

WHERE YOUR
TREASURE
IS, THERE YOUR
HEART
WILL BE ALSO

LUKE 12:34

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 9 & 10, 2025

Welcome to Worship!

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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.



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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 4)

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

*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.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.
(please kneel or remain seated as you are comfortable)

**Merciful God, 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.**

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.
Amen.

(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)

Gathering Hymn

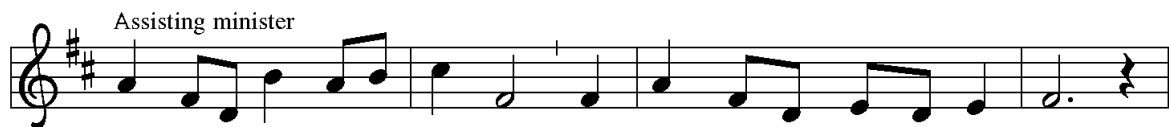
“Lord God, We Praise You”

ELW #558

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



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.



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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, 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: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Because Luke often presents Jesus as carrying on the ministry of the Old Testament prophets, our first readings during these weeks are from several of those figures. Today we begin reading through the first part of Isaiah. This book was written when Jerusalem and the surrounding area was under threat from the northern kingdom of Israel and its other neighbors, casting doubt on God's promise to preserve David's dynasty. These verses provide a summary of Isaiah's message of judgment and comfort. New moons and sabbaths were regular occasions of worship.

¹ The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. ¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! ¹¹ What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls or of lambs or of goats. ¹² When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more! ¹³ Bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. ¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. ¹⁵ When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. ¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove your evil deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil,

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¹⁷ learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed; defend the orphan; plead for the widow. ¹⁸ Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: If your sins are like scarlet, will they become like snow? If they are red like crimson, will they become like wool? ¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land, ²⁰ but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 (Leader/Assembly: Spoken)

This psalm continues the law court imagery with which the first reading ends, and also promises the safety of Jerusalem and the certainty of God's promises.

- ¹ The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- ² **Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God shines forth in glory.**
- ³ Our God will come and will not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.
- ⁴ **God calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of the people.**
- ⁵ “Gather before me my loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with
sacrifice.”
- ⁶ **The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause,
for it is God who is judge.**
- ⁷ “Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness
against you; for I am God, your God.
- ⁸ **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are always before me.**
- ²² Consider this well, you who forget God,
lest I tear you apart and there be none to deliver you.
- ²³ **Whoever offers me a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me;
I will show the salvation of God to those who go the right way.”**

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

This Sunday we begin reading the book of Hebrews, written to a community beginning to tire of God's delay in fulfilling the promises of Christ's return and their vindication. It is particularly well placed today, since like the Gospel reading it affirms the need to be tenacious in trusting God's promises.

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." ¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

Through these weeks, we have been reading about Jesus' journey toward Jerusalem, where he will be crucified. Here, he is speaking not to the crowds, but to the disciples. Immediately before these verses, Jesus has instructed them not to worry about the necessities of life, in words familiar to us from Matthew's Sermon on the Mount ("Consider the lilies, they neither toil nor spin.").

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 12th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹ "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

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

(please be seated)

Sermon Saturday
 Sunday

Pastor Daniel Clark
Pastor Jess Felici

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

"O Master, Let Me Walk with You"

ELW #818

Apostles' Creed (Sunday 8:15am and 10:45am)

**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, hear 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 Fellowship at Trinity- Mother's Day Dinner, Men's Communion Breakfast, the church picnic, Veterans Day Luncheon, bus trips, and more. As Lutherans we often show our love through feeding one another - in cups of coffee or meals shared we share the communion of the saints.



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.

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

"We Are an Offering"

ELW #692



We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

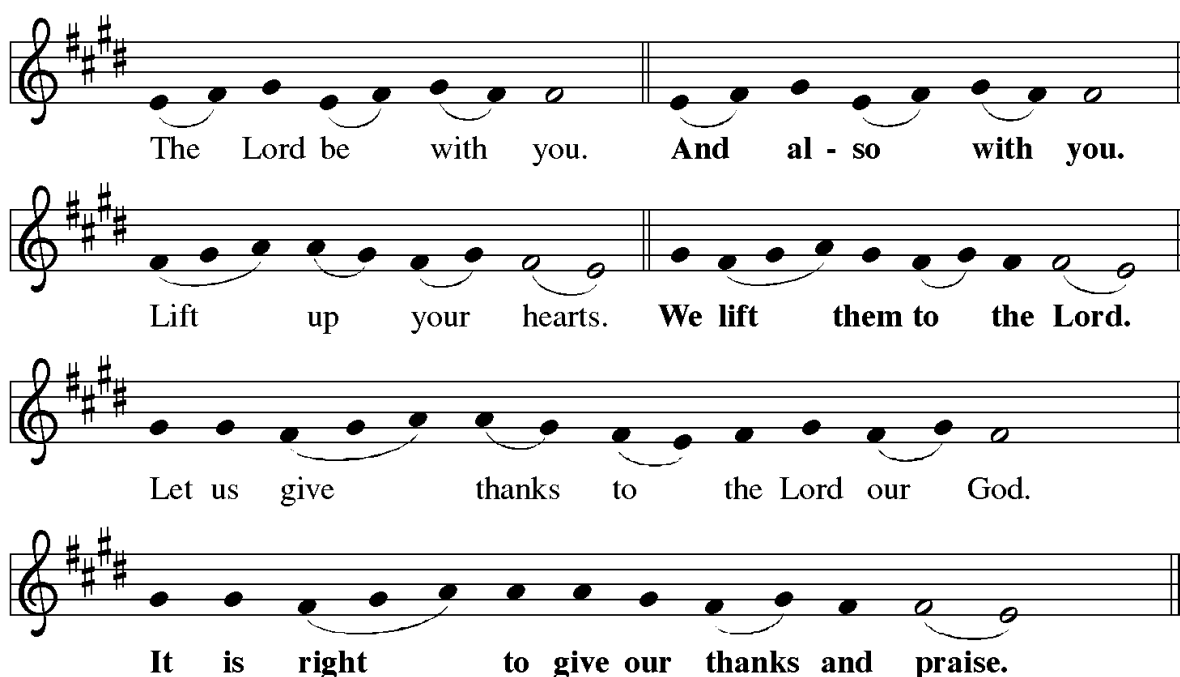
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Offering Prayer

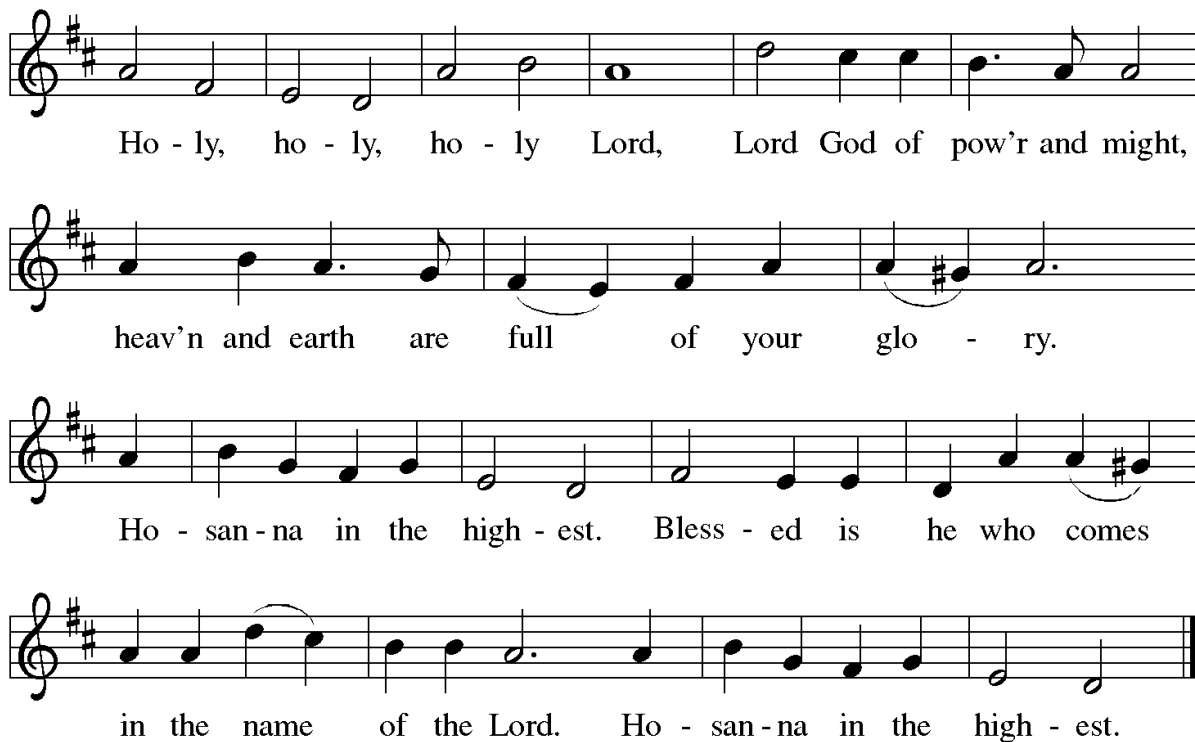
Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
 Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



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, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God,
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation,
the plants and animals, the seas and stars
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills
and to form us again into one.

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.

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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.

Remembering, therefore,
his acts of healing,
his body given up,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

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.**

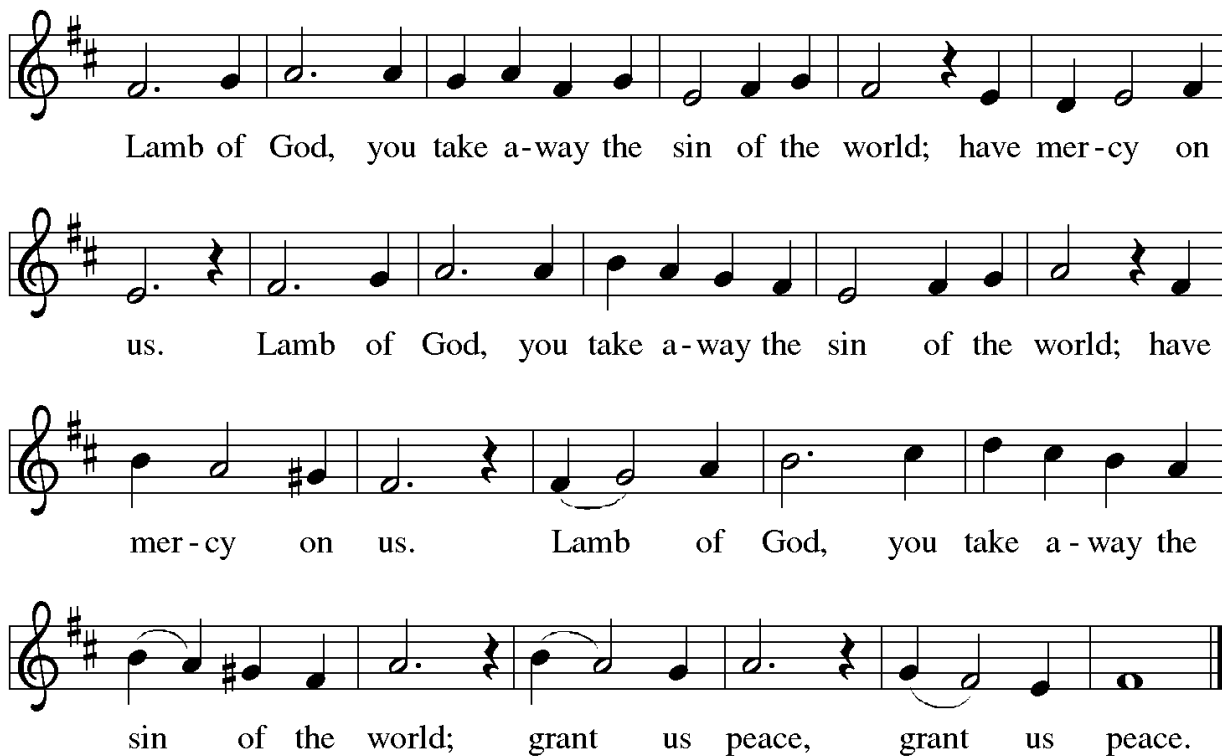
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

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

Invitation to Communion

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

(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. Mothering God, **you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.**
Amen.

SENDING

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

Blessing

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.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ELW #632

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

THE BROADCAST THIS WEEK is dedicated to the Glory of God in loving in memory of all whose lives were lost; for the victims of floods and all suffering in loss during the Texas floods, and in thanksgiving for all who responded in time of need, given by Darlene and Bill Shine.

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of my wife, Ruth Ann Sistik, and Ruth Ann's son, Wayne Anderson, and also in honor of Ruth Ann's sons, Jeff Anderson and Brian Anderson, given by her loving husband, Ernie Sistik.

Serving this Weekend

Preaching: Saturday: Pastor Daniel Clark
Sunday: Pastor Jess Felici

Presiding: Pastor Jason Felici

Director of Music: Debbie Morley

Lectors: Saturday 5:30pm: Kathe Houck
Sunday 8:15am: Gail Hugo
Sunday 10:45am: Anna Hudec

Liturgical Deacons: Saturday 5:30pm: Kathe Houck
Sunday 8:15am: Sandy Kisick, Dean Reed
Sunday 10:45am: Lindsay Deemer, Jane Lawson

Ushers: Saturday 5:30pm: Linda McDowell, David Rock, Isaiah Sherba, Donna Showalter,
Sunday 8:15am: Herb Harris, Mark & Kathy Jones, Melinda Terney
Sunday 10:45am: Matt & Kelly Clever, Eli Clever, Anna Hudec

Acolytes: Saturday 5:30pm:
Sunday 8:15am:
Sunday 10:45am: Allie Glagola, Autumn Glagola

Tellers: Sunday 8:15am: Mary Ann Coulston, Donna Krall, Phyllis O'Hara
10:45am: Tiffany Shrum, Ryan & Lynn Scalise, Tim Potter

Acolytes Serving Next Weekend August 16 & 17

Saturday 5:30pm:
Sunday 8:15am:
Sunday 10:45am:

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