



Encouraging faith and proclaiming God's love by Gathering, Growing and Giving

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion Worship

September 18th, 2022

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If you are a VISITOR with us today, we are so grateful that God brought you here. Please sign our Guest Book in the church or send an email to sothlc@sothem.org. We are so glad that God brought you to this time of worship.

*NOTE: **Bold text** indicates worshippers' response, and *' means please stand as able.*

BELL & PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME AND MUTUAL MINISTRY MESSAGES

GATHERING

* GREETING The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **All: And also with you.**

* GATHERING HYMN "*Earth Is Filled With Wit and Wisdom*" page 5

* CONFESSION We confess our sins before God and one another. (*Pause for silence and reflection*) God of promise, **you have given us all we are and all we have, and still we have not trusted you fully. We have tried to be god in our own lives, hurting ourselves and those around us in our attempts to control. Wash us clean in the waters of your salvation, and bring us back into a right relationship with you.**

* FORGIVENESS God welcomes you home with open arms, and forgives you all your sin, for the sake of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, live in the promise of God's love, freely given. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ. **Amen.***

* PRAYER OF THE DAY God of blessing, **you called Abraham and Sarah to leave all they knew in order to follow you, and without hesitation, they went. Give us that same trust in you, that we might follow where you lead. Amen.***

GROWING

Last week we learned how there was a time in the early history of humanity when God saw the earth had become corrupt and as filled with violence. God observed all this corruption in the world. for everyone on earth was corrupt...all but Noah. It all broke God's heart, so God said to Noah, "I have decided to wipe all the evil beings from the earth. God flooded the entire world, but saved Noah, his family and remnants of every species of animal and food. God acknowledged that some members of humanity would continue to be evil and corrupt. Still God makes a covenant with all creation that never again would God destroy all living things. And the rainbow was given as a sign of this promise. Human greed for power and desire to be godlike continues, so God begins to build a path for eternal

reconciliation between God and all of humanity. The path begins with a childless couple, the husband of whom God will create a great nation. Centuries later, this family tree will include a child born of Mary. But for now, let us hear how the path of eternal reconciliation begins with a call for Abram to be a blessing for the whole world. A reading from Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.µ 4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, 6 Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.µ So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. 8 From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. 9 And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE *God blesses us to be a blessing to others*
Blue #771 HYMN OF THE DAY "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" page 6

Pastor Mary Eide

GIVING

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (*professed together*)

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 again 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

**Or, He descended to the dead.*

* PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (L: God of grace, **ALL: hear our prayer.**)

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* OFFERING LITANY (*We remember that we offer to God all that we have*)

L: Go from all you know, to the place I will send you.

ALL: We trust you to lead us.

L: I will care for you in the journey.

ALL: We trust you to guide us.

L: I will give you stability, family, a place to call home.

ALL: We trust you to care for us.

L: I will bless you to be a blessing to the world.

ALL: We will proclaim your love in our words and our actions.

L: I will be your God

ALL: And we will be your people.

L: God, you have blessed us to be a blessing to the world.

ALL: Use these gifts for the good of all those in need of your loving care. Amen. *

* GREAT THANKSGIVING 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**

* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

* 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

* INVITATION God nourishes us with this meal that we may be a blessing to all the world. Come share in the blessing of Jesus' body and blood.*

HOLY COMMUNION – *All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the bread and wine are welcome to commune with us. Gluten-free wafers available and give "thumbs up" for grape juice. Children who do not yet receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing. If you or a family member would like communion brought to them, please tell an usher.*

* POST COMMUNION PRAYER We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

* ANNOUNCEMENTS/BLESSING The God of peace, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

* Blue #721 SENDING HYMN "Go My Children, With My Blessing" page 7

* DISMISSAL Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

* POSTLUDE

Michelle Young

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH AND BEYOND OUR DOORS

TODAY:	8:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship with Communion
Monday	6:30pm	Church Council Meeting
	7pm	AA Meeting
Tuesday:	4-6pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday	3:20-4:30pm	7 th -8 th gr. Confirmation Class
Friday:	10-Noon	Food Pantry
	2:00pm	Parade Lineup
Sunday:	8:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship
	11:00am	Fellowship (in the Gathering Place)
	12-4pm	Vic Jenson's 90 th Birthday Open House
		Wendy and Ryan Sterry's home
		N5440 870 th St., Elk Mound, WI

ADULT BIBLE STUDY Wed. 9/28th at 10am Starting a series entitled *Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith* written by The Rev. Sara Olson Smith from Davenport, IA
Copies of Session #1 (9/28) and #2 (10/26) are available at church or can be sent to you via email if you contact Pastor Mary at meide@luthersem.edu

SIGN UP TO HELP AT THE AUTUMN FEST We are looking for donations of bars and baskets, as well as help with setting up the tent on Sat. 10/1st, hauling everything over the morning of 10/2nd, running the event and cleaning up. Sign-up sheets at church. Any questions, contact Sarah Larson at 715-577-2560. We are still looking for individuals to take the lead on: *Tent Set up on Saturday morning, venue setup on Sunday, and clean up at the end of the day.* If we get someone for each of these tasks, we won't have to add too much pressure on any one person.

Tuesday, September 20th, the Synod Advocate for Right Relationships, Rev. Sara Bishop will host a walk in the woods at Luther Park. This is an opportunity to tell Sara what we want or need for justice work in the synod. Bring a lunch and join us from 9-3. If you want to skip the walk but join the talk, we'll see you around noon! This invitation is for anyone; ministers, members, the curious or the concerned.

Sunday School news: GROWING GENEROSITY IN ALL GENERATIONS

On Rally Sunday, our Sunday School students and staff decided to direct our SS offerings toward ELCA Good Gifts (God's Global Barnyard) and **raise \$50** to purchase a pig and honeybees for families in other countries to use as a source of income earned at local markets. We are excited to have the opportunity to educate and encourage the students to give to others out of response of God's love for them...and all of creation. The staff will have a poster out showing the progress we are making towards this goal.

ALSO...check out the latest VBS and Sunday School pictures and projects on the Sunday School bulletin boards just outside of the sanctuary and along the wall nearby it.

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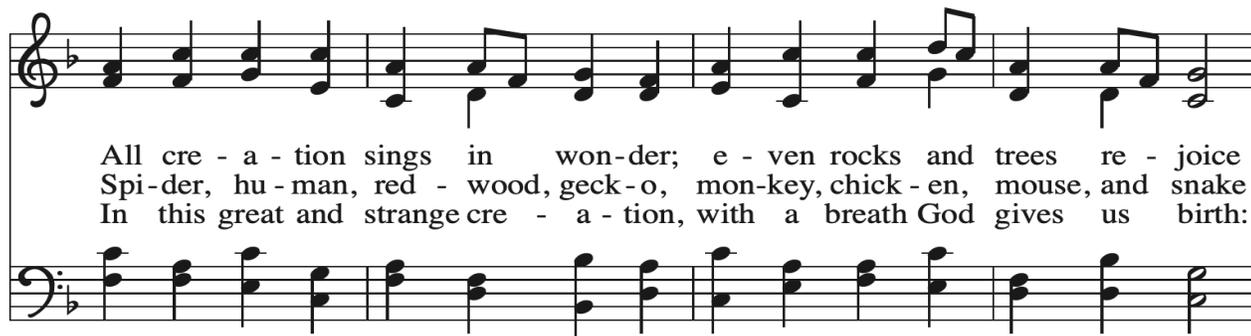
Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom



1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound - ing God's de - light - ed laugh,
 2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.
 3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe.
 Ev - 'ry crea - ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum - ble - bee.
 cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



All cre - a - tion sings in won - der; e - ven rocks and trees re - joice
 Spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon - key, chick - en, mouse, and snake
 In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:



as they join the ring - ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.
 live with - in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.
 born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

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Go, My Children, with My Blessing

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.
 4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
 I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."
 Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

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