



September 14, 2025
14th Sunday After Pentecost



~Feeding Our Spiritual Self~

Good Morning and Welcome!

If you are an online worshiper or guest today, please leave a record of your time with us online. Thank you!

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Holy Communion Setting One

** Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE “Simple Gifts” (Wilbur Held)

Melanie Payne

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT “I Want Jesus to Walk With Me” (Spiritual/Raney)

Mike Mabry

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

*GATHERING SONG “O God of Light”

ELW 507



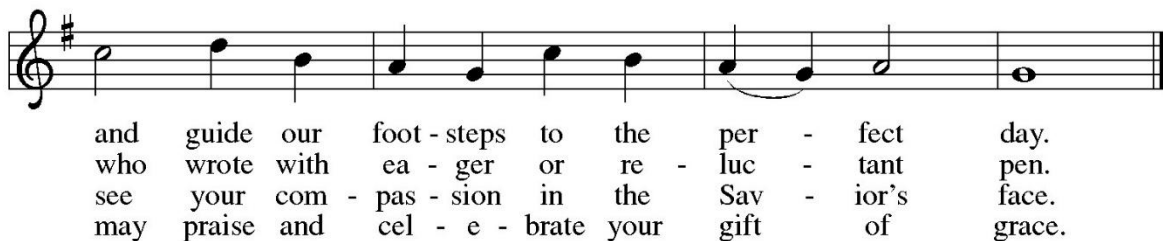
1 O God of light, your word, a lamp un - fail - ing,
2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,
3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing
4 To all the world your sum - mons you are send - ing,



shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way
though we re - belled, you gent - ly sought a - gain,
to sin - ful hearts your jus - tice and your grace;
through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



and show your grace, your plan for us un - veil - ing,
and spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,
and quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for your heal - ing,
that myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



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Music: ATKINSON, H. Barrie Cabena, b. 1933

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*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.**

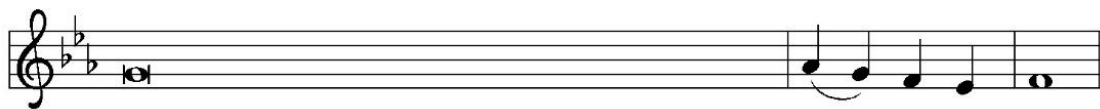
*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



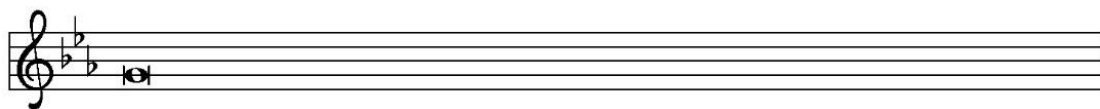
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



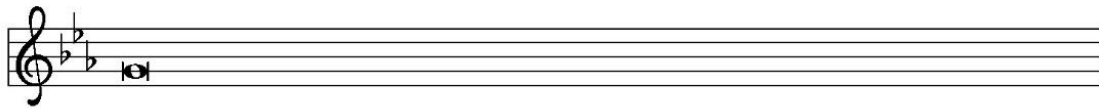
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

TEMPLE TALK: Feeding Our Spiritual Self

Tim Pitchko

FIRST READING

Proverbs 3:1-6

¹ My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, ² for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. ³ Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. ⁴ Then you will find favor and high regard in the sight of God and of people. ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

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

PSALM

119:105-112

- ¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- ¹⁰⁶ **I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.**
- ¹⁰⁷ I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word.
- ¹⁰⁸ **Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your ordinances.**
- ¹⁰⁹ I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.
- ¹¹⁰ **The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.**
- ¹¹¹ Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.
- ¹¹² **I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.**

SECOND READING

James 1:19-25

¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, ²⁰ for human anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹ Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴ for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵ But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Mary Burke

GOSPEL FANFARE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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 ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 4th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

⁴Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Kris Schroeder

*HYMN OF THE DAY “O Word of God Incarnate”

ELW 514

1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;

we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
oh, teach your wand - ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,

***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 INTERCESSION**

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

***PEACE**

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

OFFERING

Piano Solo “Come Thou Fount” (Wyeth/M.Y Young)

Melanie Payne (8:30)

Anthem: “Lift High the Cross” (Nicholson/Schrader)

Choir (11:00)

*Presentation of Gifts “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”

ELW 509

God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;

to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.

Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while

time shall last your church may hold it fast through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage". It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a semicolon, the second with a period, the third with a comma, and the fourth with a double bar line.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925, alt.
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

***OFFERING PRAYER**

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 AND PREFACE**

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

***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 -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

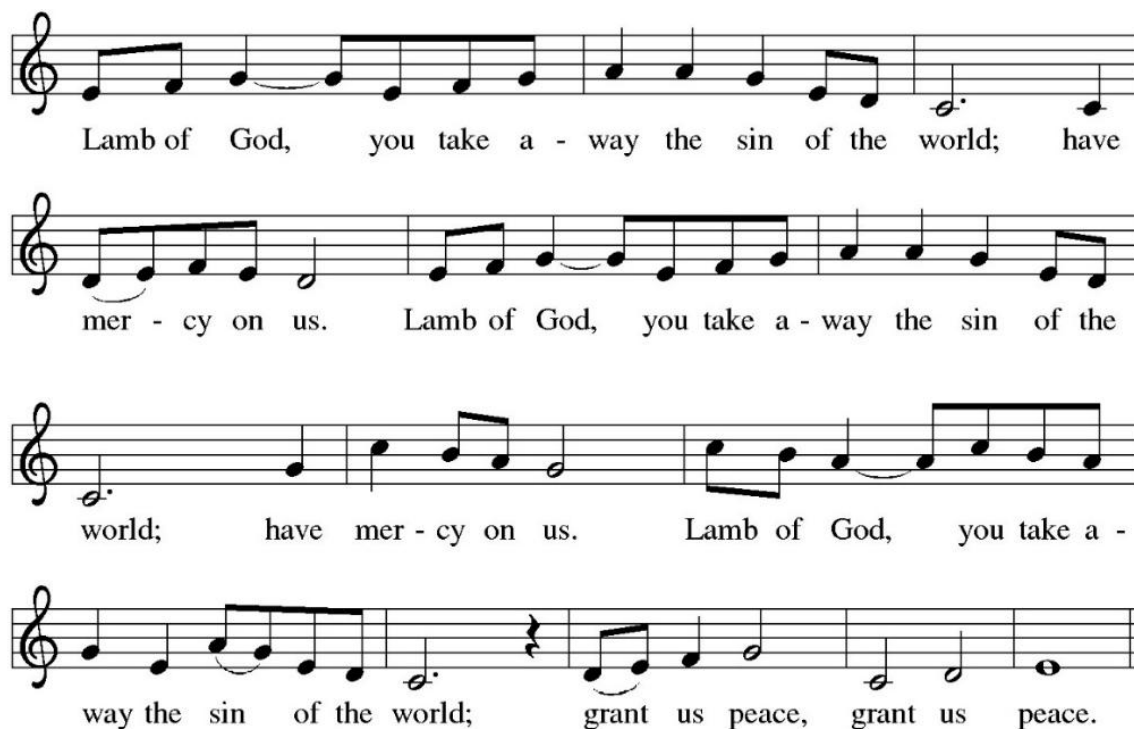
**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

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.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG “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.

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN “For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

ELW 494



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.


Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631

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HYMN “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

ELW 484


Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.




Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

Refrain




so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' - n - ly food.
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.


Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997
 Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996
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HYMN “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

ELW 553



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
 2 Dark and cheer - less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ - teous - ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
 joy - less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
 fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
 Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

***POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

***BLESSING**

***SENDING SONG "We Are Marching in the Light"**

ELW 866



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen'kwen-khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

nyen'kwen-khos'. *Si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha - nyen'kwen-khos',*
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

Text: South African traditional; tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984

Music: SIYAHAMBA, South African traditional

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* DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

We will! Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Ode to Joy" (Beethoven/J. Carter)

Melanie Payne

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Norma Freymuth
Don & Lizzie Palmer
Rich
Lindsey & the Porter Family
Cindy
Kevin

Leighann
Connie Stanger
Stephen
Teresa
Brian Christian

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by the Pitchko family in celebration of Greyson's 11th birthday.

ALL ARE INVITED to enjoy coffee and fellowship after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

NURSERY is open on a self-service basis until the attendant position is filled. Thank you for your understanding.

FIRST COMMUNION. Today we celebrate Fiona Oskam and her family as Fiona receives her first communion. Welcome to the Lord's Table, Fiona!

4th ANNUAL GERMAN FOOD FESTIVAL, NOVEMBER 1. We are thrilled to host this fun event attended by hundreds from our community. Here's how you can help make it a success again this year. 1) Sign up here to volunteer for the week before or day of the event, 2) Invites friends, family, neighbors, co-workers. Share on social media, 3) Come and attend! Bounce house for the kids, live music, delicious food and drinks to be enjoyed by all!



CLOTHING DRIVE IS HERE! We are collecting blankets, sleeping bags and cold weather clothing for the homeless in our area. A full list of items and a collection box is located in the Narthex.

KIT MINISTRY – Single Toothbrushes FOOD PANTRY – Instant Mashed Potatoes

8:30 Worship		11:00 Worship	
Lector	Martin Campbell	Cantor	Mike Mabry
Ushers	Mark Winge, Bruce Peter	Lector	Laura Peterson
Altar Guild	LeeLinda Baggett	Ushers	Owen Wasmoen
Stream Team	Danny Hopkin, Paul Zutter	Altar Guild	Debbie Neely
Flower Guild	Mary Burke	Stream Team	Bob Davis
		Flower Guild	Mary Burke
Pastor Kristine Schroeder		Office Manager Jill Casey	
Director of Music Randall Fields		Communications Director Jan Morrison	
Organist/Accompanist Melanie Payne		Information Technology Chris Elegante	

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, September 14

- 8:30 a.m. – *Service of Worship ELW
Setting One with the Lord's
Supper
- 9:45 a.m. – Adult Bible Study/Sunday
School for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. – Adult Choir Warm Up
- 11:00 a.m. – Service of Worship ELW
Setting One with the Lord's
Supper
- 5:00 p.m. – Sr/Jr Youth Group Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. – Cherub and Seraph Choir
- 6:30 p.m. – Notabella Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 15

- 9:00 a.m. – Comforters
- 6:30 p.m. – Pub Theology and Potluck

Wednesday, September 16

- 5:00 p.m. – Confirmation Class
- 6:00 p.m. – Wednesday Night Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

LOOKING AHEAD

- October 25 – Handmade Market
- October 25 – German Food Fest Baking Prep Day
- November 1 – German Food Festival

Thursday, September 17

- 11:00 a.m. – ArtReach

Saturday, September 20

- 10:00 a.m. – Contemporary Set
Up/Rehearsal

Sunday, September 21

- 8:00 a.m. – Adult Choir Warm Up
- 8:30 a.m. – *Service of Worship Chicago
Folk with the Lord's Supper
- 9:45 a.m. – Adult Bible Study/Sunday
School for all ages
- 11:00 a.m. – Service of Worship Band Led
Chicago Folk with the Lord's
Supper
- 12:00 p.m. – MOES (3rd – 5th grades) Event
w/ Lunch
- 5:00 p.m. – Youth Group Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. – Cherub and Seraph Choir
- 6:30 p.m. – Notabella Rehearsal

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