

## Worship Plan for Sunday, August 21, 2022, 11th Sunday After Pentecost

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM IN TIME OF DROUGHT

We gather at this font, O God, creator of oceans and rivers, rain and snow. We praise you for the rivers and aquifers around us, the San Marcos, Guadalupe, Edwards and Trinity through which you provide us water each day.

We praise your Spirit, hovering over this font. We bless you for this cleansing water of rebirth, this flood of endless mercy, and for all the baptized around this blue planet.

**All the waters are yours, O God, even stagnant rivers, and wells nearly dry.**

**We beg you to heed the cries of everyone suffering from drought.**

**As you saved Hagar and Ishmael in the desert, so now save all those creatures dying of thirst.**

**Pour down rain and fill up the wells, that the people may live.**

We ask you, almighty Provider, to give us the water we need, and we praise you for the sustenance you grant at this font. By the water of our baptism empower us to pour out ourselves for others and to safeguard the waters of your earth.

To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Sea of holiness, Spring of salvation, Cloud of mystery, be all praise and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG *Healer of Our Every Ill* (ELW 612)

*Refrain*



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your  
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is  
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,  
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



*Refrain*

peace and glad-ness; Spir-it of all com-fort, fill our hearts.  
still un-fold-ing, give us all your vi-sion, God of love.  
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir-it of all kind-ness, be our guide.  
way of heal-ing; Spir-it of com-pas-sion, fill each heart.

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## KYRIE (ELW p. 184)

*The words “kyrie eleison” are an ancient prayer meaning “Lord have mercy”. Some settings of the kyrie are more penitential in nature but this one is an upbeat celebration of God’s grace.*

*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the



2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the



3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for



4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for



hun-gry and the poor; that



friends and fam-i-ly; for



wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,



we may live out . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,



life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,



nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

*Refrain*



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 185)

*Refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

*Refrain*



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and  
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -  
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.  
 A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Final refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's  
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -  
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## WORD

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

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14

<sup>9b</sup>If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

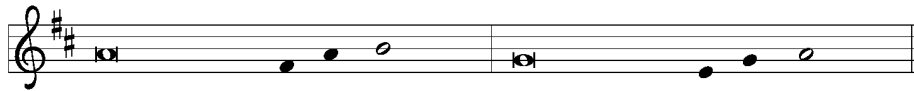
<sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
 then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
 and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden,  
 like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

<sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
 you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

<sup>13</sup>If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;  
 if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own  
 ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; <sup>14</sup>then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I  
 will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the  
 mouth of the LORD has spoken.

## PSALM: Psalm 103:1-8



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<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, | O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.  
<sup>2</sup>**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,**  
**and forget not | all God's benefits—**  
<sup>3</sup>who forgives | all your sins  
and heals all | your diseases;  
<sup>4</sup>**who redeems your life | from the grave**  
**and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy; R**  
<sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires | with good things  
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.  
<sup>6</sup>**O LORD, you provide | vindication**  
**and justice for all who | are oppressed.**  
<sup>7</sup>You made known your | ways to Moses  
and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.  
<sup>8</sup>**LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,**  
**slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love. R**

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

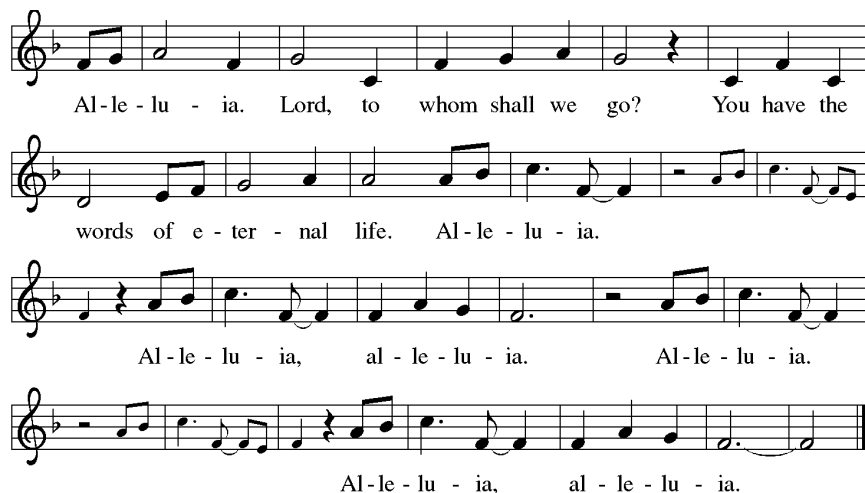
*Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.*

<sup>18</sup>You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest,  
<sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup>See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup>At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." <sup>27</sup>This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup>Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; <sup>29</sup>for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel using the words of Peter in John 6:68*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY *Build a Longer Table* (ACS 1062)



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,  
feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.  
Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.  
Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.  
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

## **Holy Baptism of Samantha Lee and Cooper William Kulesza**

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

*Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:*

We present Samantha Lee and Cooper William Kulesza for baptism.

*The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:*

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your children* baptized into Christ?

*Response:* **I do.**

As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,  
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in their hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture them in faith and prayer,  
so that your children may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response:* **I do.**

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors:*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Samantha and Cooper in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response:* I do.

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

People of God, do you promise to support name/s and pray for *them* in *their* new life in Christ?

**We do.**

*The assembly stands.*

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,  
the powers of this world that rebel against God,  
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:*

**We renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

*Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## **BAPTISM**

Name, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

*Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:*

Sustain name with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

Name, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**



## WELCOME

*A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:*

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.  
*The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:**

**join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition will end with the words "Merciful God," and the assembly responds with "receive our prayer."*

### MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## OFFERING PRAYER

## GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE AND PREFACE

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 our thanks and praise.**

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 190)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

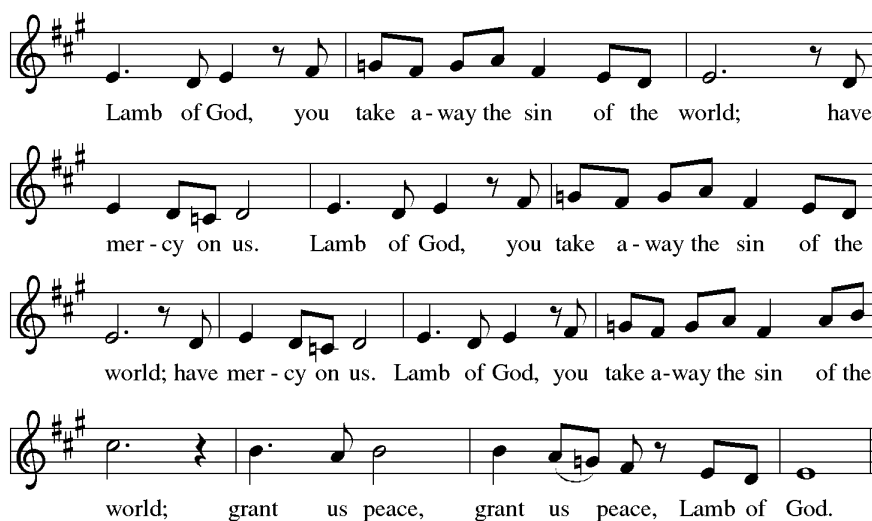
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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; 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.**

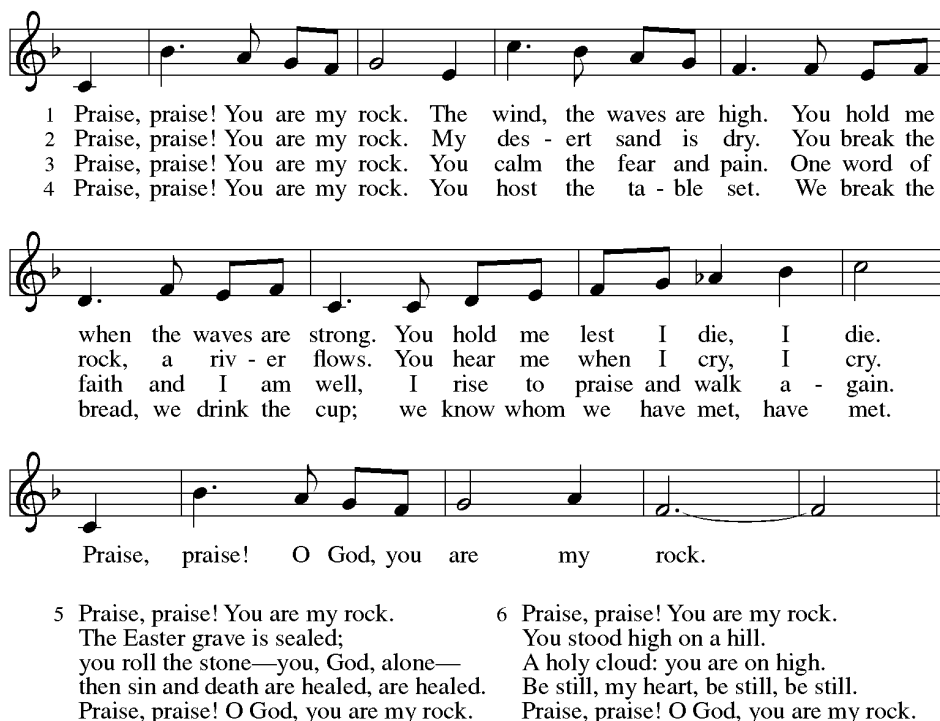
### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

#### LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

#### COMMUNION SONG: *Praise, Praise! You Are My Rock* (ELW 862)



1 Praise, praise! You are my rock. The wind, the waves are high. You hold me  
2 Praise, praise! You are my rock. My des-ert sand is dry. You break the  
3 Praise, praise! You are my rock. You calm the fear and pain. One word of  
4 Praise, praise! You are my rock. You host the ta-ble set. We break the  
when the waves are strong. You hold me lest I die, I die.  
rock, a riv-er flows. You hear me when I cry, I cry.  
faith and I am well, I rise to praise and walk a-gain.  
bread, we drink the cup; we know whom we have met, have met.  
Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.  
5 Praise, praise! You are my rock. The Easter grave is sealed;  
you roll the stone—you, God, alone—  
then sin and death are healed, are healed.  
Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.  
6 Praise, praise! You are my rock. You stood high on a hill.  
A holy cloud: you are on high.  
Be still, my heart, be still, be still.  
Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

Filled to the brim with the goodness of God; the nourishment of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, and the power of the Holy Spirit, go now in peace to serve God in all that you think, do and say.  
God's peace will always be with you. **AMEN.**

## SENDING SONG *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* (ELW 656)



- 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
- 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
- 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
- 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com-forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
and per - fect love and friend-ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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