

September 17, 2023
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion



Elements Of Community

Hosanna Lutheran Church

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PRELUDE
WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP (Colleen Jahns)

L: Friends! Let us draw close to God living to the fullest, in the life we have been granted.

C: **Laughing with joy at the blessings we have been given.**

L: Loving this day, this place, these people around us.

C: **In the name of our living, laughing, loving God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

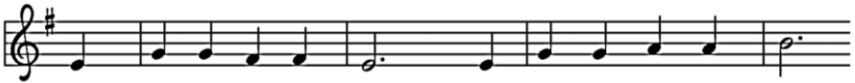
OPENING HYMN: ELW 737 – He Comes To Us As One Unknown

GREETING:

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

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE:



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Sunday School)

WORD

REFLECTION (Colleen Jahns)

CHILDREN'S TIME

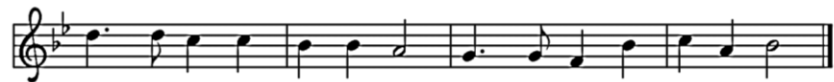
ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE: Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

(Marilyn Bella)

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to

Sarah, and said, ‘Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.’ Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, ‘Where is your wife Sarah?’ And he said, ‘There, in the tent.’ Then one said, ‘I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.’ And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, ‘After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?’ The LORD said to Abraham, ‘Why did Sarah laugh, and say, “Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?” Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.’ But Sarah denied, saying, ‘I did not laugh’; for she was afraid. He said, ‘Oh yes, you did laugh.’

The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, ‘God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.’ And she said, ‘Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.’

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ACS 993 – God Is Here Today



Dios es - tá a - quí, tan
God is here to - day; as



cier-to co-mo_el ai - re que res - pi - ro, tan
cer - tain as the air I breathe, as



cier-to co-mo la ma - ña - na se le - van - ta, tan
 cer - tain as the morn-ing sun that ris - es, as



cier-to co-mo que le can-to,y me pue-de o - ír.
 cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Colleen Jahns)

Giving thanks for the elements of community, today we bring prayers for the church, the world, and all those in need. Our petitions will end with "Hear us O God," The congregation is invited to respond: "your mercy is great."

A brief silence.

O God, may we laugh at the miracles that happen in life. May we laugh with those who see beyond this world. May we laugh with those who have heard the impossible and trust it is true and live within its promise. Hear us O God, **your mercy is great.**

O God, is this what a promise feels like? When the heavens above you and the dust below you remind you every day of what is yet to come, yet, such is the size of the promise, you'll never see it fulfilled? May we take each day one step, and with that step know your love and your promise, and in that promise speak of remarkable things like the beauty and joy of your creation. Inspire us to care for all you have made in your name. Hear us O God, **your mercy is great.**

O God, may we laugh with those who have once cried, struggled, or suffered, and may we journey with them until they are able to share in the joy of your promises. Today we name before you children we know need your care and comforting, including: **Dave Leeson**, those included in the extended prayer list, and those we now name silently or aloud. – (10 seconds of silence) – Hear us O God, **your mercy is great.**

EXTENDED PRAYER LIST: Gladys Hansen, Emily Stebner, Wally Marquardt, Daphne Wold, Al Wende, Liz Wise, Tammy Massa, Shirley Newsom, Holly Armstrong, Lorelei Campbell, Darlene Brown, Marilyn Beebe, Debbie Simpson, Dianne Begert, Dale Grinde, Elaine McKinlay, George Kubinski, Chelsea Sloan, Don Vinge, Millie Dofka, Wes Baines, Dave Tate, Bob Ritz, Edith Preiksaitis, Hilda Lindae, Owen Wiig, John Sims

O God, this is what it feels like to live within a promise, to speak of wonders despite our commonness and know all is held in the greater, bigger, eternal love called God. May we journey like this every day as your people and your church. We pause this day to give thanks for the ministry and leadership of Pastor George Friedrich in this place. That he answered your call and shared his gifts with the whole congregation. We also celebrate with Pastor Anna as she celebrates the 10th anniversary of her ordination. Empower her to continue to use her gifts for the betterment of the congregation and your world. Hear us O God, **your mercy is great.**

O God, may we laugh with those who have heard the words of heaven and recognise what is everlasting. We give thanks for the gifts of ministry done in your name and pray today for: Bishop Kathy and the people of the BC Synod. The ABT synod council as they gather for their fall meeting and retreat. Our synod's parish workers and youth workers, including Sonja Carmichael, Chris Terry and Jabe Bilodeau. For our sister congregations including Glory Lutheran and Mount Olivet Lutheran, Sherwood Park. St. George's Anglican, Cambridge Bay. The Church of Finland. The Anglican Diocese of the Yukon. The Pentecostal Churches in Canada. Hear us O God, **your mercy is great.**

O God, we remember these members of Hosanna's congregation as they celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Toby Robinson, Dominique Yarde, Walter Brauer, Chris Terry, Barry Lyall, Dorothy Rendflesh.** Bless them on their day and in the year to come. Hear us O God, **your mercy is great.**

O God, you are the great promise-maker. You stir up our souls and open us to the big vision only star-fields can show, yet make us feel so small, a mere speck amidst the enormity, that we can only laugh and rejoice in the life you have given us. May all the days of our lives find their meaning in you, and at the last when we rest may we do so in your presence. Hear us O God, **your mercy is great.**

P: May we step up to be all that you created us to be: eternally beloved children of a creating and redeeming God, who lives, loves and laughs with us each day. **C: Amen.**

THE PEACE

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC: Sonata in C, by Luigi Boccherini (Erik & Kari Heise)

OFFERTORY HYMN: ELW 686 – We Give Thee but Thy Own, vv. 1,2



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Colleen Jahns)

L: God of promise, we bring to you our offering, remembering that we too are a part of your covenant promise. Use the gifts we bring, and use us in the bringing of your sacred laughter, your holy surprises, your wondrous yet-to-be. May we know that in our service and in our belonging within this community, we can bring your Kingdom that step closer. **C: Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD:

P: Holy God, mighty Fortress, loving Redeemer, steadfast Comforter, as vegetation matures in forests and fields, your living Word undergirds all that lives. We praise your eternal Word.

C: We praise your eternal Word.

P: In the words of the Scriptures you offer us Christ: our refuge, our savior, our friend, accompanying us throughout our years and renewing us in love. We praise Jesus, your Word.

C: We praise Jesus, your Word.

P: We pray for power from your abiding Spirit. Strengthen us to stand firm in faith, in devotion to your Word, and in service to others. We pray for the Spirit of your Word.

C: We pray for the Spirit of your Word.

P: To you be honor and praise and glory, today and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

SENDING

SENDING:

P: Love, laughter, living: it's what God intends for each and every one of us. Go now to find those moments of love, of laughter, of living, and do so with the full blessing of a loving, laughing, living God, always by your side. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN: ELW 831 – The God Of Abraham Praise, vv. 1-4, 8

DISMISSAL: (Colleen Jahns)

L: Go in peace, praising God and doing God's will.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Permission to livestream the music in this service obtained from OneLicense with license "A-733297".

With thanks to those serving today:

Reader	Marilyn Bella
Lay Leader	Colleen Jahns
Special Music	Erik Heise (cello), Kari Heise (piano)
Greeters/ Ushers	Marilyn & Patrick Bella
A/V Tech	Helena Hendricksen, George Carmichael
Hospitality	Fellowship Committee

TODAY

10am Service of the Word

11am Sunday School

11:30am Confirmation



You are invited to join us in celebrating Holy Communion Sept.24th at 10am. If joining us from home, please prepare in advance by having bread or a gluten-free option, and wine or grape juice available. **Communion supplies are available at the church.**

THIS WEEK: September 18th – September 24th

MONDAY 11am Renie Turnquist Funeral/ 6pm Tanglewood AGM/
8pm AlAnon

TUESDAY 1pm Staff Meeting / 1:30pm Finance/ 7pm JRF Church/
7pm 12-Step Group

WEDNESDAY 10am Painters/ 11am Quilters/ 7:15pm Council

THURSDAY 10am Bible Study/ 2pm Food Bank/ 5:15pm Handbells/
6pm JRF Church/ 6pm Scouts/ 7pm Choir

FRIDAY 8am Food Prep Group/ 6pm JRF Church

SATURDAY 8am 12 Step Group/ 11am Youth Kick-Off/
2:30pm JRF Church

SUNDAY **10am Holy Communion** / 11am Adult Forum/
11am Sunday School/ 11:30am Confirmation/
2pm JRF Church

❖ **ADULT FORUM on Sunday morning, September 24 after worship service**, will feature our own Pastor Anna Thede, on “There and Back Again: A Trip to the Holy Land,” bringing us insights from her sabbatical experiences this past summer. They included a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in a group organized by the Tantur Ecumenical Institute.

You may attend (and participate in discussion) in person at Hosanna or join in online through Zoom. Here’s how you can access Zoom at 11 a.m.:

Topic: Adult Forum Time: Sept. 24th , at 11am

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/3wi11IR>

Meeting ID: 853 0634 1571 **Passcode:** 817062

Dial by your location: +1 587 328 1099 Canada

PHOTO DIRECTORY - MORE DATES AVAILABLE!! *Are you new to Hosanna and want to be able to put names to faces? Or have you been attending for years and still wonder what people's names are?*

We are producing a pictorial directory in order to help us get to know each other and stay in contact better.



We have arranged for some additional dates/times for photography in addition to the September dates previously offered.

Monday, October 16 between 2:30 and 8:30pm and

Tuesday, October 17 between 2:30 and 8:30pm

We will continue to book photography appointments after services or you can call the church during the week to book.

You will have the opportunity to purchase additional family portraits and you will receive a free directory for participating. There is no obligation to purchase.

You are all members of our church family – our directory is not complete without you! *Sonja Carmichael*

❖ **Donation statements** for the past 4 months (May – August) have been prepared and distributed. If you normally receive your statements by email, and have not received it, please check your junk folder. If you receive a paper copy, please check your Hosanna mailbox. Please compare the statements to your personal financial records, and if there are discrepancies, contact Colleen Jahns at 780-436-8161 or financialsecretary@hosannalutheran.ab.ca.

- ❖ **Sunday School** is at **11am** following Sunday worship. We'll meet in person in the North End of the church for Bible stories, crafts and other activities. We also have the option of connecting by Zoom so those who are not in Edmonton can continue to join us. All children from preschool - grade 6 are welcome. Please let Sonja know if you are interested and have not yet been contacted.
- ❖ **Confirmation Classes** are at **11:30am** Sunday mornings. Please plan to join us in person or via zoom. Confirmation classes are open to all youth in grades 7-9, and if you or someone you know would like to participate please reach out to Pastor Anna immediately!
- ❖ **Thursday Morning Bible Study** has started back in person, Thursdays at **10am** in the Social Room. We study the upcoming Sunday's lesson, get to know one another better, support each other in our faith journeys and have a lot of laughs! You can also join by Zoom if you wish. Please contact Sonja for the link or for more information. Come out as often as you can - everyone is welcome!
- ❖ **Women's Bible Study:** We will again meet on the second Friday of the month at 7:30pm. We started a new study on prayer. You may join in person in the Social Room or you can connect by Zoom - again, contact Sonja for the link or more info. All women are welcome!
- ❖ **Helping the Homeless** is this year's **Anniversary Designation**. Helping the Homeless (**HTH**) meets on Fridays at Hosanna, 9am to 11am, to prepare meals for serving on Sunday at Butler Park, at 2:30pm – 3:30pm. **They need more volunteers on Fridays. Please come by to lend a hand!**
- ❖ **HOSANNA QUILTERS:** We will continue to quilt every Wednesday from 11am – 2pm in the Peace Hall. We invite you to view completed quilts online. Go to: hosannalutheran.ab.ca and click on the "Quilts for Sale" screen. After ordering, Karen Moore will make arrangements for the quilt to be picked up.
- ❖ You can drop off your loose change in **MELANIE THE OWL**, who is roosting on the Black Counter; the money will be used for bus tickets for people using Food Bank and those at the Jasper Place Wellness Centre.

TAKE HOME IDEAS

Having spent some time last week reflecting on taking risks and persevering, take time this week to reflect on the trust we place in God to guide us through the smooth and the turbulent times in our personal, work and church life.

Use your finger labyrinth to take a few moments each day to ‘walk’ through your thoughts, your hopes, your fears and your dreams. May we look to the future, trusting that God is with us and will never abandon us.

Taking risks does not give immediate outcomes; perseverance can be frustrating, but God is with us for the long haul. Are we with God for the long haul, too?