



August 3, 2025
9am Service
Time after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

Our Mission Statement:

As God's people, abounding in HOPE and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to share in the unfolding experience of Jesus Christ.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Baptized in Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence 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.**

Opening Hymn

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

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1. A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. The holy apostolic band upon the Mount of Olives stand, Alleluia! Alleluia!
And with his faithful foll'wers see their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. To whom the shining angels cry, "Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"
Alleluia! Alleluia! "This is the Savior!" thus they say, "this is his glorious triumph
day!" Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. "You see him now, ascending high up to the portals of the sky."
Alleluia! Alleluia! "Here after Jesus you shall see returning in great majesty."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
5. O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord:
Alleluia! Alleluia! You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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.**

Holy Baptism

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*Today we celebrate the baptism of Theodore Timothy Koenig,
Son of Samuel and Haley Koenig*

Profession of Faith

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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 will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Welcome

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

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.

Special Music

Lord of the Dance

Kathryn Hardie and
Sarah Nestingen

Word

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

When the reading is completed, please respond:

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

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

When the reading is completed, please respond:

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

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You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

When the reading is completed, please respond:

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

Sermon

Pastor Nate Aaseng

Hymn of the Day

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

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1. "Take up your cross." The Savior said, "if you would my disciple be; forsake the past, and come this day, and humbly follow after me."
2. Take up your cross; let not its weight pervade your soul with vain alarm; his strength shall bear your spirit up, sustain your heart, and nerve your arm.

3. Take up your cross, nor heed the shame, nor let your foolish heart rebel;
for you the Lord endured the cross to save your soul from death and hell.
4. Take up your cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down;
for those who humbly bear the cross one day will wear the glorious crown.

Prayers for the People

Prayer Petitions will end with “Lord in your Mercy”

Prayer response is **“Hear Our Prayer”**

Sharing God’s Peace & Noisy Offering

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

Offertory

Create In Me a Clean Heart

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with you free Spirit.

Offering Prayer

Meal

Great Thanksgiving

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

The 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 and Distribution

All are welcome to receive the sacrament. If you are unable to handle the elements, require gluten free, or would prefer grape juice, please tell the server. If you are unable to come forward, please inform an usher and you will be served in your pew.

Distribution Music

Lamb of God

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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.

Distribution Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

#502

1. The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth and,
where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.

Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Lift High the Cross

#660

*Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
2. All newborn servants of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain*
3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*
4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

Dismissal

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

Worship Leaders

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Assistant Liturgist	Steve Olson
Reader	Judy Tilleson
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Ushers	Jim and Jean Wold
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