

# Sunday Worship for Martin Luther Church

13th Sunday after Pentecost, August 30, 2020

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## Introduction

*Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.*

## A. GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### Prelude

### Words of Welcome & Announcements

### Call to Worship

P: How shall we get along with one another in this world?

A: **The Apostle Paul said that our love should be genuine. We should hate what is evil and hold fast to what is good.**

P: We should honor one another with kindness and compassion.

A: **We should always be strong in our enthusiasm to serve God.**

P: Come, let us joyfully worship God in all that we do.

A: **Let us praise God in our words, our thoughts, and our actions. Amen.**

**Gathering Song: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus ELW 802, 1 & 4** (See next page)

### Greeting

P: The grace of our Saviour Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: **And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

Creator of diversity, **strengthen us by your Son, who gave us an example for how to live together as your people. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, until we see one another as you see us, through Jesus Christ, our teacher and redeemer. Amen.**

## Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.  
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.  
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.  
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, since you are our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, pil - grims here, our home a - bove,  
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:  
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;  
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Fa - ther's bid - ding.  
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.  
 then by grace we all may win un - told fruits of his cre - a - tion.  
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.  
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.  
 Je - sus, un - to you I die, there to live with you on high.  
 Je - sus, if I faith - ful be, life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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## B. WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God's name;  
make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.

<sup>2</sup>**Sing to the LORD, sing praises,  
and speak of all God's marvelous works.**

<sup>3</sup>Glory in God's holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

<sup>4</sup>**Search for the strength of the LORD;  
continually seek God's face.**

<sup>5</sup>Remember the marvels God has done,  
the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,

<sup>6</sup>**O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,  
O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.**

<sup>23</sup>Israel came into Egypt,  
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

<sup>24</sup>**The LORD made the people of Israel very fruitful,  
more numerous than their enemies,**

<sup>25</sup>whose hearts God turned, so that they hated God's people,  
and dealt unjustly with the servants of God.

<sup>26</sup>**O LORD, you sent Moses your servant,  
and Aaron, your chosen one.** <sup>45b</sup>**Hallelujah**

### Gospel Acclamation ELW 172

#### Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

## Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

P: The Holy Gospel as revealed in Paul's letter to the church in Rome.

A: **Glory to you O' Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

P: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

A: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon by Hannah Johnston

**Hymn of the Day: Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song ELW 808, 1, 3, and 4** (See next page)

## Prayers of Intercession

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of faithfulness, you bid your people to follow Jesus. Set the mind of your church on divine things. Grant us trust in you, that we lose our lives for the sake of Christ and thereby discover joy in life through him. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of excitement, you gave us five inspired pastors in training for over a year to let us get a glimpse of what church could become in the future. We the people of Martin Luther and Redeemer Church are the fortunate ones to have been part of our interns Silke, Jordan, Adam, Caro and Hannah's formation as we learned with them along the way. Open doors for their new ministries and the congregations they serve, and give them the strength of your people. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of wonder, the earth is yours and all that is in it. Heal your creation and give us eyes to see the world as you do. As the seasons change, pattern the rhythm of our lives in harmony with all creation. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all nations, you call us to live peaceably with all. Give us ears to hear one another, even those we name as enemies. Fill all leaders with mercy and understanding, that they advocate and genuinely care for those who are most vulnerable in their communities. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**



## Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*  
1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;  
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,  
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



*Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,*  
I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:  
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.  
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.  
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



*car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:*  
you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.  
And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



*Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.*  
Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.  
Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.  
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

2 *Jésus, je voudrais te louer sur ma route;*  
*Jésus, je voudrais que ma voix soit l'écho de ta joie,*  
*et que chante la terre et que chante le ciel;*  
*Jésus, je voudrais te louer sur ma route.*

3 *Jésus, je voudrais te servir sur ma route,*  
*Jésus, je voudrais partager les souffrances de ta croix,*  
*car tu livres pour moi et ton corps et ton sang;*  
*Jésus, je voudrais te servir sur ma route.*

4 *Jésus, je voudrais tout au long de ma route,*  
*entendre tes pas résonner dans la nuit près de moi,*  
*jusqu'à l'aube du jour où ton peuple sauvé,*  
*Jésus, chantera ton retour sur ma route.*

God of salvation, you promise to deliver us. Give those who suffer a strong sense of your presence and love. Accompany those who are uncertain, raise the spirits of those who are despairing, and heal the sick today we lift up Jeff, Geri, Jens, Waltraud, Horst and the McGowan family, especially Betty. Anni, Betty, and Tony.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who have celebrated their birthdays this week, especially: Elizabeth, Erik, Alfred, Gabrielle, Slava, Anna Lisa, Annelie, Reiner, Brigitte and Irena. Bless them in the year ahead as they continue their journey of life and faith.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of community, you call us to rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer. Make our congregations active examples of your love. When we quarrel, bring reconciliation. Help us overcome evil with good. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all grace, you give us everlasting life. In love we recall your holy ones who now live in your undying light. In our remembering, give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Farewell to our Interns- Vicars Silke Fahl, Jordan Smith, Adam McComb & Caroline Raddatz**

### **Prayer**

### **Farewells**

### **Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

A: **And also with you.**

## **C. MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### **Great Thanksgiving**

P: God is with you.

A: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

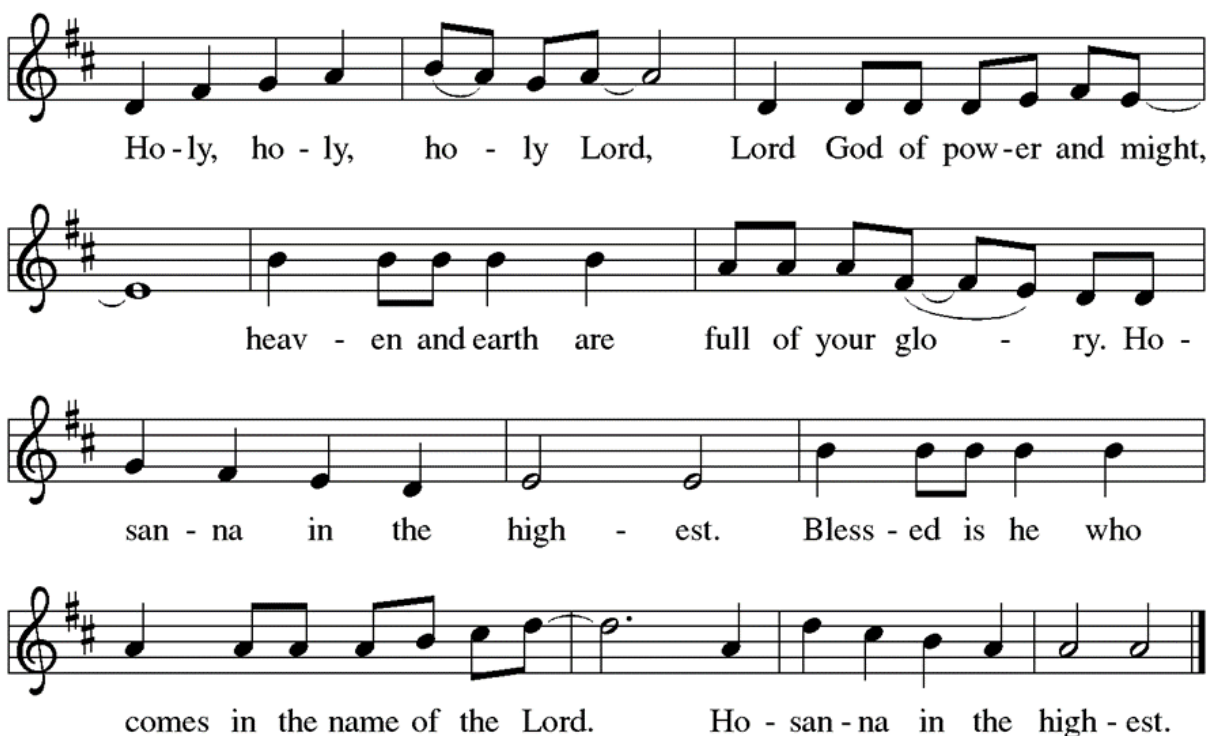
A: **We lift them to our God.**

P: Let us give thanks to God.

A: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **Preface**

## Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

## The 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.**

## Invitation to Communion

**Communion Hymn: All Are Welcome ELW 641, 1, 3, and 5 (See next page)**

## Communion

## Table Blessing

## Prayer after Communion



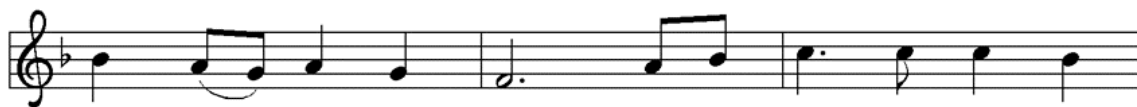
## All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



*Refrain*  
Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
claim the faith of Je - sus:  
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
end to fear and dan - ger:  
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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## **D. SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **Blessing**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

### **Sending Song: Lord Whose Love in Humble Service ELW 712**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light  
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:  
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.  
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.  
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

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## Announcements

- Sunday [Video Worship Services](#): Live-streamed at 11:00 am; recording shared on our [YouTube Channel](#). Please subscribe and comment.
- [In-Person Worship Services](#)- Please register by 5:00 pm on Thursdays before Sunday service, complete COVID waiver and review guidelines
  - ◊ September 13, 15th Sunday after Pentecost: 11:00 am English service  
Eventbrite: <https://tinyurl.com/MLCSept13-Eng>
  - ◊ September 20, 16th Sunday after Pentecost: 11:00 am German Service  
Eventbrite: <https://tinyurl.com/MLCSept20-Ger>
  - ◊ September 27, 17th Sunday after Pentecost: 11:00 am English-German Service  
Eventbrite: <https://tinyurl.com/MLCSept27-Eng-Ger>
  - ◊ October 4, German Thanksgiving: 11:00 am German Service  
Eventbrite: <https://tinyurl.com/MLCOct4-Ger>
- German [Radio Devotions](#) on our website and Sundays at 9.30 am on CHLO Radio AM 530
- [Sunday School lessons](#) (April-June) on our website
- [Virtual Coffee Shop Talk](#), Mondays 7:00-9:00 pm on Zoom led by Vicar Silke Fahl.  
Email vicarfahl@martinluther.ca to sign up.
- [Virtual Prayer Circle](#), Wednesdays 5:30-6:00 pm through Zoom led by Solveig Christina Voss; we also have a Prayer Request Wall in the Church Foyer  
To request a prayer or join our prayer circle, email prayers@martinluther.ca.
- [Give Peas a Chance](#)- A grow some, give some movement hosted by Martin Luther and Redeemer Lutheran with donated seeds.
- [Masks for Good](#) - A project to ensure that everyone who wants to protect themselves from the virus has access to masks. Everyone who wants to get involved can find an activity that suits them. Contact Vicar Adam McComb if you'd like to volunteer, vicarmccomb@martinluther.ca
- [Corona-Care Calls](#)- Volunteers are continuing to call you with more information and to understand your needs. Let us know if you'd like to join the call team!
- Please phone or email the church office:
  - ◊ if we can help you in any way or to give feedback on what we're offering
  - ◊ if you'd like to volunteer during Sunday services
  - ◊ to support our church and [donate](#). Best ways are PAR or send cheque to church office.

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