



West Middleton Lutheran Church

God's work. Our hands.

Welcome to Worship

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 2017

6:30 p.m.

Join WMLC! If you have been worshipping with us and are interested in formally becoming an active member here at WMLC, please see Pastor Ted following one of our worship services or indicate your intention on our Welcome cards.

Hearing Devices & Large Print Bulletins Available: If you would like to use either of these aids, please speak with an usher.

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The Nursery is located next to the restrooms. It is staffed by Red Cross certified babysitters for your use on Sundays during the service.



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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Please stand, as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

☞ Blessed be the † Holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, and the one who reforms us again and again.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

☞ Source of all life,

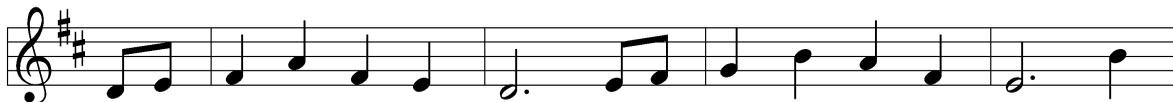
☞ **we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

☞ God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

☞ **Amen.**

This Is My Father's World

ELW 824



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for - get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
Lord is king, let the heav - ens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad!

Greeting

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

Kyrie

LBW p. 57

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

You Are Holy

ELW 525

1

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2

You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system, marked with a '1', contains four staves of music with lyrics. The second system, marked with a '2', contains four staves of music with lyrics. The score ends with a double bar line.

Prayer of the Day

Gospel Acclamation

ELW Setting 8

Al - le - lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of ev - er - last - ing

life! Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia!

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

☐ A reading from Genesis.

The reading concludes:

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Creation by the Word

Pastor Ted Lindquist

Please stand, as you are able.

Let All Things Now Living

ELW 881



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 His law he en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim him di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, his light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

The Apostles' Creed

C 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 into hell.
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 again 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.

The Prayers of Intercession

The petitions conclude:

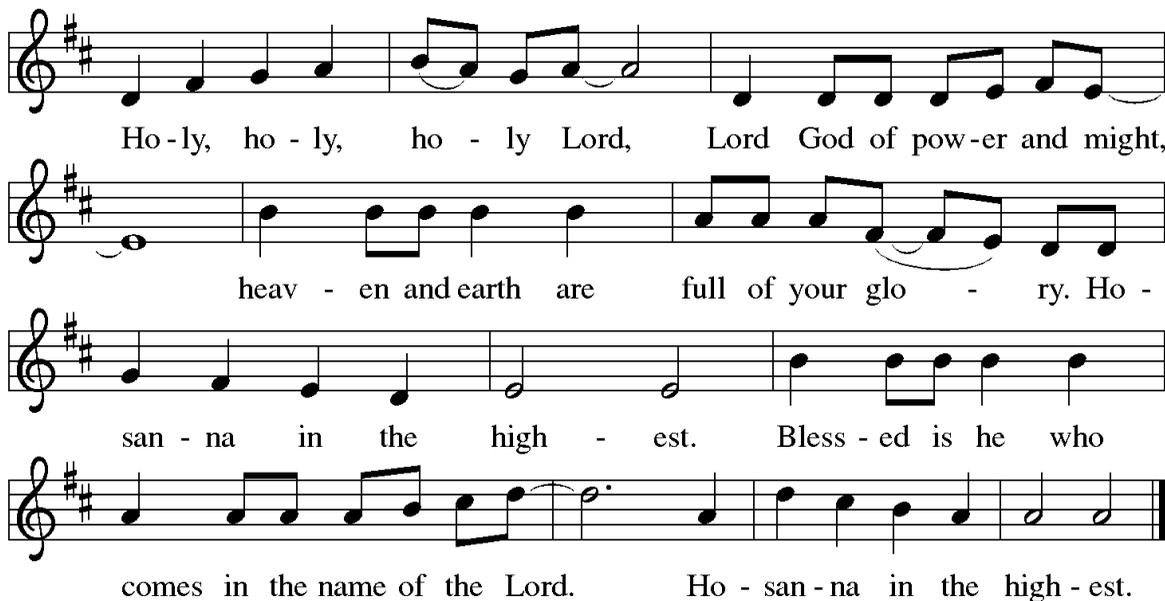
A Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

The Great Thanksgiving

- 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 God thanks and praise.**
- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

ELW Setting Six



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

☒ 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.

Please be seated.

Distribution

As a community that believes in the real presence of Christ, all are welcome and invited to receive communion.

Today we commune by intinction at the altar rail. Please hold the host, then dip it into the chalice to commune yourself. The second chalice contains grape juice. Gluten-free communion wafers are also available. Please indicate to Pastor that you need one and help yourself.

Lamb of God

Do This, p. 15

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 your peace, grant us your peace.

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

ELW 836



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Peace

- A** Direct us, Lord, in all our doings with your gracious favor, and extend to us your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** **Amen. It's God's work. Our hands.**
- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us greet each other as a sign of that peace.

Postlude