



Sunday, July 5, 2026

10:00 a.m.



“When Jesus Guides Our Song”

Pastor Erik Allen



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

“Before You Lord, We Bow”

Charles Callahan

Announcements

GATHERING

Song

Jesus, What a Beautiful Name

Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 145 & Matthew 11:28-29)*

P: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C: **The Lord is good to all, and compassion rests over all creation.**

P: Christ calls to the weary, “Come to me, and I will give you rest.”

C: **We come with our burdens, trusting the gentle and humble One.**

P: On this holiday weekend, we give thanks for freedom, mercy, and peace.

C: **May our worship praise God, and may our lives welcome Christ. Amen.**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: **And also with you!**

(pass the peace as you feel comfortable)

Song

Tell Them

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity ✠ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Compassionate God,

C: **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.**

P: Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love.

C: **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

please be seated

WORD

Lesson

Romans 7:15-25a

Gospel

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

Gospel Response

P: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Pastor Erik

Sermon

“When Jesus Guides Our Song”

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Before You Lord We Bow (ELW 893 - vs 1 & 3)

This is My Song (ELW 887 - vs 1 & 3)

God Bless America

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory (ELW 890 - vs 1 & 3)

The Apostles' Creed

C: 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.

please be seated

Offering

On each 1st Sunday we collect a special offering for World Hunger through ELCA.

If you would like to donate, you may do so online or baskets are available

near the Usher's Table at the back of the Sanctuary

If you would like, you may give online by scanning the QR code
or Offering Plates are located at the back of the Sanctuary.



Special Music

“I See America”

Ken Medema

Offering Prayer

P: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Prayers of the Church (*the congregation joins in speaking the first names of those for whom we pray.*)

Members: Anita, Amy, Sue, Bob, Marion, Kelly, Marj, Vickie

Family & Friends: Brian, Wilbur, Laura, Leota, Dennis, Charles Janell, Anna,
Ebby, Richard, Dale, Mary, Carol

Our sympathies are extended to Bob Inskeep on the loss of his aunt, “Pug” Johnston and his cousin, Jeannie Shupe

COMMUNION

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

C: 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!

Invitation to Communion

P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

please be seated.

Distribution

All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome. Those who do not wish to receive may come forward for a blessing. Please let your server know if you desire a gluten-free wafer.

SENDING

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Song

How Good and Pleasant

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Postlude on National Airs"

Charles Callahan

1st Sunday Fellowship

Please join us immediately following worship for delicious summertime watermelon.

Silverbox Deliveries July 17 & 18

Please take a moment to see if you are able to help Friday, July 17 or Saturday, July 18 as we prepare and deliver boxes of food for folks in need of assistance on the near northeast side of Indianapolis. We are still collecting Spaghetti Sauce (which we really need for July), along with Peanut Butter and Cereal each month so if you have the means to help out, keep an eye out for sales! Questions? See Ed or Sandy Snoke.

Prescription Glasses Found

Nice prescription glasses were found after worship (about four rows from the altar) last Sunday. They are at the Usher's Desk. Thanks to Tom Rasmussen for finding them!

Funeral Service

A funeral service for Ross Vogelgesang will be here on Thursday, July 9 at 11:00. Visitation will begin at 10:00 am. You can check your Flocknote to read Ross's obituary.

Interested in Membership

We've had a number of people mention an interest in making KOG their church home. Please reach out to Pastor Erik to ask questions as we reeve up for a New Member Class late summer or early fall.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

THEME OF THE WEEK: Sanctification Through the Spirit

God is holy. We are not. Knowing this, and seeing the miracle before him, Peter said to Jesus, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man.” It is as if he is praying, “Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you” (Psalm 143:2). Jesus did not abandon Peter in the boat with his sin and shame. He said, “Do not be afraid.” This word of comfort is full of the Spirit, who cleanses human hearts by faith. When Jesus speaks kindly to sinners, when the good news of his reconciling death is preached openly, the Holy Spirit casts a great net that calls, gathers, and sanctifies sinners so that we stand forgiven and reconciled before God.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE: Luke 5:1-11 — Death to Doubt

Human reasoning bends toward skepticism. Because of the fall, trust does not come naturally to us; it is hard-won. Simon Peter has no particular reason to trust Jesus’s fishing advice. So his response, “at your word,” is itself a small miracle. Working through Jesus’s preaching, God overcomes the doubt about God that is woven into our fallen nature. By the Spirit’s work, Simon Peter confesses his condition honestly. Yet in his fear he asks Jesus to leave him. Jesus won’t have it. Instead, Jesus promises the continual outpouring of the Spirit to his disciples and to everyone he calls, for the sake of their saving faith. His Spirit draws us near to him all of our days — to his cross and until he comes again. *Lord, by your Spirit put to death our doubt; sustain us now and on the day of your appearing. Amen.*

MONDAY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 119:33-40 — Source of Life

The psalmist asks the Lord to grant such steadfastness that they might walk in the way of God’s commandments and testimonies, turning away from vanity and toward understanding. What is the source of such steadfastness? Is it simply a more accurate grasp of what God expects? No. The reading ends with this instead: “Behold, I long for your precepts; uphold me in your righteousness.” Uphold me in your righteousness. The righteousness of God is granted to faith, and from this gift flows all manner of good works. *Lord Jesus, you grant me your righteousness. Instill in me, as in the psalmist, such faith toward you that I would live your divine life. Amen.*

TUESDAY SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 3:8-15 — Called to Bless

Sanctification can be described more broadly or more specifically. In the broad sense, it includes everything the Spirit does to make us holy—bringing us to faith in baptism, guiding our hearts, and keeping us in the church through Word and Sacrament. More specifically, it names our daily growth in faith—learning, by grace, to do good and to set our hope increasingly on the life to come. This is the subject of our reading. In 1 Peter we hear how we are called to be a blessing to

others. He tells us to do good, to seek peace and pursue it. Where does such a tender and loving heart come from? From the Spirit. God gives us this gift not only to save us but to make us a blessing to others through everyday acts of goodness. *Grant me your Spirit, O Lord, so that I may bless others and do your will. Amen.*

WEDNESDAY SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 16:14-21 — Gathering the Scattered

When we fail to pass on the faith we share to others whole generations can lose their way. Yet rather than abandoning the people to scattering and loss, the Lord promises restoration—to gather them again. Christians have long heard in this promise an echo of God's larger, ongoing work of gathering: that as part of a community of faith we are drawn by grace out of brokenness and unbelief into the community of faith. This does not erase or replace God's enduring covenant with Israel; rather, it points to the same gathering, saving God at work. God through the work of the Spirit continues to call people through Word and promise, humbling us with truth and setting us free again through the forgiveness won in Christ. *Grant me and my children — and all your children — to know and revere your name, O Lord. Amen.*

THURSDAY SCRIPTURE: Matthew 16:13-26 — The Way of the Cross

The life of the Christian and the life of Christ are bound together. Luther called it the fröhlicher Wechsel “joyous exchange.” By grace, His life becomes our life. His righteousness becomes our righteousness. And remarkably, His cross becomes ours too. Christ's cross alone accomplished our salvation—but to follow Him faithfully will sometimes mean carrying our own crosses in a world that does not always understand or welcome the way of Christ. That includes us. When we bear the weight of being misunderstood or set apart for following Jesus, we can remember that this cross, too, is held by Christ. He carries it with those He loves; He is with us. May we not set Christ aside for the sake of the world's approval. Having been baptized into Christ's death, we will also know His resurrection and new life. *Lord Jesus, be with me always, for I trust you. Amen.*

FRIDAY SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 2:4-10 — The Holy Habitation of the Lord

The Spirit's central work, in the broadest sense, is to make things holy. The Spirit does this by calling and gathering us, as the Small Catechism says, through the gospel of Christ. Those who hear and believe—made holy through Christ and declared righteous by grace—become the living stones the Spirit uses to build up the church. It follows naturally that the offerings of this community of faith—prayer, praise, thanksgiving, and works that reflect God's love—are received with joy, for Jesus's sake. And it makes sense, too, that God's Spirit delights to dwell in each of us and in the whole body of Christ together. *Lord, by your Spirit, keep me and use me to do your will as part of the body of Christ forever. Amen.*

SATURDAY SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:39-56 — A Prayer of Praise for the Lord's Name

Among all your possessions, which is the most valuable? An antique piece of jewelry handed down through the family? A beautiful place to call? Your library? Perhaps you'll set materialism aside and say your children. Even the people we love most aren't as valuable as the gift named in this song of praise: the Lord's own name. It is to be praised. It is blessed from the rising of the sun to its setting. It is the first thing Jesus teaches us to pray for in the Lord's Prayer. Why? Because wherever the Lord places and reveals God's name, there is a blessing. Praise be to God, who has placed this name on each of us in baptism, and who works mightily through the gospel to save us and give us peace. *Lord, help me praise your name today and forever! Amen.*

