

# The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**FIRST LUTHERAN**  
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# The Gathering

## GATHERING MUSIC

### GATHERING SONG

For the Fruit of All Creation – ELW 679

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in 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.

**Amen.**

### CANTICLE OF PRAISE: GLORY TO GOD

*Congregation:*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

*to Verses*

*Verse 1:* You are God: we praise you. You are Lord; we acclaim you.  
You are God eternal: all creation worships you . . . *(to Refrain)*

*Verse 2:* All the angels in the heavens chant your praise in endless song:  
Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might . . . *(to Refrain)*

*Verse 4:* God, Creator, we praise you. Jesus the Christ, we adore you.  
Spirit of the Living God, we worship you . . . *(to Refrain)*

## GATHERING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word.

By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it,  
and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### READING I

**Romans 8:1-11**

A reading from Romans.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

**Psalms 65:9-13**

You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.  
You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

**You crown the year with your goodness,  
and your paths overflow with plenty.**

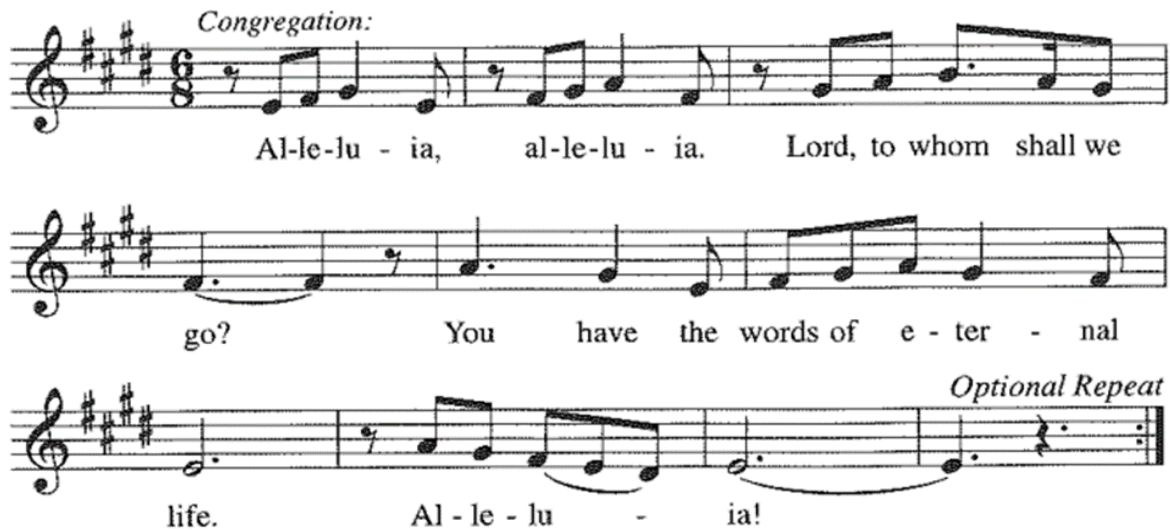
May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,  
and the hills be clothed with joy.

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;  
let them shout for joy and sing.

**You crown the year with your goodness,  
and your paths overflow with plenty.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Bruce Dissell





1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of  
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in  
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that  
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your  
 trust from you all that you give; help us in  
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our  
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,  
 love to share, teach us like you to care  
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,  
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.  
 for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.  
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.  
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Each petition ends:*

... Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

**SIGN OF PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might;  
 heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

[ ELW – 191 ]

**Blessed is the one who comes in your name.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

## LORD'S PRAYER

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### LAMB OF GOD

[ ELW page 154 ]

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

Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil – ELW 512

### BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed are you,

**O Lord our God, maker of all things.**

**Through your goodness you have fed us with the body and blood of Christ.**

**We now offer ourselves to your service,**

**and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made,  
for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Sending

### BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord's face shine on us with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon us with favor and ☩ give us peace.

**Amen.**

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SENDING SONG

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise – ELW 206



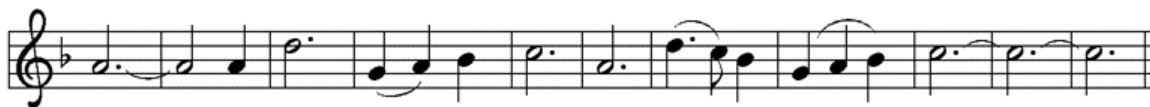
Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has



done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

### SENDING MUSIC

## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY & SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

**Presiding Minister:** Pr. Bruce Dissell

**Musician:** Elaine Sweeney

**Assisting Minister:** Mary Maki

**Reader:** Rian Johnson

**Ushers/Greeters:** Sandy Hecimovich & Nancy White

**Altar Guild:** Connie Bryant

**Audio-Visual:** Forrest & Cathy Koland, Dawson Peterson

**Fellowship Hosts:** Jean Glad & Grace Giombetti

### Parish & Community Announcements

for the week of July 16-23, 2023

Thank you to Pr. Bruce Dissell for leading us in worship today!!

**Council Meeting-** There is a council meeting following worship today. The council will meet in the offices at 10:45am.

**Vista Fleet Harbor Cruise-** July 26th is the day for the Harbor Cruise in Duluth. **We have 10 spots available on the bus**, so if you are interested in coming, please see Rian after worship. We will be calling and finalizing reservations tomorrow, Monday, July 17th. The cost for the bus and Harbor Cruise is \$60. We will be eating at Tavern on the Hill before the cruise and that is ordering off the menu at your own cost. We have 32 people signed up to attend so far and it should be a great time!

**Community Camp/Vacation Bible School-** There are sign up packets on the Welcome Table. Please take one, fill it out and turn it in to Rian in the office as soon as possible. The camp needs the registration in order to plan on how many counselors are needed, so it is very important to plan ahead! This is a free event for K-5 kids August 7-10, so spread the word! We are excited to host this event for the Hibbing area and hope to have it continue in the future. Check the sign up sheets for what is needed for helpers!

**Sunday Volunteers-** Make sure to check the Welcome Table for what is needed weekly for our Sunday services. We need readers, assistant ministers, ushers/greeters and fellowship hosts. If you haven't done any of these before, talk to Rian and she will let you know what you need to do! It is easy and a great way to participate in our church! We appreciate all who help out!

#### Reminders:

- Pastor John will be out of the office all next week for Continuing Education.
- Sign up ASAP for the Vista Fleet Harbor Cruise
- Don't forget to Register for Vacation Bible School
- Organs in Revue will be at First Lutheran on August 2nd
- Keep checking weekly volunteer sign ups!