



# Welcome!

## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Sunday, August 10, 2025 – 11:00am**

***To Our Guests:*** We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today! Please stop by our Welcome Desk for more information about all our ministries. Please read below for more information about worshipping with us.

**We love children at Christ Our Savior.** Parents are encouraged to sit in the front pews so young children can see what is happening during worship. A nursery for children, infant to 3 yrs, and a family lounge off the Advent Lobby are available for those who prefer these areas. Ask an usher for directions.

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**We welcome guests to Sunday School and Bible classes,** from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Summer Sunday School	Lead by:	Where:
Preschool thru 6 <sup>th</sup> grade		Rooms 8 & 9
<b>Adult Bible Studies</b>		
Bethel Bible Series Old Testament History	Judy Mayle	Gethsemane Chapel
What makes you Lutheran?	Pastor Davenport, Pastor Joel, Vicar Fritz & Josh Kittleman	Gym

### AS WE GATHER

In His earthly life, Jesus chose to be a "peripatetic" teacher. Rather than staying in one place and having His learners come to Him, He went from place to place with disciples or followers who listened to the truths He taught as they went along. Walking with Jesus was the greatest of blessings! Whether we hear the Gospel teachings of our Lord in the same setting week by week and year by year or find ourselves in a variety of worship locations and settings, we, too, find blessing in hearing Him as did His first followers. The hymn writer Sigismund von Birken invites us simply: "Let us ever walk with Jesus" (*LSB 685:1*). May we be blessed in our walking and in our listening today!

# Order of Worship

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Michele Ciscon

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ✠ Preparation ✠

#### OPENING HYMN

"Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"

LSB 811

1. Oh, that I had a thousand voices To praise my God with thousand tongues!  
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, Would then proclaim in grateful songs  
To all, wherever I might be, What great things God has done for me.
2. O all you pow'rs that He implanted, Arise, keep silence now no more;  
Put forth the strength that God has granted! Your noblest work is to adore.  
O soul and body, join to raise With heartfelt joy our Maker's praise.
3. You forest leaves so green and tender That dance for joy in summer air,  
You meadow grasses, bright and slender, You flow'rs so fragrant and so fair,  
You live to show God's praise alone. Join me to make His glory known.
4. All creatures that have breath and motion, That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,  
Come, share with me my heart's devotion, Help me to sing God's praises high.  
My utmost pow'rs can never quite Declare the wonders of His might.
5. Creator, humbly I implore You To listen to my earthly song  
Until that day when I adore You, Together with the angel throng  
And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing Eternal anthems to my King.

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#### INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

#### OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalm 34:1–4, 8, 22*

**P** I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**C** **My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**

**P** Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

**C** **I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**

**P** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

**C** **The LORD redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **We now confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have given in to anxiety and have not always put our trust in God and His gracious provision for our lives. We have not always been good stewards of the many gifts that God graciously gives us and have focused on keeping things for ourselves rather than sharing them with others. We have missed opportunities to share the love of Christ with those around us and have not sought out the best for the people of our family circles, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We pray our God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, to lead us into lives of growing faith and increasing charity, and finally to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** God is faithful and keeps His promises of full pardon for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, granting mercy and forgiveness for those who repent and turn to Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

✠ Service of the Word ✠

## KYRIE

*Lord, Have Mercy*

LSB 204



- C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*Glory to God in the Highest*

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

1. To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.
2. To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high

**3. For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

## **SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**      *(God makes a special promise to Abraham.)*      Genesis 15:1–6

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE**      *(The examples of faith exhibited by some of God's people.)*      Hebrews 11:1–16

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. <sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who

seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. <sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. <sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 205

The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the Alleluia. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of the Alleluia. The third staff contains the melody for the first line of the verse. The fourth staff contains the melody for the second line of the verse. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup>For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. <sup>32</sup>Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. <sup>35</sup>"Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup>and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON HYMN**

"If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"

LSB 750

1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee And hope in Him through all thy ways,  
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee, And bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love Builds on the rock that naught can move.
2. What can these anxious cares avail thee, These never-ceasing moans and sighs?  
What can it help if thou bewail thee O'er each dark moment as it flies?  
Our cross and trials do but press The heavier for our bitterness.
3. Be patient and await His leisure In cheerful hope, with heart content  
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure And His discerning love hath sent,  
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.
7. Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving, Perform thy duties faithfully,  
And trust His Word; though undeserving, Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.  
God never yet forsook in need The soul that trusted Him indeed.

**SERMON**

"I'm Sure"

*Genesis 15:1–6*

**CREED**

"In God We Believe"

1. In God we believe: the Creator whose pow'r  
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.  
He graciously grants us our years and our days  
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.
2. In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured.  
True God and true man once the cross He endured  
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.  
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.
3. God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess;  
With power and truth the Church now He does bless.  
As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then  
Be living in glory forever. Amen.

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## OFFERING

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## PRAYER AT OFFERING

- P** Oh, give thanks to the Lord for He is good and His mercies, which are new every morning, endure forever. We bring to you Heavenly Father our gifts of thanks and we humbly ask You to bless them to the glory of Your kingdom.
- C** **All that I have is Yours, Lord Jesus. All that I have is You.**
- P** Use these and all of our gifts according to Your infinite wisdom to for the needs of Your kingdom and to the increase of Your glory.
- C** **Amen**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.  
God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend . . . and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

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- P** Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,
- 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.**

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

*LSB 918*

1. **Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.**
2. **Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield;  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.**
3. **When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.**

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE



## **ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:**

By Ken and Michele Ciskon, in honor of their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on August 8.

By Mike and Mary McGrath, in honor of their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 5.

By Carl and Kirsten Galka.

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