



September 7, 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

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 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.**

Opening Hymn

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

#335

1. Jesus, keep my near the cross, there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain: In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;

till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

2. Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. ***Refrain***
3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. ***Refrain***
4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. ***Refrain***

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

This is the Feast

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Refrain:

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. ***Refrain***
2. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation;
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has
begun his reign. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Special Music

Praise to the Spirit

Voices of Hope

Word

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

When the reading is completed, please respond:

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

Second Reading

Philemon 1-21

When the reading is completed, please respond:

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

Children's Time

Grace Lenhart

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 14:25-33

When the reading is completed, please respond:

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

Hymn of the Day

Will You Come and Follow Me

#798

1. “Will you come and follow me if I but call your name
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”
2. “Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray’r in you and you in me?”
3. “Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris’ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”
4. “Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”
5. Lord, you summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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 catholic 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 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.

Special Music

Come to the table of the Lord

Voices of Hope

Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Lead Me, Guide Me

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Refrain – Lead me, guide me, along the way; for if you lead me, I cannot stray

Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to help me over my weakest hour
Help me through the darkness thy face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. ***Refrain***
2. Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. ***Refrain***
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am blind without thy light to see.
Lord, just always let me thy servant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. ***Refrain***

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

Worship Leaders

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