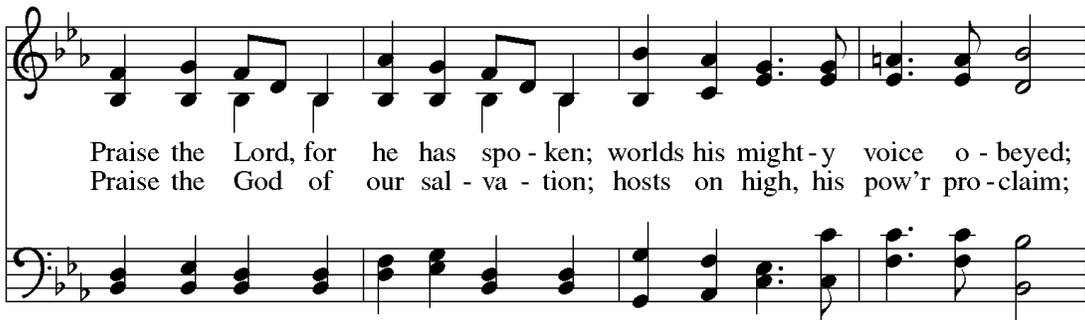
# Praise the Lord! O Heavens



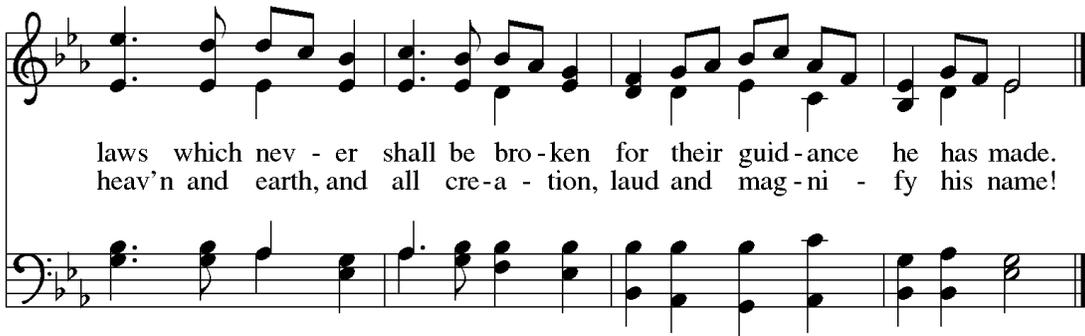
1 Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, a - dore him; praise him, an - gels, in the height;  
2 Praise the Lord, for he is gra - cious; nev - er shall his prom - ise fail.



sun and moon, re - joice be - fore him; praise him, gleam - ing stars and light.  
God has made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre - vail.



Praise the Lord, for he has spo - ken; worlds his might - y voice o - beyed;  
Praise the God of our sal - va - tion; hosts on high, his pow'r pro - claim;



laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken for their guid - ance he has made.  
heav'n and earth, and all cre - a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his name!