

## Seventh Week after Pentecost July 27, 2025



Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God’s own. “When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.”

## **WELCOME!**

Guests, we are glad you have joined us today! If you would like to receive contact from the pastor or welcoming committee following this worship service, please fill out a card from the pew slot and put it in the offering plate. Welcome!

Children's Church takes place during our worship service. The children are dismissed after *Blessing the Children* and brought back to their families after the *Prayers of Intercession*.

## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands at the invitation of the presider.*

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*You may find a simple prayer helpful, such as: "Lord, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, a sinner." or "Lord, you see all things. I open my heart to you."*

P: Merciful God,

**C: 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.**

P: 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.  
**C: Amen.**

## **GATHERING HYMN ELW 733 *Great is Thy Faithfulness (favorite)***

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in three verses. The first system covers the first line of the hymn, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

## **GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

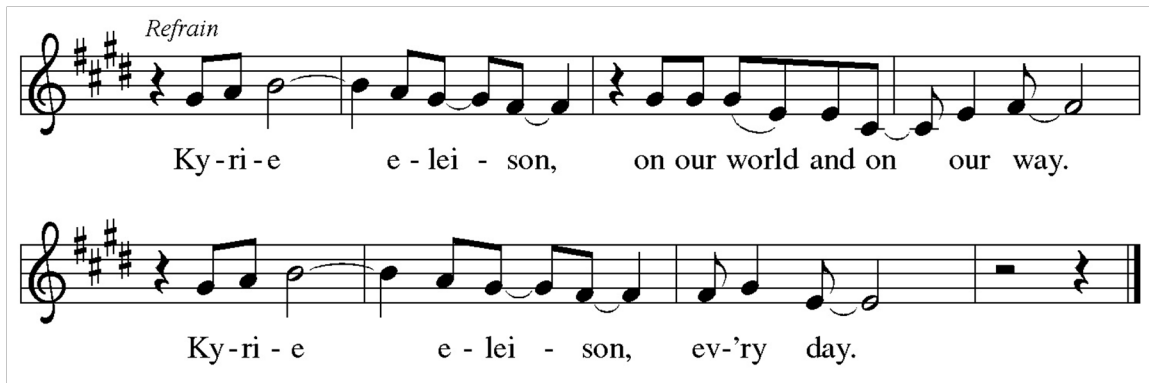
## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **KYRIE**

*Kyrie Eleison means, “Lord, have mercy.” This prayer has been repeated by the Church for many centuries to ask for God’s blessing. When we sing it we join the whole Church in petition and praise.*



**Leader:** For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;  
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

### ***Congregational Refrain***

**Leader:** That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the  
poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

### ***Congregational Refrain***

**Leader:** For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;  
for life and for love, for our work and our play,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

### ***Congregational Refrain***

**Leader:** For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the  
Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

### ***Congregational Refrain***

*The assembly is seated.*

## **BLESSING THE CHILDREN**

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna' let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna' let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna' let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine*

*Children are dismissed for Children's Church.*

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32**

<sup>20</sup> Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup> I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup> So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. <sup>23</sup> Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup> Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup> And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup> Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup> Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup> Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup> Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup> He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord.

Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” <sup>32</sup> Then he said, “Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” A: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALMODY: Psalm 138** (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup> **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,  
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified  
your name and your word above all things.**

<sup>3</sup> When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

<sup>4</sup> **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup> They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand  
shall save me.

<sup>8</sup> **You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love  
endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

**SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15**

<sup>6</sup> As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup> Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ.



<sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup> when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. A: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly rises in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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

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

## **GOSPEL**

P: The holy gospel according to **St. Luke 11:1-13**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”<sup>2</sup> So he said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ <sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup> “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## SERMON

*The assembly rises in body or spirit to sing the Hymn of the Day.*

### HYMN OF THE DAY 605 *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*



- 1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;
- 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
- 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.  
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!  
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

## APOSTLES' CREED

A: In prayer and devotion, we confess our faith with the whole church.

**C: 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.**

## **PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

*Greet one another by shaking hands with a word of Christ's peace.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## **PRAYER**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

A: Loving God, create in your church a desire for union with you in prayer. Raise up leaders to teach Christ's devotion to prayer and model Christ's way of prayer, until all people experience union with you through prayer. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: Reveal to humanity the sacredness of all creation. With the breath of your Spirit, realign the balances of nature. Grant persistence in prayer and action for the sake of the earth, our common home. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: Teach rulers of the earth to sing of your ways, caring for the lowly and having no preference for the powerful. Direct the heart of every person to seek your will on earth as in heaven. Make peace in places of conflict, especially **Ukraine, Iran, and the Holy Land** and bring mercy to each community. We pray for the people of **Sudan** who are facing a hunger crisis due to famine. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: To all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs, especially **Annette & Rick, Barry, Bev, Carol, Donna, Donnie, Drew, Ed, Emmett, Frieda, Hattie, Jason, Joseph, Konnor, LaVonne, Lynn, Maggie, Mark, Michelle, Michelle, Phil, Ruthann, Sandy, Sherry, Stan, Ted, and Wally.**

Gather them to your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: Center the ministries of this assembly on prayer and service. Guide our relationships in the wider community, being ready to assist those who seek help. Strengthen feeding, clothing, and housing ministries and community partnerships. We pray for the safety of first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others, especially **Anthony, Brandon, Eli, and Nathan.** God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: Heal the land and waterways affected by flooding in Central Texas. Comfort families as they mourn the loss of loved ones. Aid search and rescue teams. Provide for those who have lost homes and for those who have lost means to provide for their families. Keep safe those who assist in cleanup efforts in the days and weeks to come. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: We give thanks for all who have gone before us. May we trust your steadfast love and continue in hope until we are united with all your saints. We give thanks for **Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany**, and others, whom we commemorate\* this week. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

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

\*See announcement for commemorations.

## MEAL

**OFFERING** *your offering may be placed in the plate as it is passed. We thank all who support God's ministry here and in the world.*

*Stand as the offering is presented at the rail.*

## **PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: Create in Me a Clean Heart**

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.' The score ends with a double bar line.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me  
with your free Spir - it. Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

A: 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.

C: Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

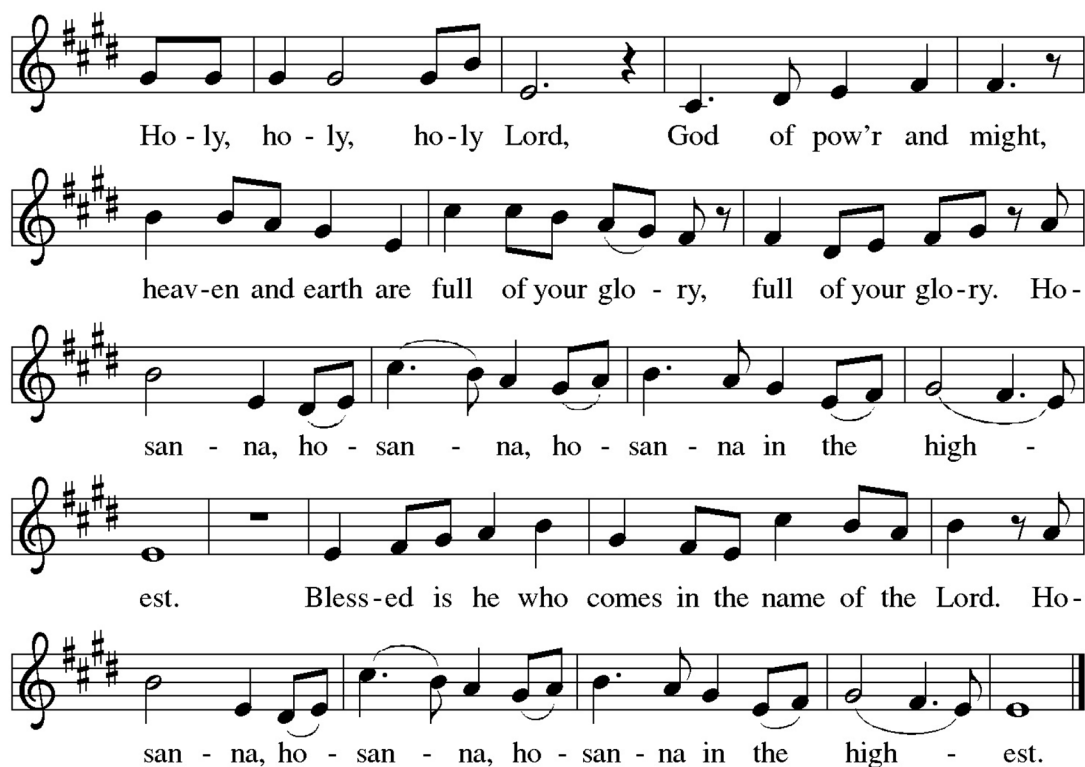
P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

And so, with earth and sea and all their creatures, with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, featuring a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The text is as follows:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way.

In every age you sent prophets  
to make known your loving will for all humanity.  
The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we await the day when Jesus shall return  
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.  
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.  
**C: Amen.**



Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,  
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup  
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.  
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

**C: Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,  
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,  
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.  
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

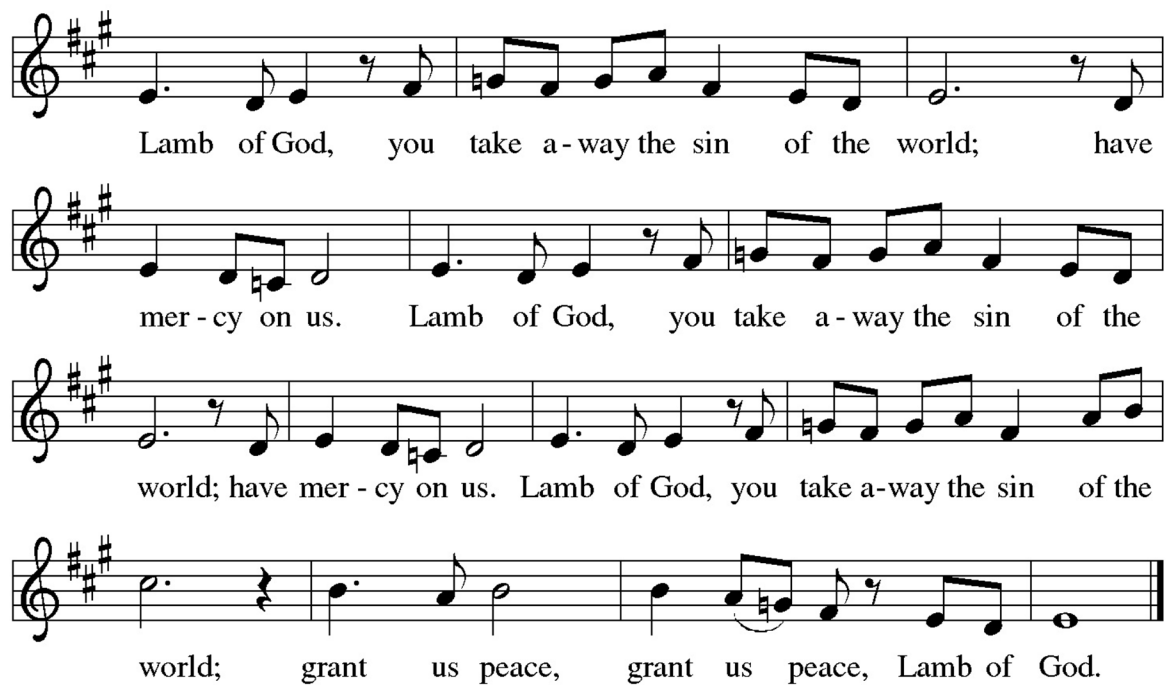
P: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice. All are welcome.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly is seated.*

*Come, for Christ invites you. Communion today will be distributed at the altar rail (please stand or kneel, as you are comfortable), the ushers will direct you forward to receive the bread (which is gluten-free) and cup either wine (red) or grape juice (white).*

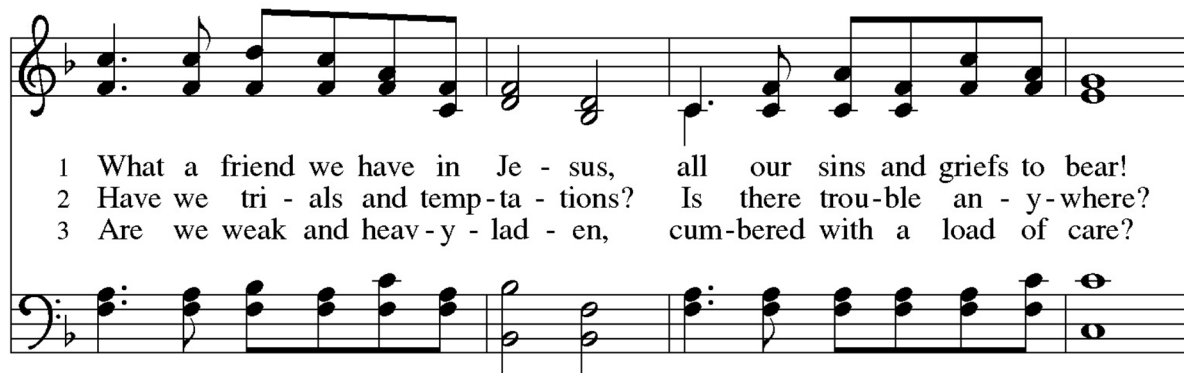
## Lamb of God



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, Lamb of God.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

### HYMN ELW 742 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus (favorite)*



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?  
3 Are we weak and heav-y - lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?  
 Do your friends de-spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so-lace there.

## **HYMN ELW 473 *Holy, Holy, Holy* (sing 3 times)**

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Se - ñor.  
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

*The assembly rises in body or spirit.*

## **BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life. **C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Nurturing 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. **C: Amen**

## **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

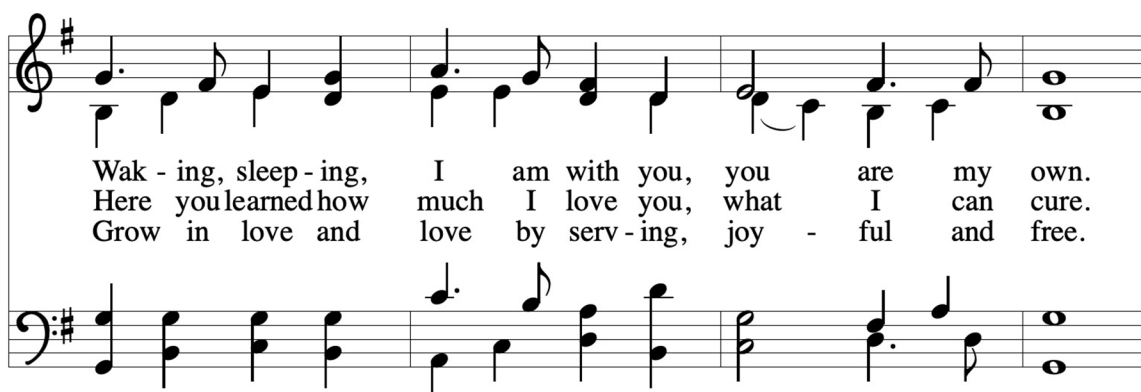
### **BLESSING**

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

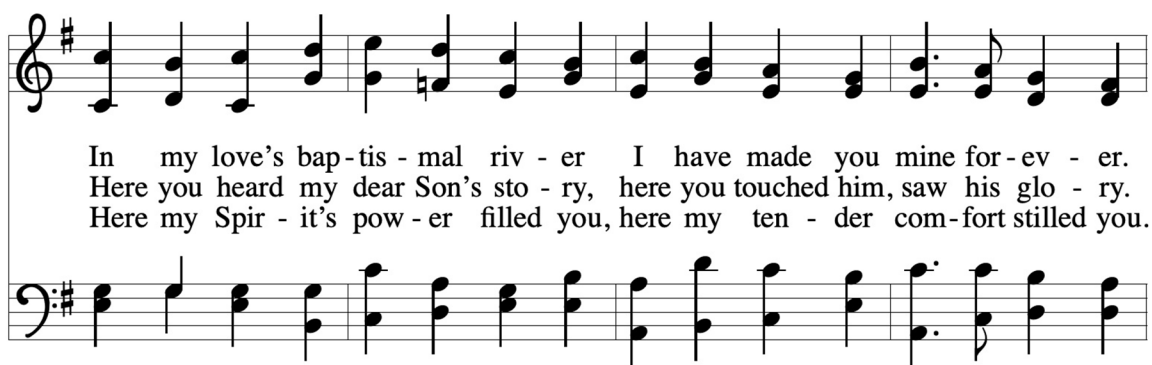
## **SENDING HYMN ELW 543 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing***



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



### **AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN VOCATION**

P: Siblings in Christ, both your work and your rest are in God. Will you pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ in gratitude to God and service to others, all the days of your life? **C: I will, and I ask God to help me.**

P: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Attendance last week:**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>25</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>YouTube 8</b>

#### **Birthdays this week:**

<b>7/27 Steve TouVelle</b>	<b>7/29 Makenna Anderson</b>
<b>7/29 Mason Anderson</b>	<b>7/29 Steve Pieart</b>
<b>7/30 Janene Anderson</b>	

#### **Anniversaries this week:**

**7/31 Jason & Melissa Forari**

**The flowers today are given by Jason & Melissa Forari's 26th anniversary.**

**We livestream our services on YouTube each week to help us worship together and stay connected even when we are not at full health or out of town! YouTube link for livestream:**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzjqGF4g\\_QWtn\\_I2SqpL5Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzjqGF4g_QWtn_I2SqpL5Q)

**Communications Guild**—St. James is a special place where God is doing wonderful things. People in our neighborhood and region need to know about the good things happening here! How can we tell them? A small handful of people recently started asking that question. If you are a person who loves St. James, would you be willing to meet with others to explore various ways to tell our story? Mark your calendar for August 27th and contact Bryce or the Church Office at 563-355-4161 if you are interested.

**ELCA Churchwide SAM Survey**—The Southeastern Iowa Synod is partnering with colleagues at the ELCA Churchwide Organization's Research and Evaluation team. The research is focused on gathering congregational feedback regarding congregations being served by synod-authorized ministers (SAMs). The survey is intended to hear what the members of SAM-served congregations have to say. Feedback will be used to help shape how SAMs are used for the future of congregations. For questions, contact the office at 563-355-4161.

**Confirmation Classes**—An email was sent to the congregation with a survey about who would be interested in participating in Confirmation classes. For more information, contact Maddie Schmidt at 563-570-6354.



## **COMMEMORATIONS**

**Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; Heinrich Schütz, died 1672; George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians**

**Monday, July 28, 2025**

These three German-born musicians have done much to enrich the life of the church. Schütz was an early master who focused on settings of biblical texts. Bach wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ and instrumental pieces, and has been called the "fifth evangelist" for the way he proclaimed the gospel in music. Handel's great work, Messiah, is a setting of scriptural texts.

**Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany**

**Tuesday, July 29, 2025**

Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.

**Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030**

**Tuesday, July 29, 2025**

Considered the patron saint of Norway, Olaf went from a life of piracy to becoming Christian and declaring himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven from Norway in a rebellion, he was killed in battle trying to regain his kingdom.

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## **Worship Assistants**

### **July 27**

Presider  
Assisting Minister  
Reader  
Acolytes  
Organist:  
Ushers  
YouTube Assistant  
Altar Guild  
Counters

### **August 3**

Presider  
Assisting Minister  
Reader  
Acolyte  
Ushers  
YouTube Assistant  
Altar Guild  
Counters

### **August 10**

Presider  
Assisting Minister  
Reader  
Acolyte  
Ushers  
YouTube Assistant  
Altar Guild  
Counters

### **9:00 AM Worship**

Bryce Hewlett, SAM  
Judie Brooks  
Mary Meumann  
Rilynne Larson & Carter Royse  
Linda Gross  
Fritz Voss & Judy Larson  
Deb Crooks  
Audrey Lovell & Mary Meumann  
Erik Bakken

### **9:00 AM Worship**

Bryce Hewlett, SAM  
Tom Sladky  
Pat Larson  
Dex Hewlett  
Jerry & Yvonne Nichols  
Deb Crooks  
Audrey Lovell & Mary Meumann  
Glenn Boyles

### **9:00 AM Worship**

Bryce Hewlett, SAM  
Ellen Hogbin  
Linda Gross  
Jude Hewlett  
Pat Larson & Caroline Hicks  
Deb Crooks  
Pat Larson & Mary Meumann  
Glenn Boyles

## **Prayers for Healing and Support**

### **Congregational Members**

**Ed** Arp, **Lynn** Chamberlain, **Bev** Chappen,  
**Sherry** Germanio, **Sandy** Henry, **Frieda** Houldsworth, **LaVonne** Mienke,  
**Mark** Peters

### **Family and Friends**

**Annette & Rick** (friends of Sue and Steve Miller), **Barry** (cousin of Ellen Hogbin), **Carol** (friend of Joleen & Erik Bakken), **Donna** (Ed Arp's sister),  
**Donnie** (friend of Deb Crooks), **Drew** (Pat Larson's friend),  
**Emmett** (friend of Diana Worley), **Hattie** (Frieda's sister)  
**Jason** (Lynn Chamberlain & Sherry Germanio's son),  
**Joseph** (friend of Bryce & Kim),  
**Konnor** (Bert Leder's grandson), **Maggie** Bayliss, **Mark** (friend of Jason Forari),  
**Michelle** (friend of Joleen & Erik Bakken),  
**Michelle** (friend of Jason & Melissa Forari), **Myles** (friend of Anna Forari),  
**Phil** (Steve Miller and Pat Sorensen's brother), **Ruthann** (Justina's mom),  
**Stan** (relative of Fritz Voss), **Ted** (Ellen Hogbin's father-in-law),  
**Wally** (Frieda's nephew),

### **Military Personnel**

**Anthony** Karasek (Judy Larson's great nephew)  
Lt. Col. **Brandon** Sandoval USAF (Pat Larson's grandson)  
CPT **Eli** Smith (Jerry and Myrna Mattly's grandson)  
**Nathan** Pearson USAF (Jenna & Kane Schmidt's friend)

*If you have anyone who needs to be taken off or added, please notify the church office.*

## July / August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 9AM Worship	28 9:30AM Monday Morning Fellowship	29	30 6-8PM Food Pantry	31 9-11AM Food Pantry  11AM Service at BETT Health Care Center	8/1	8/2 5:00PM Saturday Service
8/3 9AM Worship  10AM Friendly Visitors Mtg.	8/4 4PM Social Ministry Mtg.	8/5 6PM Christian Ed. Mtg.	8/6 8AM Worship & Music Mtg.  6-8PM Food Pantry	8/7 9-11AM Food Pantry	8/8	8/9 5:00PM Saturday Service
8/10 9AM Worship	8/11 9:30AM Monday Morning Fellowship	8/12 4PM Property Mtg.	8/13 6-8PM Food Pantry	8/14 9-11AM Food Pantry  11AM Service at BETT Health Care Center  6-8PM Kids Club	8/15	8/16 5:00PM Saturday Service
8/17 9AM Worship  10AM Council Mtg.	8/18	8/19 1PM Sarah Circle	8/20 6-8PM Food Pantry	8/21 9-11AM Food Pantry  11:30AM GANG  2PM Bingo @ Community Health Care	8/22	8/23 5:00PM Saturday Service

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