

A Brief Order for Worship with Holy Communion:

First Lutheran Church, Columbus, IN

July 25th, 2021, 9th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE: “Interlude” – A. Herbert Brewer

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: We prepare our hearts and minds for worship, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

P: God of resurrection life, we come before you today as those who would die to sin and rise to newness of life.

C: Lower into the grave all selfishness, greed and envy, all harmful desires and unworthy ambitions.

P: Raise from death all the good that is in us – and gift us with the good that is not in us.

C: Help us to love neighbors, strangers, and those we do not even like.

P: We have failed you.

C: We have failed our world.

P: Give us the skill and the desire to bring healing into this world.

C: Forgive us the sins we can name and the sins we cannot name.

(Silence to ponder our wrongs)

P: Lord, make us channels of blessing for the impoverished and injured souls of this world.

C: In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:

P: Paul teaches us in Roman’s chapter 5: If in Adam and Eve all have died – so now – in Jesus Christ – all are made alive. Let us rejoice in the life-giving power of God’s unconditional love. Our sins are forgiven for Jesus’ sake.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

1. Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!
2. Gracious God, I come before thee; come now also unto me.
Where we find thee and adore thee, there a heaven on earth must be.
To my heart, oh enter thou, let it be thy temple now!
3. Here thy praise is gladly chanted, here thy seed is duly sown;
Let my soul, where it is planted, bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be fruitful unto life in me.
4. Thou my faith increase and quicken, let me keep thy gift divine,
How-so-e’er temptations thicken, may thy word still o’er me shine,
As my guiding star through life, as my comfort in all strife.
5. Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done indeed,
May I undisturbed draw near thee while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
 Music: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680.

APOSTOLIC 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

A: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father; We worship You, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God; You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are Most High; Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Lord, feed us with your presence that we may be your presence. Raise us from death that we may breathe new life into this world. Through the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

GOSPEL READING:

John 6:1-21

SERMON: "Abundance in a Time of Scarcity"

Pastor Larry Isbell

HYMN OF THE DAY: "The Church of Christ in Every Age"

1. The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit led,
 Must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.
2. Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry
 for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.
3. Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be
 a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903 - 2000

Music: William Knapp, 1698-1768

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THE APOSTLE'S CREED:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
 and born of the virgin Mary,
 He 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,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 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 THE CHURCH:

(At the end of each petition, the leader will say "Lord, in your mercy". Feel free to respond with "Hear our prayer".)

THE BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

COMMUNION LITURGY:

L: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.**

HOLY COMMUNION:

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We trust and teach the "real presence" of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine.

**C: 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.**

Distribution:

L: The body of Christ, given for you. *(The communion wafer is consumed at this time.)*

L: The blood of Christ, shed for you. *(The communion wine is consumed at this time.)*

L: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks almighty God that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift – in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION:

P: Now may God, who has loved us with a love beyond all telling, send us forth to care for the world around us and to share the good news of that love, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN: “To Be Your Presence”

1. To be your presence is our mission here, to show compassion’s face and listening ear,
To be your heart of mercy ever near, Alleluia!
2. To be your presence is our mission bold, to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,
To be your hands of justice, right uphold, Alleluia!
3. To be your presence is our mission blest, to speak for all the broken and oppressed,
To be your voice of hope your love expressed, Alleluia!
4. We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your people is our call and choice,
And in this mission we, the church rejoice, Alleluia!

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 Music: Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924
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DISMISSAL:

L: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” – Heinrich Fleischer

Please Note: Any leftover wine or wafers may be disposed of either by being consumed by those present, or by pouring the wine on the ground outside and dispersing the wafers to feed birds and wildlife.