



Sunday, August 17, 2025

Time After Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

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Therefore, since we are surrounded by
such a great cloud of witnesses, let us
throw off everything that hinders &
the sin that so easily entangles.

Let us run with perseverance
the race marked

fixing our eyes on Jesus
the pioneer

& perfecter of faith. For
the joy set before him he
endured the cross, scorning its
shame, and sat down at the right
hand of the throne of God... so that
you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 12:1-3

Pastor Erik Allen

“Take Courage”



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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

“Prelude in C”

J S Bach

Announcements

Gathering Song

Great is the Lord

Call to Worship

P: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

C: Stir up your might and come to save us!

P: You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

C: You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

P: The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;

C: It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the river.

P: Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see.

C: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

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

C: And also with you.

(pass the peace as you feel comfortable)

Song

Jesus Be the Lord of All

Call to Confession

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Merciful God,

C: You free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P: O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

please be seated

Lesson

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Gospel

Luke 12:49-56

Children's Message

Pastor Erik

Sermon

Pastor Erik

Hymn

"How Firm a Foundation"

ELW 796

The Apostles' Creed

please be seated

The Offering

Offering Song

"Come, Let Us Eat"
(vs. 1-3)

ELW 491

Offertory Prayer

P: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

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

Members: Kelly, Jeff, Lee, John & Marj, Vickie

Family & Friends: Kate, Allen, Wendy, Katy, Kathy, Mary,
Carol, Norma, Susan, Bob, Randall

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!

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.

Benediction

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen!

Song

I Love Your Grace

Sending

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

"Voluntary in G"

H. Heron