



Carry
the
cross and
follow
me

LUKE 14:27

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

331 Weldon Street

Latrobe, PA 15650

724-537-4450 www.trinitylatrobe.com

Pastor Jason Felici & Pastor Jess Felici

Pastor Emeritus Jeffrey Schock

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6 & 7, 2025

Welcome to Worship!

Pastors:

Rev. Jason Felici

Rev. Jess Felici

Phone: 724-537-4450

E-mail: office@trinitylatrobe.com

The *worship bulletin* is intended to help guide us through our worship. Sections in **bold** print are for congregation response.

We believe our risen Lord Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of ***Holy Communion*** and we extend our Lord's invitation to all who are baptized to share in this meal.

Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please contact an usher if you need ***communed in the pew***.

A ***large print copy*** of our worship service and ***wireless sound enhancers*** are available in the front narthex.



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 6 & 7, 2025

Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:15am (Broadcast, 98.7FM, 107.5FM, 1480AM, 910AM;
Livestream @www.trinitylatrobe.com), Sunday 10:45am

Service of Holy Communion (ELW Setting 1)

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

*The prelude is a signal to end our conversation and
prepare our hearts and minds for worship*

Prelude and Silent Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

(at the end of the bell peal, please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Confession and Forgiveness

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(please kneel or remain seated as you are comfortable)

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)

Gathering Hymn

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

ELW #335

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

The musical score is written on ten staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. Some notes are beamed together, and there are occasional slurs. The lyrics are: Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

(continued)

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(please be seated)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Children's Message

First Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11

Because Luke often presents Jesus as carrying on the ministry of the Old Testament prophets, our first readings during these weeks is from several of those figures. Today we continue reading through the book of Jeremiah. Like many of God's words through Jeremiah, this is an object lesson – using the potter's reformation of a spoiled vessel to illustrate how God could reshape Israel's future if it altered its ways.

¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ² “Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.” ³ So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴ The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. ⁵ Then the word of the LORD came to me: ⁶ Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷ At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸ but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹ And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰ but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹ Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you, from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (Leader/Assembly: Saturday, spoken; Sunday, sung)

This psalm proclaims how God has shaped the author's (and our) life from its beginning, as completely (if more subtly) than a potter shapes and re-shapes a vessel.

- ¹ LORD, you have | searched me out;
O LORD, you | have known me.
² **You know my sitting down and my | rising up;**
you discern my thoughts | from afar.
³ You trace my journeys and my | resting-places
and are acquainted with | all my ways.

(continued)

- ⁴ **Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it | altogether.**
- ⁵ You encompass me, behind | and before,
and lay your | hand upon me.
- ⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;
it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.**
- ¹³ For you yourself created my | inmost parts;
you knit me together in my | mother's womb.
- ¹⁴ **I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;
your works are wonderful, and I | know it well.**
- ¹⁵ My body was not hid- | den from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths | of the earth.
- ¹⁶ **Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were
written | in your book;
my days were fashioned before they | came to be.**
- ¹⁷ How deep I find your | thoughts, O God!
How great is the | sum of them!
- ¹⁸ **If I were to count them, they would be more in number | than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to | be like yours.**

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

Today we read almost an entire book of the Bible, and one of few that was intended to be read by a single recipient. Onesimus was a slave who escaped from his master Philemon and fled to Paul. This passage has been used not simply to justify slavery, but to justify returning escaped enslaved people to their chains. Such use, however, ignores Paul's affirmation that Onesimus and Philemon were siblings in the faith, equal to one another.

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To our beloved coworker Philemon, ² to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸ For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.

¹³ I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

(please stand to welcome the Gospel or remain seated as you are comfortable)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Many times throughout the Gospels, Jesus demands that his followers' connection to him be deeper and more important than any other relationship, echoing the first commandment, that the Israelites place no god before God. Until the crucifixion itself, Jesus makes no reference to the means of his death, so the reference to the cross makes much more sense to us than to his hearers.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 14th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.

(continued)

²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

(please be seated)

Sermon

Pastor Jess Felici

Hymn of the Day *(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)*

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

ELW #667

Apostles’ Creed

**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 People *(please kneel or sit as you are comfortable)*

God of grace, receive our prayer.

The Peace *(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)*

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(share God's peace with one another and then be seated)

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Gathering of Gifts

As we move to the time in our worship where we offer our gifts to God's church, a portion of your offering supports the Lutheran World Federation which is a global communion of Lutheran churches. LWR acts on behalf of its member churches in areas of common interest such as ecumenical relations, theology, humanitarian assistance, and various aspects of mission and development work.



*If you prefer, scan the QR code to give online.
You may then place a giving card from the pew
in the offering plate as it passes by.*

Anthem

“The Cross of Jesus”

O'Brien

Choir

Offertory *(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)*

“Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”

ELW #691



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

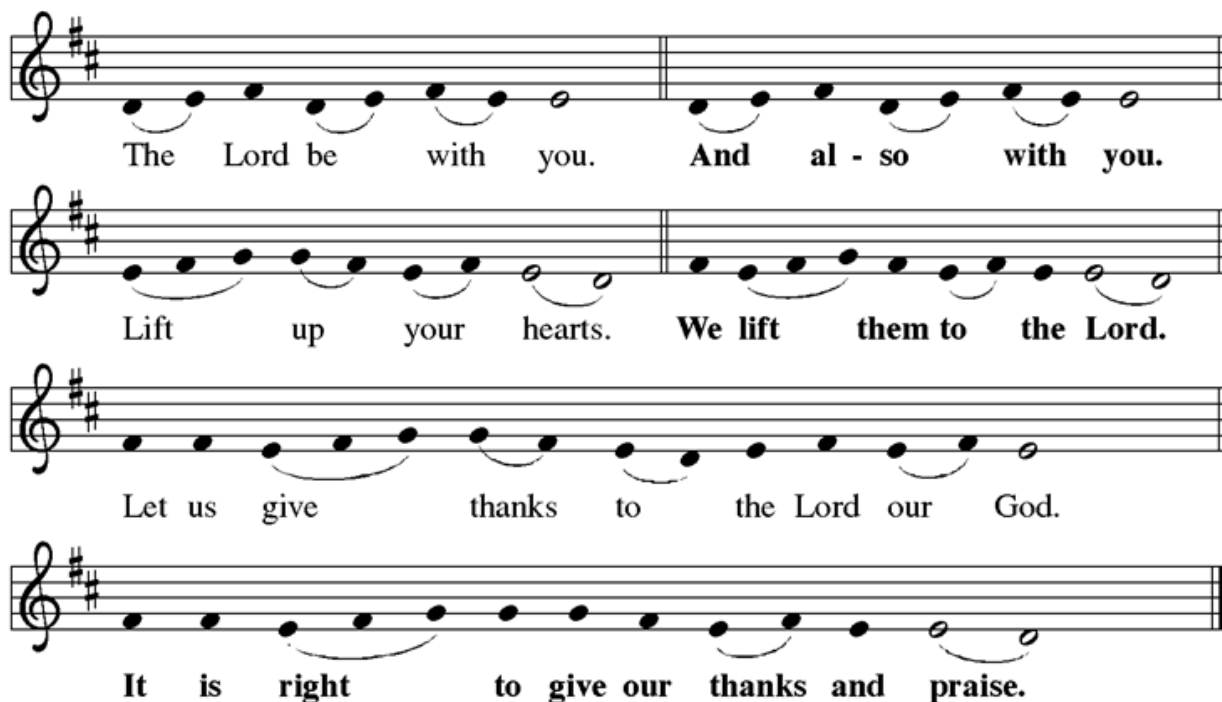


We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

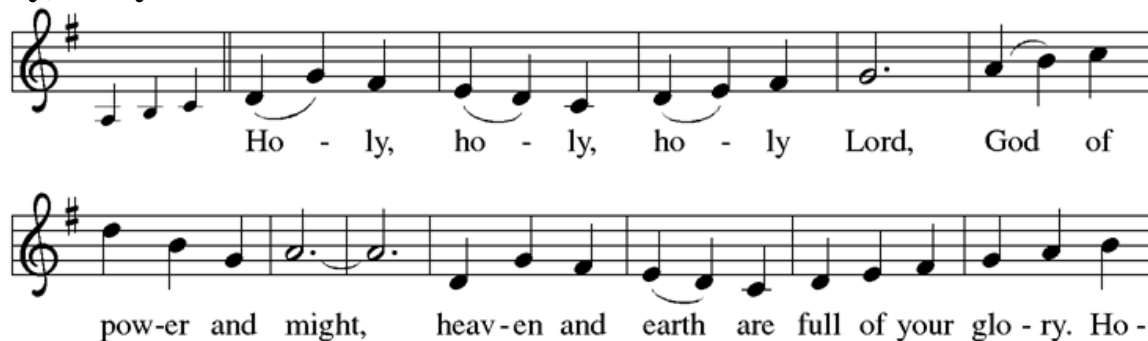
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



Thanksgiving at the Table

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
 You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
 You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
 so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
 but have eternal life.
 We give you thanks for his coming into the world
 to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
 we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



(continued)

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
 his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
 and the promise of his coming again,
 we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
 not as we ought but as we are able;
 we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
 and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
 and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
 so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
 may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
 and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
 may be formed to live as your holy people
 and be given our inheritance with all your saints.
 To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.**

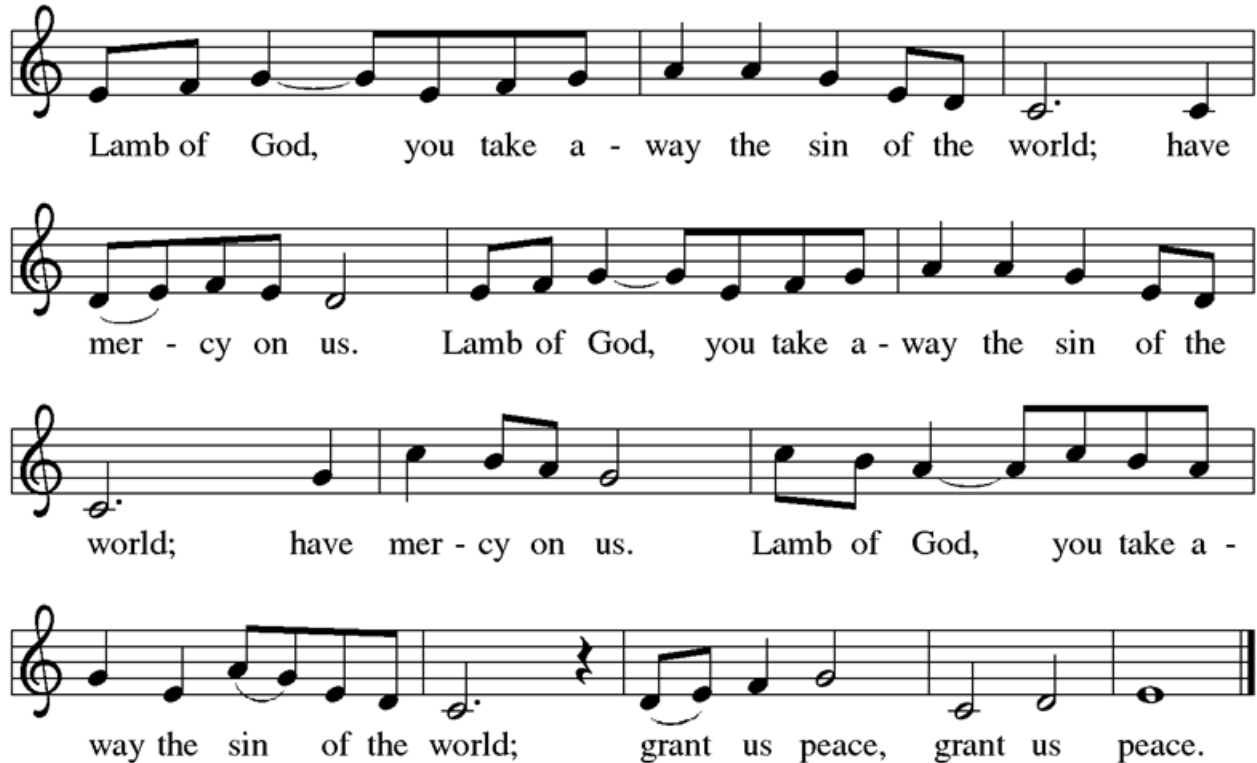
**Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.
Come to this meal of mercy.

Lamb of God



(please be seated)

Distribution of Communion

*To receive communion, please come down the center aisle, take a cup from the tray and gather at the altar rail. Receive the bread into your hand. Wine will be poured into your cup. **The communion wine is gluten free. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.** For those unable to receive wine, communion cups with water are available. Leave the altar rail, place your cup on the tray and return to your pew via the side aisles. **If you would like to receive communion in the pew, please contact an usher.** Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*



Table Blessing *(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. O God, **through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.**
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

ELW #772

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
Thanks be to God.

THE BROADCAST THIS WEEK is dedicated to the Glory of God in honor of all students, teachers, bus drivers, and everyone who helps our students become successful with their education, given by Jay and Meri Beth Elder.

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are dedicated to the Glory of our Lord in honor of our sister Jennifer Kubit's Birthday, given by Mark and Kathy Jones and Jim and Phyllis O'Hara.

Serving this Weekend

Preaching: Pastor Jess Felici **Presiding:** Pastor Jason Felici

Director of Music: Debbie Morley

Lectors: Saturday 5:30pm: Margaret Conrad

Sunday 8:15am: Jean Sorber

Sunday 10:45am: Kelly Clever

Liturgical Deacons: Saturday 5:30pm: Jackie Mars

Sunday 8:15am: Kathy Ferlin, Rose McLain

Sunday 10:45am: Jane Lawson, Sandy Redinger

Ushers: Saturday 5:30pm: Linda McDowell, Donna Showalter, David Rock
Isaiah Sherba

Sunday 8:15am: Herb Harris, Mark & Kathy Jones, Sandy Kisick

Sunday 10:45am: Matt & Kelly Clever, Eli Clever, Anna Hudec

Acolytes: Saturday 5:30pm: Kelly Stanko

Sunday 8:15am: Mallory Hudson, Kaden Shannon

Sunday 10:45am: Allie Glagola, Autumn Glagola

Tellers: Sunday 8:15am: Jason Sheppard, John Hugo, Kathy & Mark Jones

Sunday 10:45am: Eleanor Fagan, Will & Linda Brigaman,
Anna Hudec, Susan Vargo

Acolytes Serving Next Weekend September 13 & 14

Saturday 5:30pm: Kelly Stanko

Sunday 8:15am:

Sunday 10:45am:

Liturgy reprinted from "Evangelical Lutheran Worship", copyright 2006 Augsburg Fortress, used by permission of license #SBT004670 and One License A-709549; Prayers are from "Sundays & Seasons", copyright 2024 Augsburg Fortress. Introductions to the readings are written by The Rev. Mark Oldenburg, Ph.D., Steck-Miller Professor Emeritus of the Art of Worship, United Lutheran Seminary.