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Third Sunday of Creation

17th Sunday after Pentecost



God Give Us Life - Ray Makeever Liturgy
Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude and Contemplation

Karen Niemeier

Welcome and Announcements

Brief Litany for Creation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Glory to you, O God, you speak your Word, and so you create the world. We praise you, O God:

C: We praise you, O God.

P: For the cosmos beyond our earth, for the sky above our heads, for sun and moon and stars, we exalt you, O God:

C: We exalt you, O God.

P: For the seas, the lakes, and the rivers, with all their life, for the land with its mountains and plains, and for the trees, the plants, and their fruits, we magnify you, O God:

C: We magnify you, O God.

P: For wild animals and creatures of all kinds, for cattle and all live-stock, and for everything that creeps on the earth, and for mankind made in your image, we adore you, O God:

C: We adore you, O God.

P: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving, and honor and power and might, be to you, our God, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

* Hymn *As Saints of Old* ELW # 695

* 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.

* Invocation / Make a Joyful Noise

A: In the name of God the Creator of the world,
in the name of Christ the Son,
in the name of the Holy Spirit,.

C: Amen. Amen.

C: *Refrain:* **Make a joyful noise to the Lord.**
Enter in with singing.
Join the festival of Love.
Alleluias ringing.

A: Born of the water we recall
Death defeated, Life for all.
In the body of the risen Son
Welcome everyone.

C: *Refrain:* **Make a joyful noise to the Lord...**

* God of Love, Have Mercy

A: Let us pray to God with peace in our hearts.

C: God of Love, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above let us pray to our God.

C: God of Love, have mercy.

A: For the peace of the world, for the health of the church,
for the unity of all people, pray to our God.

C: God of Love, have mercy. God of love have mercy.

A: For the people of God and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to our God.

C: God of Love, have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious God.

C: Amen.

* Glory to God

*Refrain: (***Women): Glory to God**
(Men): Glory to God
(All): Glory to God in the highest:
Glory, glory, glory to God above.
Glory to God in the highest:
Glory, glory, glory to the God of Love.

A: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are God's.

Refrain: **Glory to God…**

A: Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing and honor, glory and praise be to God and the Lamb forever and ever.

Refrain: **Glory to God…**

* Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord .

C: Amen.

First Reading: *Jonah 3:10—4:11*

L: A reading from the prophet Jonah.

10 When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned
from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he
would do to them, and he did not do it.

4 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. 2 And he
prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD, is not this what I said when I
was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for
I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and
abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. 3 Therefore
now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die
than to live." 4 And the LORD said, "Do you do well to be angry?"

5 Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a
booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see
what would become of the city. 6 Now the LORD God appointed a plant
and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his
head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad
because of the plant. 7 But when dawn came up the next day, God ap-
pointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. 8 When the
sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down
on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might
die and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." 9 But God said to Jo-
nah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "Yes, I do
well to be angry, angry enough to die." 10 And the LORD said, "You pity
the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which
came into being in a night and perished in a night. 11 And should not I
pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 per-
sons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much
cattle?" *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *145:1-8*

L: Let us read responsively from Psalm 145.

1 I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

2 **Every day I will bless you**
and praise your name forever and ever.

3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

4 **One generation shall commend your works to another,**
and shall declare your mighty acts.

5 On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

6 **They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,**
and I will declare your greatness.

7 They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

8 **The LORD is gracious and merciful,**
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. *[ESV]*

Second Reading: *Philippians 1:21-30*

L: A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. 23 I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. 24 But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. 25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

27 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, 28 and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. 29 For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, 30 engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* Gospel: *Matthew 20:1-16*

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: *(sung)* **From the fullness of God**
have we all received grace upon grace,
peace upon peace.

20 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4 and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' 5 So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. 6 And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' 7 They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' 8 And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' 9 And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.

[10] Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. [11] And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, [12] saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' [13] But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? [14] Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. [15] Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?'[16] So the last will be first, and the first last." *[ESV]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* **From the fullness of God**
have we all received grace upon grace,
peace upon peace.

Sermon

Rev. Thomas Mosbo

* Hymn *Take My Life, That I May Be* ELW # 685

* Nicene Creed

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father,
through whom all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

Recognition of Sunday School Teachers

Prayers of Intercession

L: We join with Christians far and near to worship God the Creator, praying for the earth and for all in need.

Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: … Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Into your hands, O God, our maker and keeper, we commend ourselves and your whole creation, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord .

C: Amen.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Freitag, Sherry Freitag, Connor Stadermann, Ryse Stone, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Connie, Pam, Caroline, Tina D.,Jim DeMontigny Jr., Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Christine Beyer, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig, Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy, Pat McCluskey, Jim Briggs, Sandi, Tina, Jim, Ronald Schrader, Christine S., Carol Lartz, Amy, Leta Toelke and Pr. Paul Carlson.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Bell Choir Anthem ***Come, Christians, Join to Sing***

Responses

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 our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord…
all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us :

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.

Christ Have Mercy on Us All

C: *(sung)* **Christ have mercy on us all,**
Hold us steadfast e'er we fall.
Break the bread, Pour the Wine, Come and dine.

God be with us at the feast,
Grant us wisdom, give us peace.
Break the bread, Pour the Wine, Come and dine.

Holy Spirit, breathe again,
Light the darkness, be our friend.
Break the bread, Pour the Wine, Come and dine.

Bake a great loaf, give it time.
Choose the best grapes from the vine.
Break the bread, Pour the Wine, Come and dine.

Communion

All are welcome to come to receive Christ's body and blood
or you may come to receive a blessing

Now the Body Broken

After all have received:

C: *(sung)* **Now the body broken, Now the blood is shed.**
Now the eyes are open to the Living Bread:
Bread of Life, Bread of Hope, Bread of Peace.

Now with wills united, Now with open hands,
Now with hearts delighted Hear our God's command:
"Share the Life, Share the Hope;
Share the Life, Share the Hope;
Share the Life, Share the Hope, Share the Peace.

Blessing

P: Creator God bless you and keep you. Creating Christ shine through you with grace and mercy. Creative Spirit nourish you and give you ☩ peace.

C: Amen.

*** Hymn** ***Lord of All Hopefulness*** **ELW # 765**

*** Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Karen Niemeier

Save the DATE

Good Shepherd will be holding a

Special Congregational Meeting

on *Sunday, October18th*, after Worship Service.

To approve the new constitution.

Copies of the updated GSLC Constitution are available by as you enter, or you may review the document on line at:

https://www.goodshepherdlena.org/gslcconstitution.php

Attendance - September 6th
In-person 32, Online - 106

Men's Group

Saturday September 26th at 4:30pm



Your Invited to a Special Celebration!

Please join in celebrating the baptism of Misaka Marie Velazco and Waylon James Andrews. The baptisms will take place on Sunday, October 4th during 9:30 worship service.

Let us come together to witness this joyous occasion.

Hannah Circle

October 4th 2026

After Worship Service, Sheila Keene will be Bible Study Leader.

Friendship Club

October 8th

12:30pm Potluck, 1:00pm Entertainment provided by Deb Heim.

Good Shepherd Council Meeting

October 8th at 6:30pm

Le-Win Food Pantry

Good Shepherd will be at the Le-Win Food Pantry October 24th, from 8:20am-11:30am.

Piece Corps Quilting Group

Meets every Wednesday from 8:00am-11:30am.

Come enjoy a morning of fellowship and quilting, Everyone welcome.



Time is valuable, and when someone takes time to help, we sincerely want to acknowledge their effort.

To those compassionate volunteers who helped load our quilts to be sent to Lutheran World Relief

The Piece Corps want to acknowledge your hard work and give you a special thanks.

This thank you is a small token of appreciation for the hard work and your dedication to our cause.

We appreciate you for volunteering; Your support means a lot.

The Piece Corps



A Clothesline Poem

By Marilyn K. Walker

A clothesline was a news forecast to neighbors passing by.
There were no secrets you could keep, when clothes were hung to dry.

It also was a friendly link, for neighbors always knew,
If company stopped on by, to spend a night or two.

For then you'd see the fancy sheets and towels upon the line;
You'd see company tablecloths, with intricate design.

The line announced a baby's birth, to folds who lived inside,
As brand new infant clothes, were hung so carefully with pride.

It also told when illness struck, as extra sheets were hung;
Then nightclothes, and a bathrobe too, haphazardly were strung.

It also said "Gone on vacation now", when lines hung limp and bare.
It told "We're back!" when full lines sagged with not an inch to spare.

New folks in town were scorned upon, if washing was dingy grey.
As neighbors carefully raised their brows, and looked disgustedly away.

But clotheslines now are of the past, for dryers make work much less,
Now what goes on inside a home, is anybody's guess.

I really miss that way of life; it was a friendly sign,
When neighbors knew each other best, by what was hanging on the line.