

August 3, 2025  
8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



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**In cooperation with Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church  
and former Beach United Methodist Church**

*Throughout the service  
the congregation reads aloud the bold print*

# **Prelude/Gathering Music**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.**

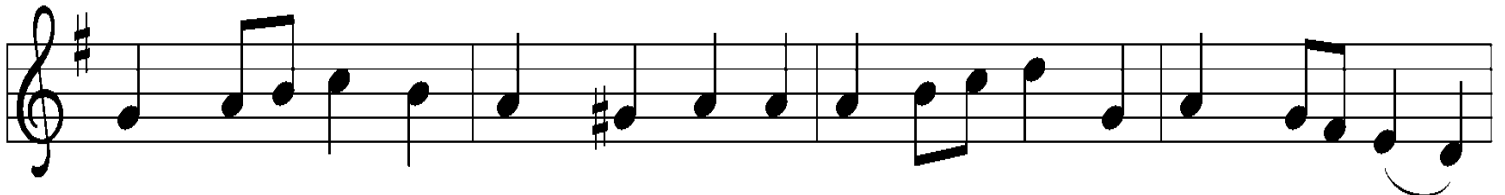
## Son of God, Eternal Savior



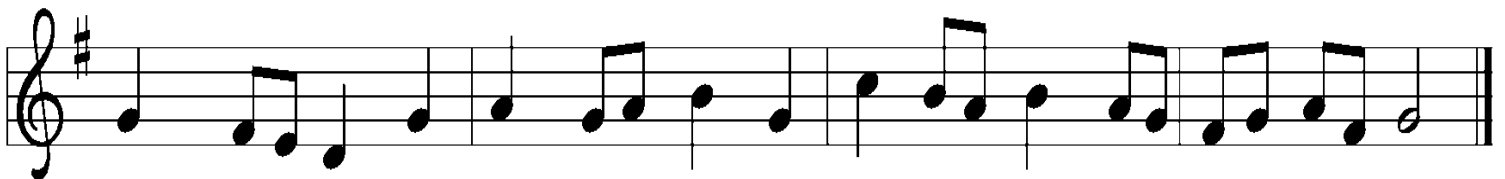
1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,  
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.  
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;  
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

**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**

## Prayer of the Day

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Glory Be to the Father

Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly

6 Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er

10 shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

## **Call to Worship** from Psalm 49

- <sup>1</sup> Hear this, all you peoples;  
give ear, all you who dwell in the world,
- <sup>2</sup> **you of high degree and low,  
rich and poor together.**
- <sup>3</sup> My mouth shall speak of wisdom,  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- <sup>4</sup> **I will incline my ear to a proverb  
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**
- <sup>5</sup> Why should I be afraid in evil days,  
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- <sup>6</sup> **the wickedness of those who put their trust in their  
own prowess, and boast of their great riches?**
- <sup>7</sup> One can never redeem another,  
or give to God the ransom for another's life;
- <sup>8</sup> **for the ransom of a life is so great  
that there would never be enough to pay it,**
- <sup>9</sup> in order to live forever and ever  
and never see the grave.

*The first reading is from Colossians, the 3rd Chapter*

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



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

## **Gospel**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter

### **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

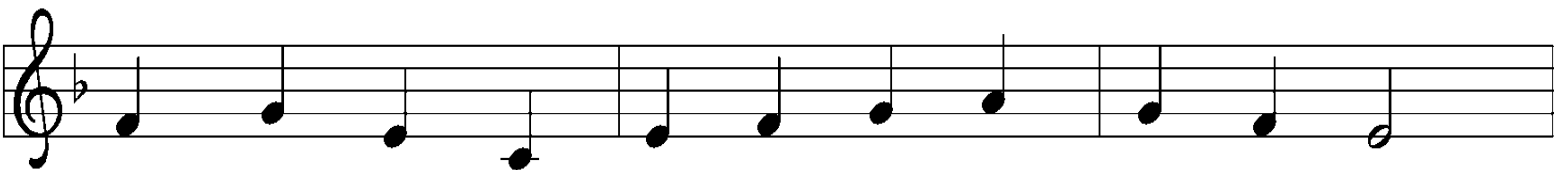
**Sermon – Reverend Steve Wigdahl**

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# All Depends on Our Possessing



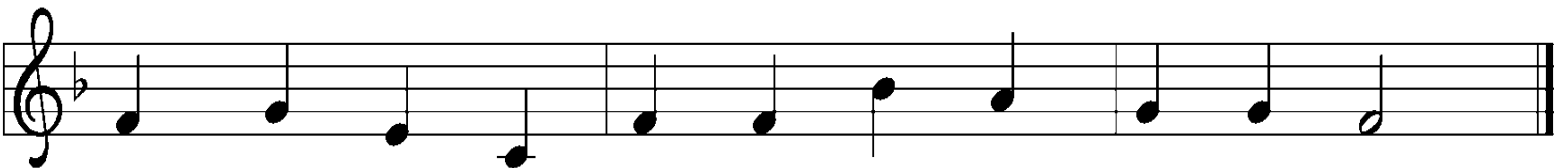
1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's free grace and  
2 God, who hith - er - to has fed me and to man - y  
3 When with sor - row I am strick - en, hope my heart a -  
4 Well you know what best to grant me; all the long - ing  
5 If on earth my days should length - en, God, my wea - ry



con - stant bless - ing, though all earth - ly wealth de - part.  
joys has led me, is and ev - er shall be mine.  
new will quick - en, all my long - ing shall be stilled.  
hopes that haunt me, joy and sor - row, have their day.  
soul still strength - en; all my trust in you I place.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en by their God are  
God, who did so gent - ly school me and who dai - ly  
To your lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der all my be - ing  
I shall doubt your wis - dom nev - er; as you will, so  
Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing; like a stream a -



not for - sak - en and will keep a daunt - less heart.  
guides and rules me, will re - main my help di - vine.  
I sur - ren - der; Lord, on you a - lone I build.  
be it ev - er; I com - mit to you my way.  
way it's glid - ing; safe I an - chor in your grace.

Let us join together in affirming our faith through the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



## **Prayers of the People**

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

(Congregation will respond to each petition with  
**Hear our prayer)**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **Offering & Special Music**

### **Offering Prayer**

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.**

### **Words of Institution**

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 all  
people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me

## **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, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## **Invitation to Communion**

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

**PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

## **Prayer after Communion**

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**

# Benediction

## "Go Now in Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen, Amen, Amen

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**SCAN IN ORDER TO MAKE YOUR OFFERING ONLINE!**



**Lessons for August 10, 2025**

**Gen 15:1-6, Psalm 33:12-22, Heb 11:13-, 8-16, Luke 12:32-40**



## **Announcements 8/3/25**

We invite you to fill out the appropriate information in the pew pads and pass them to the center aisle,

Also, you will find green prayer/blessings request forms in the pew. Feel free to fill them out and place them in the offering plate.

**Sew and Sews** – Join this group on Thursday mornings. Bring your Lunch if you wish to stay and enjoy the fellowship.

**Breakfast Church Info** - Breakfast Church is funded by a grant from the Synod Vision 2 Action program. Dr. Jason Kurtz wrote the grant request and will be holding a meeting soon to form a committee to discuss how this will be done. Anyone interested is invited to attend to get more details.

Watch the bulletin for the meeting date and time!

**Teddy Bear Ministry** - This ministry involves you bringing a new or gently used teddy bear to sit in the pews with us and be present for worship. They can sit on your lap or next to you. They will have a tag on them explaining that they are for comfort and Volunteering includes making sure the bears are ready for church, have tags and that there are a few in the sanctuary every week. Please see Jane Stutzman or Trudy Archer for more details or to volunteer.

**Sisters In Spirit** - Join us on Tuesday, August 12 at 11:30 at the Beach Library. Bring your lunch. Speaker will be Pastor Steve Wigdahl!