

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Central Lutheran Church

PRELUDE

Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter, BWV 650

Johann Sebastian Bach

“Kommst du nun” is one of six chorale preludes included in Bach’s Schübler Chorales. Each one is an organ transcription of a cantata movement scored for singers and a small instrumental ensemble. “Kommst du nun” is taken from the second movement of the cantata “Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren,” and uses the same hymn-tune as our closing virtual choir hymn.

OPENING SENTENCES

O Lord God you made the earth and the heavens,
You caused a stream to rise up in the garden,
And you have watered the whole face of the ground.
Open our eyes to your goodness,
And do not let us hide ourselves from your presence.
Be our shield and our reward.
Help us to count the stars.
Even when we intend to do harm,
You intend our actions for good,
And always provide for us and our little ones.

A PSALM OF CREATION

Psalm 8

handbells:

1 2 3

O Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is your

4

name; all the earth is full of your glo - ry.

Refrain

You whose glory is chanted above the heavens
out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies,
to silence the foe and avenger.
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?

Refrain

Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.
You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:
all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord God, grand architect of the universe, your design of creation is unflawed. Yet we continue to litter your creation with defects and imperfections. Show us how not to destroy, but to create, not to demean, but to uplift, not to hate, but to love, so that your creation may be made perfect once again.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING

John 1:1-5, 10-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

NARRATIVE READING

Genesis 2:4b-7; 15-17; 3:1-8

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶ but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— ⁷ then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" ² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. ⁸ They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

SERMON

HYMN

"Many and Great, O God"

(see end of bulletin)

CREED

We Believe in the Breath of God / Breathwork

(Take a deep breath and place a hand over your heart)

We Believe in the Breath of God
A rhythm in our chest
A movement from heaven to heart
And outward to everyone else

We Believe in the Breath of God
That hovers over the face of the deep
that moves until every captive is freed
that gives until no one is left in need

We Believe in the Breath of God
We will use this breath to speak for those who can't breathe
to weep with those who weep
to grieve with those who grieve

We will use this breath to practice what we preach
to become God's hands and feet
in the church and in the street

We Believe in the Breath of God
creating justice, revealing love
beyond buildings, but the resilience God builds in us

to confess, repent, and repair
not in guilt, blame or shame
but through courage and compassion
until our humanity is reclaimed

We Believe in the Breath of God
to help our unbelief
that we might give our every breath
until we all can breathe.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We gather as your beloved children giving thanks for the church, the world and all that you have made.

Each petition concludes:
God of love,
hear our prayer.

For all we have named and for all known only to you, we pray in Jesus name.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray as our Savior taught:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The God who made the earth and the heavens, who has made you heir to all goodness, and who has saved you from the pit continue to bless and keep you, reassure you and open your eyes, from this day on and forever more. In the name of the Creator, Redeemer and + Breath of Life.

Amen.

PEACE

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

CLOSING HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (see end of bulletin)
Today's closing hymn was recorded virtually by the Central Lutheran Church Choir. Members recorded their voices from their individual homes, which were then mixed with an organ accompaniment. In this way, the choir sings together even while being physically apart.

POSTLUDE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Max Drischner
Max Drischner (1891-1971) was a German composer, Kantor, organist and harpsichordist. Drischner studied theology in Leipzig and Breslau (Wrocław) but after nearly four years left to study harpsichord with the famed Wanda Landowska in Berlin. Following WWI (during which he served as a medic and lost part of a finger) he trained as a church musician and met several times with noted Bach scholar Albert Schweitzer. Drischner also made several trips to Norway. The volume from which this setting of today's final hymn is taken was dedicated both to Norwegian Bishop Eivind Berggrav and the countless organists in small Norwegian villages.

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Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works

Wakantanka taku nitawa

Wa - kan - tan - ka ta - ku ni - ta - wa tan - ka - ya
 1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works, mak - er of
 2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with you, O Star - a -

qa o - ta. Ma - hpi - ya kin e - ya - hna - ke ca,
 earth and sky. Your hands have set the heav'ns with stars;
 bid - ing One. Come un - to us and dwell with us;

ma - ka kin he du - o - wan - ca. Mni - o - wan
 your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at your
 with you are found the gifts of . . . life. Bless us with

ca - sbe - ya - wan - ke cin, he - na o - ya - ki - hi.
 word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.
 life that has no . . . end, e - ter - nal life with you.

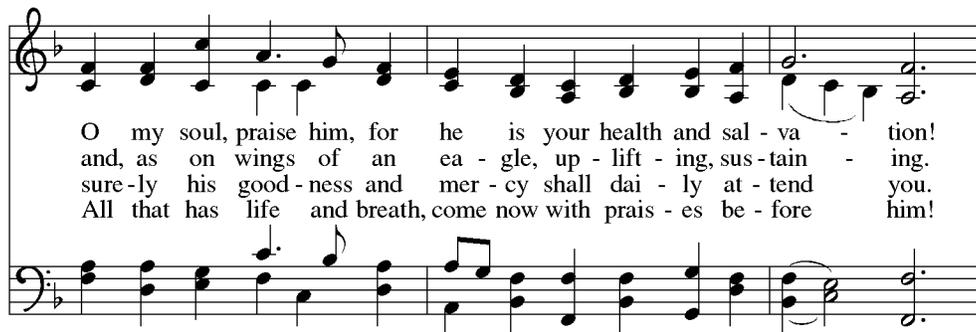
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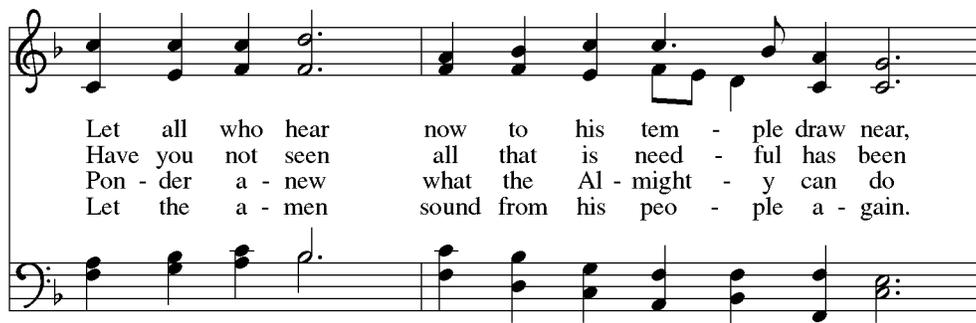
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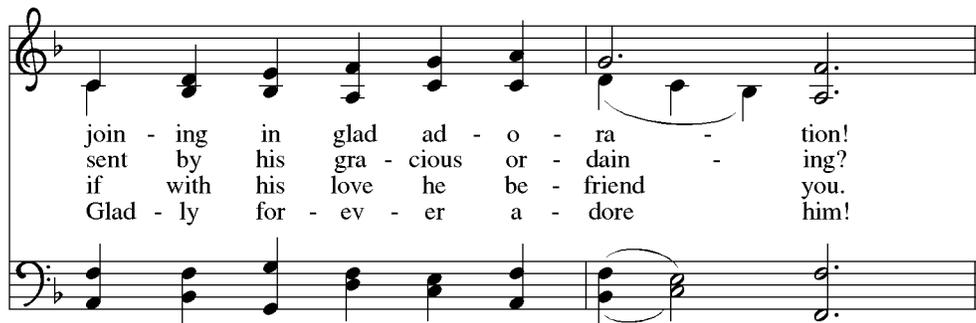
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!