

October 1, 2023; 9:00 am  
21st Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Communion

## **We Gather Together**

**Prelude:** Prelude and Fugue in G Major  
Genevan 25

*by J.S. Bach*  
*music: by Louis Bourgeois*

**Welcome & Announcements**

*Eddie H.*

### **Ringing of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

*Eddie H.*

We gather as a community of compassion and hope.

**Jesus calls us to care for each other tenderly and willingly.**

By this caring and sharing we will be known as followers of Jesus.

**By our example others may be led to lives of peace.**

Lord, open our hearts and minds this day to your word.

**Teach us to serve you with all our gifts and talents. Amen**

**\*Sung Response:** GTG 667 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

*Elise C., Cantor*

#### **\*Call to Confession**

The apostle Paul tells us:

Do not be overcome by evil,  
but overcome evil with good.

For the times we have failed to do this,  
let us confess to God.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we have sinned against heaven and before you. We do not fully live as your sons and daughters. We use your gifts to our own ends. Forgive us and restore us so that we may resist all that draws us away from you and be at peace with one another. Amen.

*Silent Confession*

*(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)*

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit given to us.  
In the mercy of almighty God,  
Christ died for us while we still were sinners;  
and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins.  
Amen.

**\*Sharing God's Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.)*

**\*Sung Response PH 577 "Glory Be to the Father"**

## **God's Word Is Proclaimed**

**Psalm:** Psalm 25: 1-9 (*page 502 in the pew Bible*)

**Epistle:** Philippians 2: 1-13 (*page 197 in the back of the pew Bible*)

**Gospel:** Matthew 21: 23-32 (*page 23 in the back of the pew Bible*)

**Children's Time**

*Jennifer Zander*

**Sermon :** "Lessons from Red Group"

*Pr. Rebecca Proefrock*

**\*Sung Response:** GTG 420 "Lord, to You My Soul is Lifted"

## **We Respond to God's Word**

### **THE NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

**Offering:**

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

**Musical Offering:** Laudes Domini *arr. by John A. Behnke*

**\*Offertory:** GTG 609 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
*(TUNE: Lasst Uns Erfreuen)*

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**GTG 521 "In Remembrance of Me"**

*(Remain seated, we sing this song as the table is being prepared for communion)*

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy  
to give you thanks and praise,  
O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.  
In your wisdom, you made all things  
and sustain them by your power.  
You formed us in your image,  
setting us in this world to love and to serve you,  
and to live in peace with your whole creation.

When we rebelled against you  
refusing to trust and obey you,  
you did not reject us,  
but still claimed us as your own.  
You sent prophets to call us back to your way.

Then in the fullness of time,  
out of your great love for the world,  
you sent your only Son to be one of us,  
to redeem us and heal our brokenness.  
Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with choirs of angels,  
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,  
and with all the faithful of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy

*Glory to God #565*

The musical score is written on four staves in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC (SANCTUS (Haugen)): Marty Haugen, 1984, © 1984 GIA Publications, Inc.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It consists of four staves of music in a single system. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Bless - ed is he who comes'. The second staff contains 'in the name of the Lord.'. The third staff contains 'Ho - san - na in the high - est,'. The fourth staff contains 'ho - san - na in the high - - est.'.

Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est,  
ho - san - na in the high - - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty,  
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.  
In Jesus, born of Mary, your Word became flesh  
and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.  
He lived as one of us, knowing joy and sorrow.  
He healed the sick,  
fed the hungry,  
opened blind eyes,  
broke bread with outcasts and sinners,  
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and needy.  
Dying on the cross,  
he gave himself for the life of the world.  
Rising from the grave,  
he won for us victory over death.  
Seated at your right hand,  
he leads us to eternal life.  
We praise you that Christ now reigns with you in glory,  
and will come again to make all things new.

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus,  
on the night before he died, took bread,  
and after giving thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat.  
This is my body, given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,  
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,  
we joyfully celebrate his dying and rising,  
as we await the day of his coming.  
With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you  
to be a living and holy sacrifice,  
dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Glory to God #566

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en;  
Christ will come a - gain.  
Christ has died; Christ is ris - en;  
Christ will come a - gain.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first two staves form the first line of the hymn, and the last two staves form the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Gracious God,  
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,  
that the bread we break  
and the cup we bless  
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.  
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
that we may be one with all who share this feast,  
united in ministry in every place.  
As this bread is Christ's body for us,  
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Remember your church. . . .  
Unite it in the truth of your Word  
and empower it in ministry to the world.  
Remember the world of nations. . . .  
By your Spirit renew the face of the earth;  
let peace and justice prevail.  
Remember our family and friends. . . .  
Bless them and watch over them;  
be gracious to them and give them peace.  
Remember the sick and the suffering,  
the aged and the dying. . . .  
Encourage them and give them hope.  
Rejoicing in the communion of saints,  
we remember with thanksgiving  
all your faithful servants, and those dear to us,  
whom you have called from this life. . . .  
We are grateful that for them death is no more,  
nor is there sorrow, crying, or pain,  
for the former things have passed away.

In union with your church in heaven and on earth,  
we pray, O God, that you will fulfill your eternal purpose  
in us and in all the world.

Keep us faithful in your service  
until Christ comes in final victory,  
and we shall feast with all your saints



in the joy of your eternal realm.  
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever.

Amen

*Glory to God #568*

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the refrain 'Amen, amen, amen!'. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4. The second staff is identical to the first, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - - men!' are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllable placement.

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

### **The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors – Matthew 6)**

**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.  
Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

Loving God,  
we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament,  
united us with Christ,  
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet  
in your eternal kingdom.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*Sung Response:** GTG 306 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude:** Dennis

*arr. by Stephen P. Folkemer*

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### Weekly Statistics

DATE	ATTENDANCE	WEEKLY INCOME	NOTES
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023	<b>57 IN THE SEATS</b>	\$2,086.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES
09/18--22/2023		\$491.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
		<b>\$2,577.00</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK</b>
9/24/2023	<b>3 Households</b>		3-HOUSEHOLDS VIEWED THE ZOOM SERVICE FOR 09/24/2023



October Deacon of the Month  
Amber Summeril

October Elder of the Month  
Dave Erickson

### Looking Ahead

Worship	October 8 - Chaplain Darren Beachy
Worship	October 15 - Pastor Dan Schultz
Worship	October 22 - Chaplain Darren Beachy
Worship	October 29 - Chaplain Evan Stark

### PRAYERS

Brian C.	Cathie (She is a friend of Mary B.)
Pat D.	Jerry and Mary H.
Gib D.	Chastity G. and Joan S.
Arnold L.	Jolene S. - Sister and her husband
Jesse F.	Lynn K.
Silas W.*	Jane D.
Liam A.	Ashley K.
Burt M.	Sue and Mark (They are friends of the Christie's.)
	Presbyterian Nominating Committee (PNC)

\*Please keep Silas and his family in your prayers. Silas is home with his family and now on Hospice Care.

## Hope on the Block

Hope on the Block provides community pantries in Fond du Lac, North Fond du Lac and Ripon that allow people to get the essential items and resources they need at no cost to them. The pantries are filled with toothbrushes, toothpaste, tissues, shampoo/conditioner, hand sanitizer, non-perishable food, water and more. Homeless people in our community may be invisible to those of us with a secure place to live.

Nick Teifke will pull back the curtain on people in need within our community. Nick has been involved, daily, soliciting donations and grants and keeping the Fond du Lac pantry stocked. Learn about how Hope on the Block is connected to the current community wide effort to open a new warming shelter.

Please join us in the Parlor at 10:20 am on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, to be informed about needs and ways to help in our community.

