



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 8, 2021

8:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Diapason Movement

John Bennett

(Stand)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

A **Amen.**

P 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.

A **Amen.**

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

(Brief Silence)

P Most merciful God,

A **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.**

A **Amen.**

P 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.

A **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Holy God, we don't always know how to pray, but you find us anyway. We don't always know how to listen, but you are in our ears all the same. We don't always know how to believe, but

you surround us with beauty, and we find ourselves held together in love. Find us. Hold us. Be in these words. Help us hear.

AU Amen.

(Be seated)

MUSICAL REFLECTION

“Many and Great”

Dakota Hymn

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:4b-15

Today’s first reading is from the book of Genesis:

^{4b}In the day that the Lord GOD made the earth and the heavens, ⁵when 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; ⁶but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground — ⁷then 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. ⁸And the Lord GOD planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹Out of the ground the Lord GOD made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. ¹¹The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; ¹²and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵The Lord GOD took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

P Word of God. Word of life.

AU Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

John 1:35-51

Today’s sermon reading is from the gospel of John:

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon

Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."
⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!"
⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

P Word of God. Word of life.

All **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

MUSICAL RESPONSE

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

John Rutter

(Stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Guided by the spirit and gathered into one community, let us pray for the church, the world and all God's creation.

(Brief Silence)

Each petition concludes:

A Lord in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that you always hear our prayers.

All **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

AI And also with you.

COMMUNION LITURGY FOR THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD

P The Lord be with you.

AI And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

AI We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

AI It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love. . .

In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

AI Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

. . . all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forever.

AI Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

(Be seated)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

P Family of faith, as you leave this place, may God grant you the curiosity to counter assumptions, the vulnerability to befriend, the bravery to speak your truth, the wisdom to listen, the strength to ask for help, the resiliency to choose love, even when it's hard, and the awareness of the Holy Spirit always beside you. In the name of the Great Connector—
Love itself,

A **Amen.**

(Stand)

CLOSING HYMN (*all sing – masked*)
“Let All Things Now Living”

Hymn 881

Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the 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 God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's 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!"

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, serve the Lord.

AI **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Postlude on *The Ash Grove*

Isaac Drewes

PRESIDING Pastor Melissa Pohlman
PREACHING Pastor Stephanie Friesen
ASSISTING Jeff Block
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