Welcome!

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 24, 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 worshiping 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 th grade		Rooms 8 & 9				
Adult Bible Studies						
2025 LCMS Youth Gathering Presentation	Pastor Joel, and COS Youth	Gym				

The Lord's Supper. When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we confess our common belief that Christ offers His Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine, for our forgiveness, life and salvation! We truly believe God's Word when He says, "whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord" 1 Corinthians 11:27. We want you to receive the Lord's Supper as God intended it – for your blessing – so those who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are asked to speak with a pastor or elder prior to communing. If you are not communing today, you are welcome to come to the communion rail to receive a blessing, the assurance that God loves you, or you may remain in your seat and use the time for prayer and meditation. For those desiring to receive the Lord's Supper but are unable to come forward, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant as they come out into the congregation during distribution. They will commune you at your seat. God bless your worship!

AS WE GATHER

To be the "favorite child" in a family is often a source of competition and sometimes a source for comedy. Years ago, a pair of sibling entertainers, the Smothers Brothers, made their family relationship a staple of their onstage humor when Tom, the older brother, would remind Dickie, the younger, "Mom always did like you best." As we gather with God's people at worship week by week, we can be certain that our gracious God values all of us and is pleased to see us grow in grace year by year. The psalmist wrote that "the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor" (*Psalm 84:11*). In the same Psalm 84 is the verse where the psalmist exclaims to God, "For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere" (v. 10). There is nothing better than for God's favorite people, which we are, to be gathered in a most favorite place—which this is! It doesn't get any better than that!

Order of Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Lindsay Miller

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

→ Preparation →

OPENING HYMN

"Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"

LSB 813

1. Rejoice, O pilgrim throng! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing; Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

- 2. With voice as full and strong As ocean's surging praise,
 Send forth the sturdy hymns of old, The psalms of ancient days. Refrain
- 3. With all the angel choirs, With all the saints on earth Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, True rapture, noblest mirth. *Refrain*
- 4. Yet on and onward still, With hymn and chant and song,
 Through gate and porch and columned aisle The hallowed pathways throng. *Refrain*
- 5. Still lift your standard high, Still march in firm array,
 As pilgrims through the darkness wend Till dawns the golden day. Refrain
- 6. At last the march shall end; The wearied ones shall rest;
 The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

INVOCATION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 103:1-2, 8, 13, 21-22

LSB 204

- P Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!
- Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.
- P As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.
- The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- P Bless the LORD, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will!
- Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- **P** Let us now confess our sins to God, our Father.
- Have mercy on us, Lord, and grant us Your forgiveness. We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We repent of our sins, those known to us and those unknown as well. Create in us clean hearts, gracious Lord, and put new and right spirits within us that we may be reconciled to You and at peace with all people. We trust in Christ alone for the forgiveness that we seek today and at all times. Give us the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us into paths of righteousness and finally bring us to everlasting life. Amen.
- The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. 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



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

- 1. O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose favors are divine.
- 2. O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mercies lie Forgotten in unthankfulness And without praises die!
- 6. His wondrous works and ways He made by Moses known, But sent the world His truth and grace By His belovèd Son.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- Let us pray. O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

(The glory of the Lord shall be declared.)

Isaiah 66:18-23

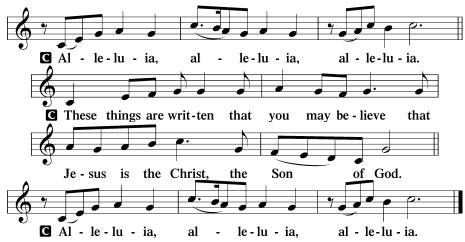
¹⁸"For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. ²¹And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD. ²²For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain. ²³From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD."

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. ⁶For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." 7It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 8If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. ¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. 14Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears. ¹⁸For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ 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, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE LSB 205



HOLY GOSPEL

(Jesus shares insights into His kingdom that is to come.)

Luke 13:22-30

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

G Glory to You, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, ²⁴"Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' ²⁶Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' ²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

- Lord, whose love through humble service Bore the weight of human need, Who upon the cross, forsaken, Offered mercy's perfect deed, We, Your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart, Consecrating to Your purpose Ev'ry gift that You impart.
- Still Your children wander homeless; Still the hungry cry for bread;
 Still the captives long for freedom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.
 As, O Lord, Your deep compassion Healed the sick and freed the soul,
 Use the love Your Spirit kindles Still to save and make us whole.
- 3. As we worship, grant us vision, Till Your love's revealing light
 In its height and depth and greatness, Dawns upon our quickened sight,
 Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear,
 Stirring us to tireless striving, Your abundant life to share.
- 4. Called by worship to Your service, Forth in Your dear name we go, To the child, the youth, the aged, Love in living deeds to show; Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, Counsel, aid, and peace we give, That Your servants, Lord, in freedom May Your mercy know and live.

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SERMON "Gathered to Go" Isaiah 66:18–23

CATECHISM The Second Article

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

"Lord Jesus Christ, the Children's Friend"

LSB 866

- 1. Lord Jesus Christ, the children's friend, To each of them Your presence send; Call them by name and keep them true In loving faith, dear Lord, to You.
- 2. In Christian homes, Lord, let them be Your blessing to their family; Let Christian schools Your work extend In living truth as You intend.
- 3. That caring parents, gracious Lord, And faithful teachers find reward In leading these, to whom You call, To find in Christ their all in all.
- 6. Then guard and keep us to the end, Secure in You, our gracious friend, That in Your heav'nly family We sing Your praise eternally.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ and for all people according to their needs. We begin this time of prayer as we sing the first stanza of the prayer hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

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"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

LSB 770

- What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
 Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear
 All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
- We pray for the whole church throughout the world that, as people united in faith and active in love, we may witness to the Good News that is ours in Christ Jesus. We pray for all nations of the earth, that in those places where strife and discord rule there may be times of peace and reconciliation, and we pray for our own nation that it may be an ensign of hope. We bring our special petitions today to God's throne of grace as we pray for our families, thanking God for the blessings that are received from caring parents, grandparents, public service and emergency workers, and caregivers who intersect with our lives. We thank God, our heavenly Father, for listening to our petitions and responding to them—as we sing of in the second stanza.

HYMN

2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness Take it to the Lord in prayer.

- We pray for the varied situations of daily life in which we are placed, especially in our workplaces and neighborhoods, that we may be peace bringers in all our actions and words. We pray for the special needs of this day, remembering those who are ill and those who mourn, and for all those matters on our hearts currently. For all those saints who have completed their earthly journeys in faith and have left us a legacy of love, we thank You, Lord, and faithfully commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **G** Amen.
- P Confident that our gracious Lord hears our prayers, we conclude our prayer hymn with the final stanza.

HYMN

3. Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In His arms He'll take and shield thee: Thou wilt find a solace there.

OFFERING

The ushers bring forward our gifts as a response to His blessings in our lives.

Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary both before and after services.

Or give online using the QR code in the front of the bulletin.

PRAYER AT OFFERING

- P Heavenly Father, receive these gifts joyfully brought to you this day for Your use in Your kingdom. Bless them and all the gifts which you have entrusted to us so that with them, the kingdom is strengthened to Your glory. Strengthened to sustain the saints and for their witness to those who have not yet awakened to know Jesus, Your Son, as their Lord and Savior.
- All that I have is Yours, Lord Jesus. All that I have is You.
- P Use then all of our gifts for works of love, mercy, witness, and unto the increase of Your glory.
- **G** Amen

OFFERTORY

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

arr. D. Marvin

+ Service of the Sacrament +

PREFACE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **Q** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and for our salvation that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to You, Lord our God. Holy are You and great is the majesty of Your glory. You have shown us Your favor by sending Your only Son to be our Redeemer. By His sacrificial life and atoning death, He has brought us salvation and has shown us the path to life eternal. Pour upon us now the gift of the Holy Spirit that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord with true devotion. Grant us a foretaste of the feast to come, heavenly Father, that we may joyfully and hopefully await a blessed eternity in Your glorious presence.

Amen.

SANCTUS (sung)

Holy, Holy, Holy

LSB 208

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- Blessed are You, O Lord of heaven and earth. We give thanks to You for having sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to be our Redeemer, saving us from the power of sin, death, and the devil. Invited by Your grace and supported by Your love, we come to Your Table with thanksgiving and praise. Grant that we with true faith and trust in Your words of promise receive the bread and wine, that is, the very body and blood of Christ, as a guarantee of the salvation that He purchased for us through His innocent suffering and death on the cross. Receive our prayers and praises and grant us Your abiding peace. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

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

PAX DOMINI The Peace of the Lord LSB 209

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

AGNUS DEI (sung) Lamb of God LSB 210

- 1. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
- 2. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The ushers will direct the congregation to the communion rail via the side aisles. When at the communion rail, you are welcome to kneel, as you are able, or remain standing. If you have come to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. As the pastor/elder offers you the bread (host) please hold out your hand to receive it. If you require a gluten-free host, please signal to the pastor/elder and take a gluten-free host from the center of the plate. Similarly, if you require an alcohol-free alternative to the wine, please take one of the individual cups from the center of the tray. After receiving the Lord's Supper, please return to your seat by the center aisle. If you are communing at your seat, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant, and they will commune you there.

- Draw near and take the body of the Lord, And drink the holy blood for you outpoured; Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
 To all believers life eternal yields;
 With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
 Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, And take the pledges of salvation here.
 O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow As in this feast of love You bless us now.

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

LSB 563

- 1. Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress; Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2. Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay; Fully absolved through these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3. Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy seat of God Pleads for the captives' liberty, Was also shed in love for me.
- 4. Lord, I believe, were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore, Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.
- 5. When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies, This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6. Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me, For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Song of Simeon

LSB 211

- O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill, The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.
- All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- Let us pray. We bless You, O Lord, for the grace and favor You continually show us. Grant that Your Son's body and blood, which You have given us to eat and to drink, may abide in us; and let no stain of sin remain in us, whom this pure and Holy Sacrament has refreshed; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
- **G** Amen.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24–26

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

"The Lord, My God, Be Praised"

LSB 794

- The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heaven; My maker, who to me Has soul and body given; My Father, who will shield And keep me day by day And make each moment yield New blessings on my way.
- The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heaven, The Father's own dear Son, Whose life for me was given, Who for my sin atoned With His most precious blood And gives to me by faith The highest heav'nly good.
- The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heaven, The Spirit, whom the Son In love to me has given.
 His grace revives my heart And gives my spirit pow'r,
 Help, comfort, and support In sorrow's gloomy hour.
- △ 4. The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ever-living, To whom the heav'nly host Their laud and praise are giving. The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast, God Father, God the Son, And God the Holy Ghost.

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