

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

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Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.
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POSTLUDE

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

5:00 PM

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September 13, 2025, 5:00 pm

HYMN SING

Jonathan Lonsway, piano

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Come, all who feel seen and all who feel unseen; all who stayed close and all who wandered far.

We come because God is already searching for us.

Like a shepherd who leaves the ninety-nine to find the one, God will not give up on you.

Rejoice with me: what was lost is found!

Like a woman who lights a lamp and sweeps the house, God will not rest until joy is complete.

Rejoice with me: what was lost is found!

In this house, there is room for every story, every question, every ache and every hope.

We come as we are—sought, seen, and welcomed.

Come, let us worship the God who seeks, the Christ who carries us home, and the Spirit who throws a feast of joy.

We lift our voices in praise: what was lost is found! Rejoice!

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion will be distributed by coming forward and receiving the bread and wine. The center cups (white) are non-alcoholic grape juice. Upon receiving, please put empty cups in baskets provided. If you prefer gluten free, please ask Pastor who is distributing. Please proceed up the center aisle returning to your seat via the side aisles.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

ELW #608

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

ELW #789

BENEDICTION

May God who turned wrath into mercy free you from every idol and fasten your heart to grace. May Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, find you in every wilderness, lift you into joy, and send you to seek the lost with relentless love. May the ✠ Holy Spirit, who strengthens the unworthy, overflow in you with faith and courage for service.

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

ELW #544

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DISMISSAL

Go now in the power of the Spirit!

Let your heart burn with the fire of God's love!

Thanks be to God!

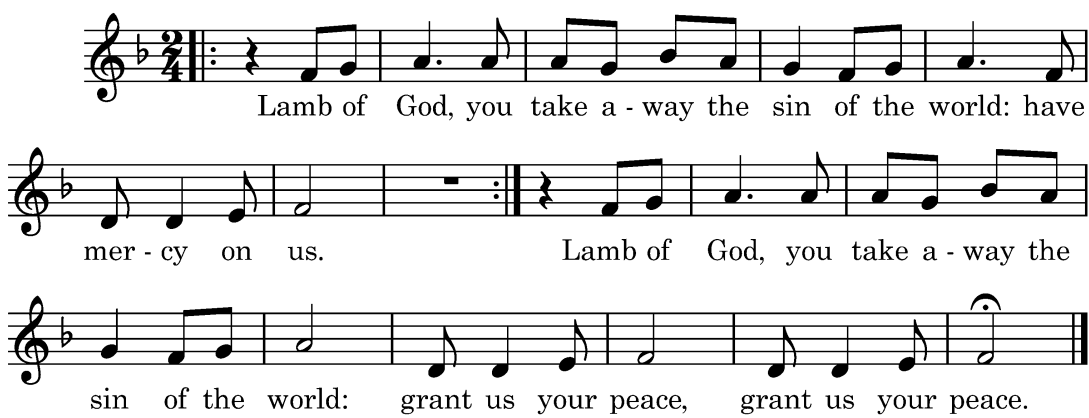
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD’S PRAYER

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.

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: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW #834

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.
Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Searching God, you leave the ninety-nine for one, you light a lamp for what has slipped into the shadows, and you rejoice when what was lost is found. Sweep the corners of our hearts and our community; loosen our fear, kindle our hope. Lift us onto your shoulders when we are weary, place us again among your people, and make our joy contagious—a feast big enough for the wandering and the wary, the certain and the unsure. Grant us courage to seek as you seek, persistence to love as you love, and humility to be found by grace. Through Jesus Christ, our seeker and shepherd, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Exodus 32:7-14

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While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today’s reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God’s own people, and boldly asks for mercy for them.

The reading is concluded:
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.



PSALM: Psalm 51:1-10

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- ² **Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- ³ For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.

**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

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Offer a sign of peace with those around you

GATHERING OF GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, with thankful hearts we return to you a portion of what you have first given us. Make our giving part of your glad search—turn these gifts into welcome, bread, and light. Teach us to rejoice over each life found, and form in us generous hearts, persistent in love. Gather neighbors to the joy, widen our tables, and teach us to rejoice over each life found and restored. Form in us generous hearts so that our lives, not only our gifts, become good news for the wandering and the wary. We ask this through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10

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Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.

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



SERMON

Pastor Michael Rinehart

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #779

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

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.**

- ⁴ **Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**
- ⁵ **Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother's womb.**
- ⁶ **Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**
- ⁷ **Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.**
- ⁸ **Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**
- ⁹ **Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.**
- ¹⁰ **Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

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The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.

The reading is concluded:
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GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 15th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.