

First Lutheran Church, Morris MN

Order of Worship for Sunday, October 3, 2021: 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Harvest Festival

Gathering

Welcoming

Hymn: "We Bow Down"

You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life,
Lord of the land and the sea.
You were Lord of the heavens before there was time,
and Lord of all Lords You will be.

We bow down and we worship you, Lord.
We bow down and we worship you, Lord.
We bow down and we worship you, Lord.
Lord of all Lords You will be.

You are King of creation and King of my life,
King of the land and the sea.
You were King of the heavens before there was time,
and King of all Kings You will be.

We bow down and we crown You the King.
We bow down and we crown You the King.
We bow down and we crown You the King.
King of all Kings you will be.

We bow down and we worship you, Lord.
We bow down and we worship you, Lord.
We bow down and we worship you, Lord.
Lord of all Lords You will be.

Opening Litany Psalm 104:1-34 (read responsively)

- ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great. **You are clothed with honor and majesty,**
- ² wrapped in light as with a garment. **You stretch out the heavens like a tent,**
- ³ you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, **you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind,**
- ⁴ you make the winds your messengers, **fire and flame your ministers.**
- ⁵ You set the earth on its foundations, **so that it shall never be shaken.**
- ⁶ You cover it with the deep as with a garment; **the waters stood above the mountains.**
- ⁷ At your rebuke they flee; **at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.**

- ⁸ They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys **to the place that you appointed for them.**
- ⁹ You set a boundary that they may not pass, **so that they might not again cover the earth.**
- ¹⁰ You make springs gush forth in the valleys; **they flow between the hills,**
- ¹¹ giving drink to every wild animal; **the wild asses quench their thirst.**
- ¹² By the streams^[e] the birds of the air have their habitation; **they sing among the branches.**
- ¹³ From your lofty abode you water the mountains; **the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.**
- ¹⁴ You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, **to bring forth food from the earth,**
- ¹⁵ and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, **and bread to strengthen the human heart.**
- ¹⁶ The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly, **the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.**
- ¹⁷ In them the birds build their nests; **the stork has its home in the fir trees.**
- ¹⁸ The high mountains are for the wild goats; **the rocks are a refuge for the coney.**
- ¹⁹ You have made the moon to mark the seasons; **the sun knows its time for setting.**
- ²⁰ You make darkness, and it is night, **when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.**
- ²¹ The young lions roar for their prey, **seeking their food from God.**
- ²² When the sun rises, they withdraw **and lie down in their dens.**
- ²³ People go out to their work **and to their labor until the evening.**
- ²⁴ O LORD, how manifold are your works! **In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**
- ²⁵ Yonder is the sea, great and wide, **creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.**
- ²⁶ There go the ships, **and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.**
- ²⁷ These all look to you **to give them their food in due season;**
- ²⁸ when you give to them, they gather it up; **when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**
- ²⁹ When you hide your face, they are dismayed; **when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**
- ³⁰ When you send forth your spirit, they are created; **and you renew the face of the ground.**
- ³¹ May the glory of the LORD endure forever; **may the LORD rejoice in his works—**
- ³² who looks on the earth and it trembles, **who touches the mountains and they smoke.**
- ³³ I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; **I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**
- ³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him, **for I rejoice in the LORD.**

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

Reading: James 3:17-18

¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Acclamation Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 6:25-34

*(response after announcement of Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord**)*

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

*(response after reading of Gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ**)*

Message

Hymn: “All Creatures”

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav’n along,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,

and praise the Spirit, Three in One.
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One.
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 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.**

Offering/Offertory Prayer

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Peace *Please share a sign of peace with one another*

Sending

Benediction

Hymn: *"Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble"*

Did you feel the mountains tremble?
Did you hear the oceans roar?
When the people rose to sing of
Jesus Christ the risen one.

Did you feel the people tremble?
Did you hear the singers roar?
When the lost began to sing of
Jesus Christ the saving one.

And we can see that God you're moving.
A mighty river through the nations.
When young and old will turn to Jesus.
Fling wide you heavenly gates,
prepare the way of the risen Lord.

Open up the doors and let the music play.
Let the streets resound with singing.
Songs that bring Your hope
and songs that bring Your joy
Dancers who dance upon injustice.

Do you feel the darkness tremble?
When all the saints joined in one song.
And all the streams flowed as one river,
to wash away our brokenness.

And we can see that God you're moving.
A mighty river through the nations.
When young and old will turn to Jesus.
Fling wide you heavenly gates,
prepare the way of the risen Lord.

Open up the doors and let the music play.
Let the streets resound with singing.
Songs that bring Your hope
and songs that bring Your joy
Dancers who dance upon injustice. *(repeat this verse)*

Did you feel the mountains tremble?
Did you hear the oceans roar?
When the people rose to sing of
Jesus Christ the risen one.

Go in peace, serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**