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Worship 8:30 am

Sunday, September 5, 2021
The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

This Week: September 5, 2021 Communion

Ushers: **VOLUNTEER**

Reader: Gwen Young

Communion Filler: Judy Faymoville

Communion Assistants: Kelly & Margaret Booge

Next Week: September 12, 2021 Worship

Ushers: Harlan & Sheri Eklund

Reader: Deb Taray

Guest Preacher: **VOLUNTEER**

Assisting Minister: Margaret Lubke

Mission Statement: “As people of faith Aardahl Lutheran Church will reach out in Christ to our community in caring and sharing.

WELCOME

PRELUDE & RING THE BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

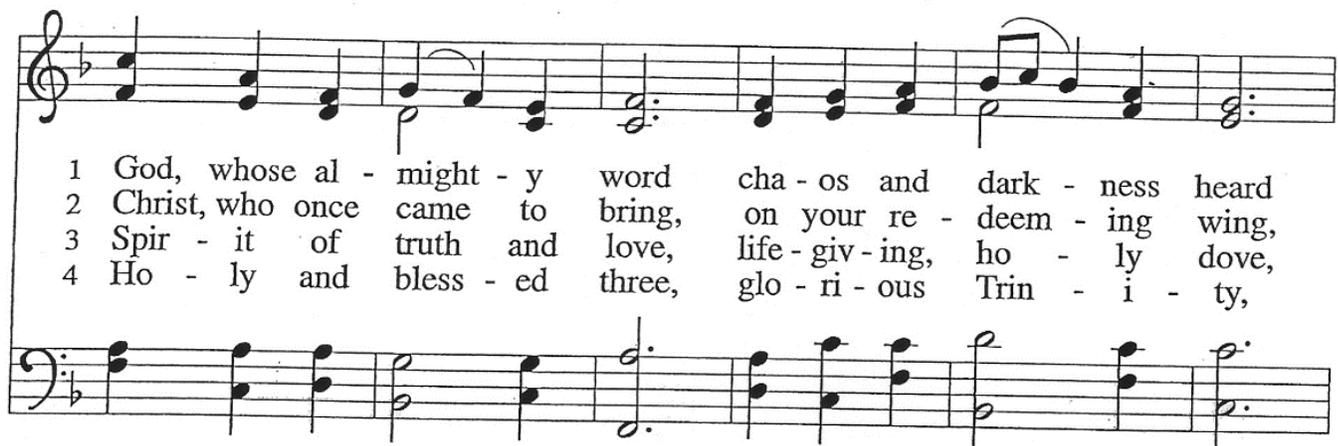
Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your 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 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.

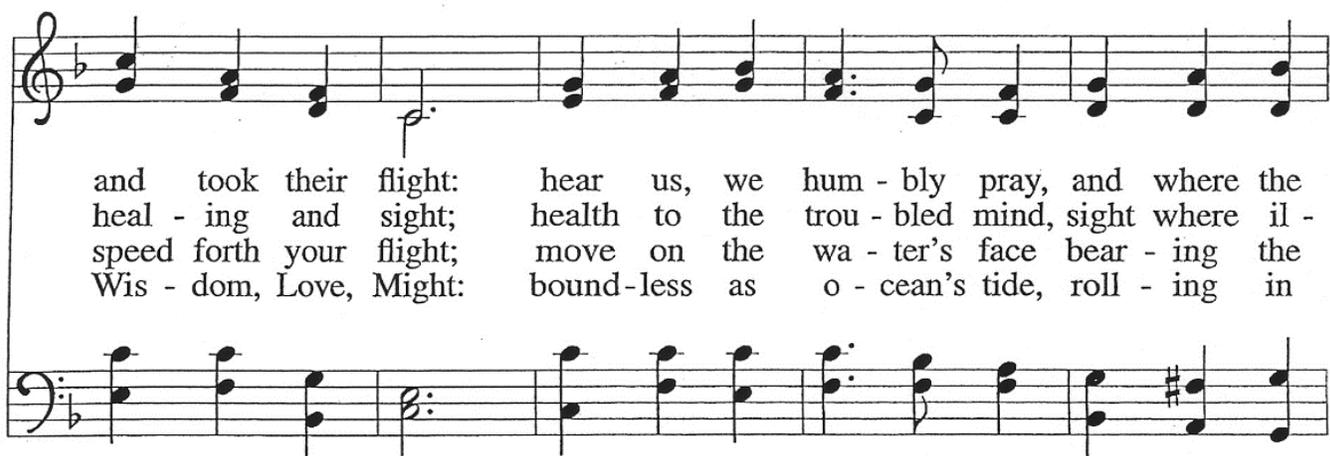
GATHERING SONG

God, Whose Almighty Word (ELW 673)

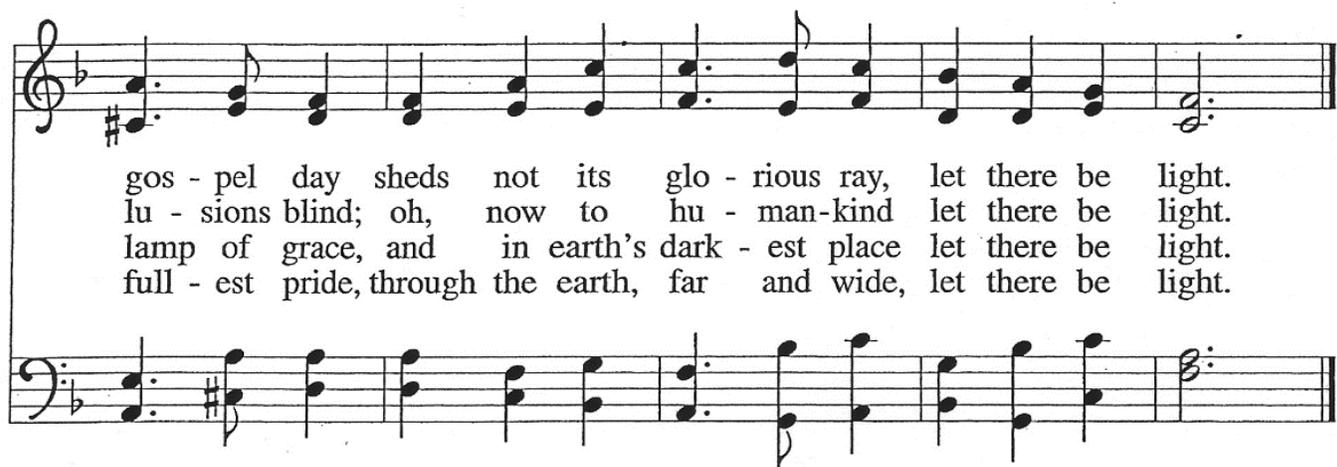
God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt,
 Music: Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

ITALIAN HYMN
 664 66 64

***GREETING (ELW p. 203)**

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.

KYRIE (ELW p. 165)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

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

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.
Lord, have mercy.

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

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 167)

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**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, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

A reading from Isaiah.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who
hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who
are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and
widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever,**

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

A reading from James.

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe
in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in
fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty
clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine
clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor
you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made
distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters.

Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 171)

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.

²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People (ELW 519)

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

519



- 1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo-ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
 2 They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
 they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

Refrain

To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

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 OF INTERCESSION

P: God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

OFFERING (ELW 185)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness
you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our
possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world
with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

DIALOGUE (ELW p. 172)

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.

PREFACE (ELW p. 173)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 173)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER (SING)**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us sing our Lord's Prayer.

**Our Father, which 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION (ELW p. 174)

We practice open communion at Aardahl Lutheran Church. All who believe that Christ is present at the meal are welcome to receive this sacrament. If you are unable to come forward and desire communion, please inform the usher. The usher will advise the pastor who will bring communion to you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

***SENDING SONG**

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve (CHESTERFIELD) (ELW 551)

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

551

1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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CHESTERFIELD
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Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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AADAHL ANNOUNCEMENTS SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

ALTAR FLOWERS are sponsored by Tomy & Carolyn Hegland in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS We need you to sign up to help with our worship services. You can usher, read or be a communion assistant. Next Sunday, Sept. 12, we need a preacher.

COMMUNITY

BEMIDJI COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF

Our day to serve at the Food Shelf will be on Wednesday, September 29 from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

CHURCHES UNITED

Churches United needs volunteers. They are open from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday. Give them a call at 444-1380. Churches United is taking donations of hygiene products, quilts, clean blankets, towels, etc.

STATISTICS

August 15th: Attendance: 42 Offering: \$1,409

August 22nd: Attendance: 49 Offering: \$1,689

August 29th: Attendance: 59 Offering: \$6,415.71

Weekly Budget Goal: **\$2,410**

Fiscal YTD income as of August 17th: \$14,386

Fiscal YTD expenses as of August 17th: \$17,807

AARDAHL PRAYER LIST

We use an open format during the service prayers. You are encouraged to pray either out loud or silently any person's name or group of people you wish the congregation to pray for. Also, please take this sheet home and pray for these people throughout the week:

In need of healing: Margie A, Bonnie A, Sheryl E, Bob M, Marlene M, Judy H, Joel S, Kelly B, Richard O, Beckie T, Jane R

Those living in care facilities: Judy H., Marlene M., Beckie T., Rose P.

Those who are grieving: The friends and family of Vickie Nord

And: Please pray for our Sister Congregation and Seminary in Madagascar, Tsararano Lutheran Church and Betela Lutheran Seminary

If you or someone you know is in the hospital, please call Pastor Pete. If you have a special prayer request, medical concern, would like a pastoral visit, or would like to become a member of Aardahl Lutheran please call Pastor Pete at 760-6974

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday 6th

Tuesday 7th

Wednesday 8th Bible Study 10:00 AM

Thursday 9th Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM

Quilting 1:00 PM

Friday 10th

Saturday 11th

Sunday 12th Worship 8:30 AM

Coffee Hour 9:30 AM