

Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church

E.L.C.A.



Hymn Sing Sunday

Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

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Bulletin Donated By: Kirstin & Torey Kempel, "Happy Birthday to our Grandson Jack!"

## **Gathering**

Prelude

Announcements

L: What a joy it is to sing with you this morning in worship. Singing has been a part of the history of our faith from the very beginning, with the Psalms as the original hymnbook. Our faith is a faith of stories, often sung as a way to pass them on to the next generation. There's a great beauty in the comfort of old hymns, the songs that don't really require the use of a hymnal. The hymns of our faith sink into us in a way that even the scriptures do not, reminding us of the larger community faith, over many many years.

## **\*Greeting**

L: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

**C: Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.**

L: Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

**C: Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.**

L: Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

## **\*Hymn – Congregation Choice**

### **Reading Psalm 98**

<sup>1</sup> O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. <sup>2</sup> The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. <sup>3</sup> He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. <sup>4</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. <sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. <sup>6</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD. <sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it. <sup>8</sup> Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy <sup>9</sup> at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

## **\*Hymn – Congregation Choice**

### **\*Reading** Zephaniah 3:14-17

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! <sup>15</sup> The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. <sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be

said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. <sup>17</sup> The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

### **Hymn Sing**

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

L: Together let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God, our creator?

**C: I believe in God, creator of all things, whose heavenly song sent the planets into motion. Even when we go astray, God calls us back, showing us the fullness of life and giving us new songs of praise for each and every day.**

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ who lived for us and among us, healing the sick, easing the burdens of all people, and teaching us the new song of God's kingdom. He showed His love for all God's children in His death and the hope for eternal life in His resurrection.**

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of life who sings God's grace through all time and space. I listen for the Holy Spirit through the history of songs sung by all the communion of saints and through the unwritten songs of all who are to come in the future. I believe that God has a song for my life as well. Amen.**

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

L: Let us give thanks to God: For the gift of music, for harmonies which magnify your name, and for songs that glorify you.

**C: We lift our songs of praise to you, Lord God.**

L: For musicians, who through voice and instrument lift high our praise and proclaim your word with beauty and power.

**C: We lift our songs of praise to you, Lord God.**

L: For joining our voices with the saints and angels of all times and places, for the delight of worshipping you, and for the gifts of grace which you freely bestow upon us.

**C: We lift our songs of praise to you, Lord God.**

L: For those who advocate for the "least of these," for caregivers who provide compassion, and for all those who struggle with brokenness, loss, or ill health. Silently or aloud, we now name those for whom we ask a special measure of your grace . . . Take heed, Lord God, of our bidding and grant what we need.

**C: We lift our songs of praise to you, Lord God.**

L: You are the Lord of all, the giver of life and salvation, and the hope of all who trust in you. We praise and honor you, in the name of Jesus, your Son and our Savior. **C: Amen.**

**\*Peace** – L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

### **Offering**

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**\*Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

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**Sending**

**\*Benediction**

L: May the light of God shine upon you, may he wrap his loving arms around you, protect you, guard you, bless you, be with you, and fill you with His peace. Today and Always. **C: Amen**

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**\*Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Sing to the Lord a new song! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude