

# Beatles Li†urgy

**Texts by Fritz Wiese**



**August 22, 2021**

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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost ☩ August 22, 2021 ☩ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.  
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☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (the red hymnal)

**PRELUDES**

*Welcome to worship!*

*Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion, so please pick up a communion "kit" on the table outside the sanctuary or at home prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate to the number in your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven." We acknowledge that communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space.*

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Fritz

**GATHERING HYMN: Good Morning, Lord**

*Tune: Eight Days a Week*

**Hey, dear Lord, good morning. It's good to be with you.  
We're here to sing your praises, give thanks for what you do.  
In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son,  
In the name of the Spirit, the Three in One.**

**Bless our time together, send your Spirit near  
Help us with our questions, our wrestlings and our fears.  
Creating Father, redeeming Son,  
guiding Spirit, Almighty One.**

**Blessed be your name, forever. Open now our hearts, that you may touch and lead our lives.**

**Oh, we love you, Jesus, that's why we're in this place:  
to grow within your presence, until it's face to face.  
In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son,  
In the name of the Spirit, the Three in One,  
the Three in One, the Three in One.**

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**CONFESSIONAL LITANY**

*Tune: Help*

- ☐ Help! ☑ We need somebody.  
☐ Help! ☑ Not just anybody  
☐ Help! ☑ You know we need you, Lord. Help!
- ☐ When we were younger, so much younger than today, (either in age or maturity or both,) We never thought we needed anybody's help.  
We neglected or even turned a cold shoulder, O Lord, upon your promises and plans for us.
- ☑ **We're not trying to beat ourselves up, Lord, and we know that's not your desire.  
But we realize—actually we're only able to admit this to a limited extent—  
That we're plagued by a force some call "sin."  
We find ourselves acting in ways of which we're ashamed.  
In some cases we're so insensitive we don't even realize it.  
And we know if we say otherwise, we're kidding ourselves.**
- ☐ Help! ☑ **Renew us, Lord.**  
☐ Help! ☑ **We need our lives restored.**  
☐ Help! ☑ **We sing with one accord. Help!** ▶

- P** You want help? Here's some great news! God so loved the world that God gave the very best, His only Son, Jesus, who not only lived among us to help show us the way, but died on the cross for us and for our salvation (or "back-stage pass" to God's kingdom, party, and banquet).
- C** **Yes, through Jesus comes true help. Through his cross and resurrection, our sins are forgiven and the slate is wiped clean. We are made new creations, holy people, stewards of God's mysteries, freed to love and live with new futures. Thanks be to God who gives us the victory!**

### 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.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C** **Amen.**

### LESSON: from the Psalms

- L** Our Lesson is from nine of the Psalms. Please read responsively with me.
- L** **HELP, O LORD,** for there is no longer anyone who is godly; the faithful have disappeared from humankind. —*Psalm 12:1*
- C** **But you do see! Indeed you note trouble and grief, that you may take it into your hands; the HELPless commit themselves to you; you have been the HELPer of the orphan.** —*Psalm 10:14*
- L** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from **HELP**ing me, from the words of my groaning? —*Psalm 22:1*
- C** **I had said in my alarm, "I am driven far from your sight." But you heard my supplications when I cried out to you for HELP.** —*Psalm 31:22*
- L** Many are saying to me, "There is no **HELP** for you in God." —*Psalm 3:2*
- C** **If the LORD had not been my HELP, my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence.** —*Psalm 94:17*
- L** I rise before dawn and cry for **HELP**; I put my hope in your words. —*Psalm 119:147*
- C** **Happy are those whose HELP is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God.** —*Psalm 146:5*
- A** **Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my HELP and my God.** —*Psalm 43:5*
- L** Word of God, word of life. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Words of Life*

*Tune: Ob-la-di, Ob-la-da*

**Jesus was with his disciples when they asked, "Lord, where shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."  
For happiness and joy these words we need to know.**

*Chorus: Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia! Blessed are those who hear God's Word. Repeat*

*Final time: If you want true life, then act upon God's Word.*

**When it seems you have all the answers, or when you feel you haven't got a clue,  
turn to what will prove a steady dancer.**

**The Bible shows God's love and grace always come through.** *Chorus*

**GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41**

**P** The Gospel according to Mark, the fourth chapter.

**G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**O**n that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.”<sup>36</sup> And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.<sup>37</sup> A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped.<sup>38</sup> But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?”<sup>39</sup> He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.<sup>40</sup> He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?”<sup>41</sup> And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Fritz

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Walking in God’s Love*

*Tune: Can’t Buy Me Love*

1. **Some folks trust in riches, fame, or fancy cars.  
Others let society determine who they are.  
But I have heard one better answer that gives more joy by far.  
Walking in God’s love, Jesus died for me.  
Walking in God’s love, in baptism I’m free!**
2. **The Lord has blessed me richly with my family and my friends.  
He walks beside me daily and when the story ends.  
So when it comes to living boldly, just one thing depends:  
Walking in God’s love, they call it justified,  
Walking in God’s love, it gives me hope and pride.**
3. **Lord, your word is golden. It gives my heart delight.  
Your grace supports my mission, gives meaning to my plight.  
Now grant me strength to follow Jesus; how pleasing in your sight!  
Walking in God’s love, love . . .  
Walking in God’s love.**

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**OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

**P** Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

**G** **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 THE CHURCH**

*When the petition concludes “Lord, in your mercy,” Please respond, “hear our prayer.”*

*The prayers end with these words, “Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Please respond, “Amen.”*

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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| <b>P</b> The Lord be with you.                   | <b>C</b> And also with you.                         |
| <b>P</b> Lift up your hearts.                    | <b>C</b> We lift them to the Lord.                  |
| <b>P</b> Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. | <b>C</b> It is right to give our thanks and praise. |

## COMMUNION SONG: *Remember Me*

*Tune: Let It Be*

- P** On the night our Savior was betrayed, he took bread and then he prayed.  
"This is now my body, take and eat."  
After supper he took the cup, giving thanks he held up,  
"This wine is now my blood, take and drink."

*Chorus:* "Remember me," Jesus said, "in the wine, through the bread.  
This meal of love I give you. Remember me."

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P C** 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.

## SHARING COMMUNION WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD

*As the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church in the sanctuary or remotely by communing each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:  
"The body of Christ for you" and "The blood of Christ for you."*

## COMMUNION SONG, continuing:

2. This meal is our new covenant, Christ's summary of what he meant.  
United in his body, you and me.  
Black or white, young or old, if your heart is open or still cold,  
forgiveness now is given, for you and me.

*Chorus:* "Remember me," Jesus said, "in the wine, through the bread.  
This meal of love I give you. Remember me."

3. So as we celebrate Christ's meal we proclaim the cross that heals.  
Our sins upon his shoulders at Calvary.  
For the bonds of death God devastates, Christ's resurrection liberates.  
To the banquet now he calls us, you and me. *Chorus*

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## PASTORAL BLESSING

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- P** Let us pray:  
**C** Lord, it's amazing. Just as grains scattered across different fields are united into one loaf of bread, you've united our hearts through the gracious meal just received.  
Through one heavenly food, you've fed and nourished our hungers, varied though they may be.  
Continue to pour out your spirit, giving us strength, as individuals and as one body in you,  
to share the grace, forgiveness and hope you have first given us,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

☐ The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
 † be upon you now and forever. ☑ **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:** *Go Now in Peace*

*Tune: Yellow Submarine*

**Now go in peace into the world. Share with others what we've heard:  
 that Jesus died, but now he lives. Life in his kingdom to you he gives. Chorus**

*Chorus:* **Go now in peace to serve the Lord as friends  
 wherever your road bends, until the story ends.**

**Thank you Lord for this time. Your light of grace we'll try to shine;  
 give away as we've received, serving others in their need. Chorus**

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**DISMISSAL**

☐ Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Share Jesus' gifts of joy and life with all you meet.  
 ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

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*Altar Guild: Betty Schmidt and Sue Forward*

*Tech Teams: Davida Kilgore and Dakota Atkins, 8:30;*

*David Turk, Sara Turk, Joni Siepert, Linda Volckmann, 11:00*

**Background on the "God Loves You--Yeah, Yeah, Yeah!" Liturgy**

Why have a liturgy or worship format set to all "sixties" music? Why not?  
 In recent years, Christians have been exploring how the Church best reaches our changing world  
 with the fantastic news of God's radical love for us through Jesus.

In the process, we try to discern between style and substance.

What is the basic, never-changing substance of the gospel that needs to shine in worship?  
 God's Word & Meal. These elements focus the faith in worship.

Specifically, this author would suggest the forms of a specifically Christian gathering  
 (what we're doing in worship is distinctive from work, potlucks, euchre, or studying);  
 God's Word through lessons and exposition of some sort; offering ourselves through praise, prayers,  
 possessions, and presence; and celebrating the Eucharist (proclaiming the death and resurrection  
 of Jesus through his meal not only is a tremendous faith activity, but the primary way  
 early Christians distinguished themselves from their Jewish brothers and sisters).

Therefore, grounded in substance, we enjoy freedom in worship style.

Music and language, it makes sense, should be indigenous to the gathered people,  
 so the gospel can be heard clearly. English or French, Bach or Beatles.

We need it all to celebrate and proclaim our God's mighty deeds.

After all, Martin Luther himself paved the way for this kind of thinking when he translated  
 the Bible into German and put Christian lyrics to tavern drinking songs.

Hopefully, the type of music used in this liturgy spans the interests of several generations of  
 Christians. Plus it's fun music that's fairly easy to remember or learn.

Will this liturgy-experiment be helpful to all Christians? By no means.

But I'm glad if you are somebody who felt it helped you participate in that great old story  
 in a fresh yet authentically Christian way.

In Christ's Peace,  
 Pastor Fritz Wiese

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