



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE  
AUGUST 3, 2025 • 9AM  
*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 1*  
*Summer Sing*



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*Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.*

**PRELUDE**

*Thanksgiving and Praise* arr. Marilyn Hamm

**SUMMERSING**

*Congregation makes singalong requests from the hymnal.*

**GREETING**

Pastor: We gather to worship in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray,

**All: 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.**

**PARISH NEWS**

*OUR VISION*

To be an inspired body of Christ.



*OUR MISSION*

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

**FIRST READING Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14; 2:18-23** *pew Bible, page 603* Dave Birkholz, Lector

*The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.*

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

**PSALM 149:1-12** *pew Bible, page 508*

Lector: Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

**Congregation: both low and high, rich and poor together.**

L: My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

**C: I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.**

L: Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,

**C: those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?**

L: Truly, no ransom avails for one's life, there is no price one can give to God for it.

**C: For the ransom of life is costly, and can never suffice,**

L: that one should live on forever and never see the grave.

**C: When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others.**

L: Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they named lands their own.

**C: Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that perish.**

**SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11** *pew Bible, page 1075*

*Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient.

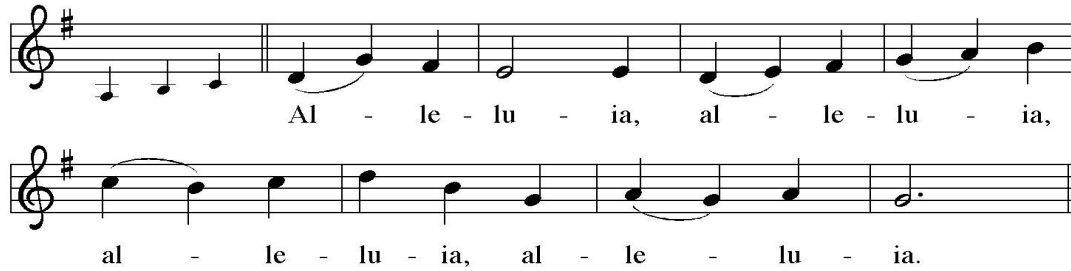
<sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.

<sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR THE PENTECOST SEASON** *hymnal page 102*



**GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12** *pew Bible, page 882*

*In Jesus' Beatitudes, the mourners will be comforted. As followers of Jesus, we are called to offer comfort. Christ works through us!*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 15th chapter

**Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

<sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

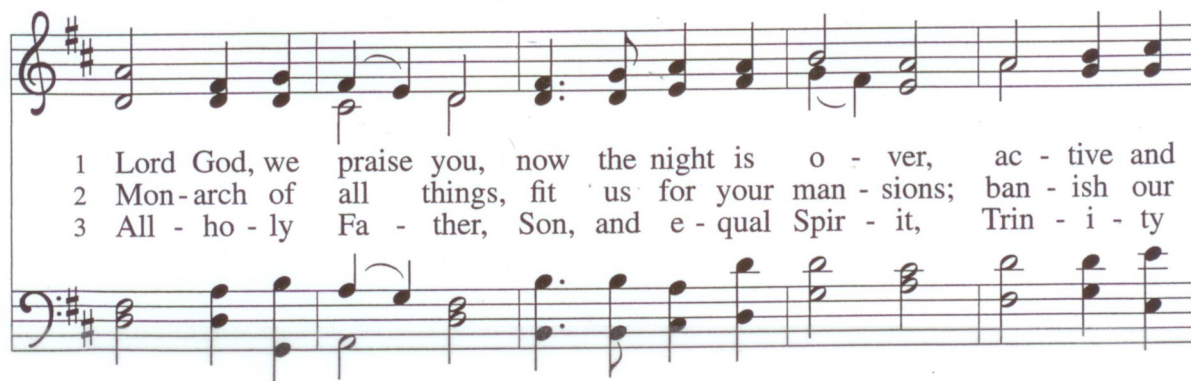
**Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**SUMMER SERMON SERIES**

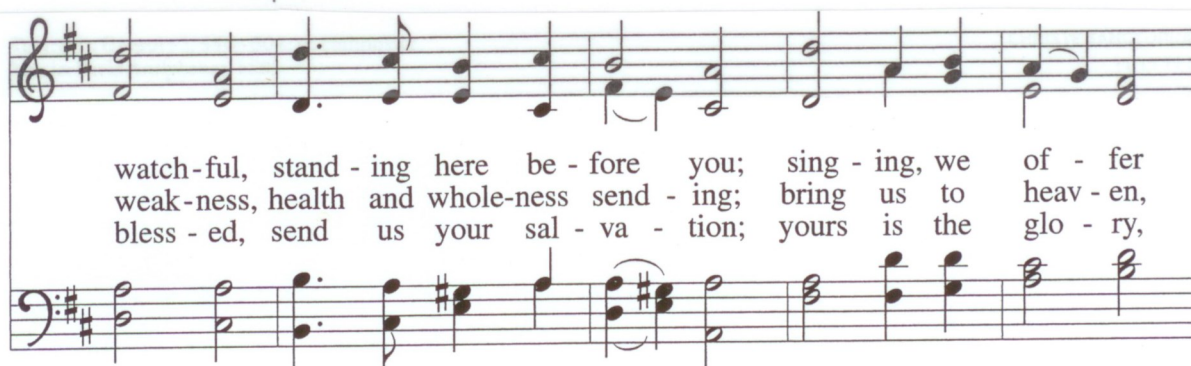
**"ONE WORD SERMON TITLES"** Today, *Grieving*

Pastor Bob Stelter

## *Lord God, We Praise You*



1 Lord God, we praise you, now the night is o - ver, ac - tive and  
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; ban - ish our  
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand - ing here be - fore you; sing - ing, we of - fer  
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing; bring us to heav - en,  
bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion; yours is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion; thus we a - dore you.  
where your saints u - nit - ed joy with - out end - ing.  
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing through all cre - a - tion.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us proclaim our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived  
by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.**

## **THE PRAYERS** *stand or kneel*

Greg Bohlken, Assisting Minister

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

*brief silence.*

Assistant: Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. God of grace,

**Congregation: hear our prayer.**

A: Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places. Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals, the gifts that make life possible on this planet. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Clothe all people in your image, and establish equity and peace. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear. Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters. Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding; make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: Receive our thanks for the lives of your saints who now rest from their labors. Give us wisdom through their witness and encourage us in love as we continue our lives in the world. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Silence for individual prayer petitions.*

Pastor: Trusting in your loving kindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S TALK** *Blessing of the Backpacks & Sunday School Teacher Recognition*

## **THE PEACE**

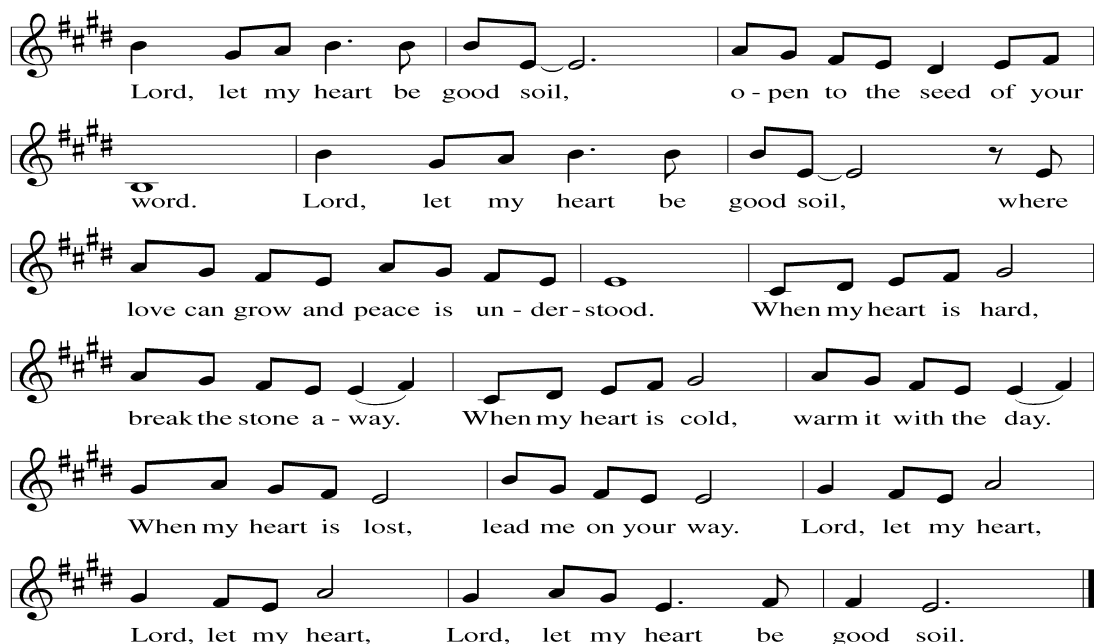
Children: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

## **OFFERING FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY**

## **OFFERING ANTHEM** *Teach Me Your Ways* David Catherwood

## OFFERTORY *hymn 512*



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o - pen to the seed of your  
word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where  
love can grow and peace is un - der - stood. When my heart is hard,  
break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.  
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Merciful God,

**Congregation:** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—  
ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious  
love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING *hymnal page 107*



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

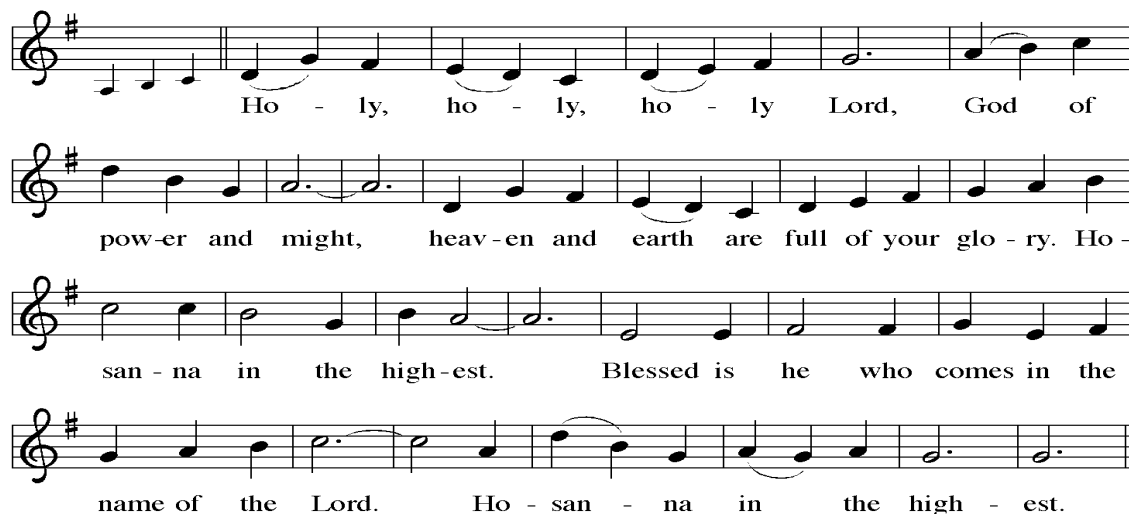
## PREFACE FOR THE PENTECOST SEASON

Pastor: 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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## THE SANCTUS *hymnal, page 108*

### *Holy, Holy, Holy*



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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 for 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 again.

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

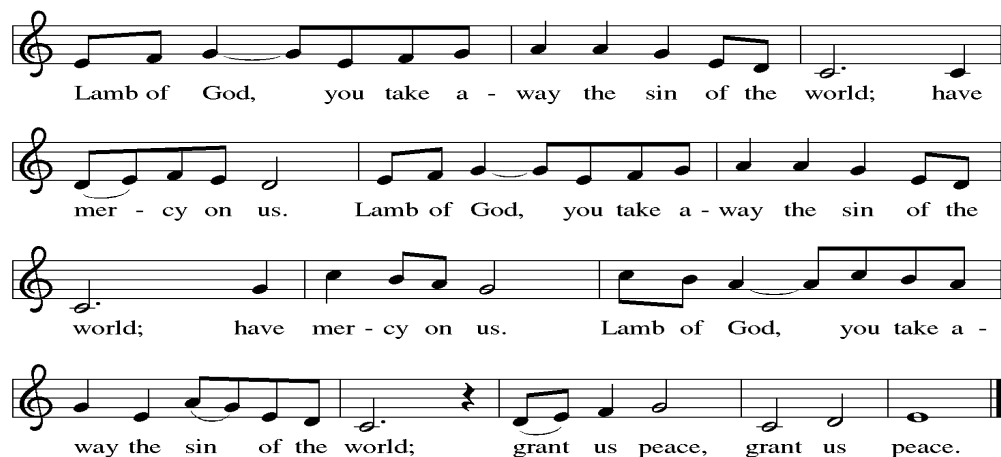
Pastor: With one will and one voice, we pray:

**All: 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION FROM PASTOR STELTER

### LAMB OF GOD *hymnal, page 112 (seated)*



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.

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN *hymn 488*

#### *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*



- 1 Soul, a - dorn your-self with glad-ness, leave the gloom-y haunts of sad-ness,
- 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.
- 3 Now in faith I hum-bly pon - der o - ver this sur-pass-ing won - der
- 4 Je - sus, source of last-ing plea-sure, tru - est friend, and dear-est trea-sure,



come in - to the day-light's splen-dor, there with joy your prais-es ren - der.  
There he stands al-read - y knock-ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un-lock-ing,  
that the bread of life is bound-less though the souls it feeds are count-less;  
peace be-yond all un - der - stand-ing, joy in - to all life ex-pand-ing;



Bless the one whose grace un-bound-ed this a - maz-ing ban-quet found-ed;  
o - pen wide the fast-closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im-mor - tal:  
with the choic-est wine of heav-en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.  
hum-bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;



he, though heav'n-ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
"Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with-in my heart for - ev - er."  
Oh, most glo-rious con - so-la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.  
wor - thi - ly let me re-ceive you, and, so fa-vored, nev - er leave you.

### COMMUNION BLESSING *stand*

Pastor: Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His Grace.

Congregation: Amen.

### POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray.

Congregation: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

### BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and † and give you peace.

Congregation: Amen

## SENDING HYMN *hymn 547 (stand)*

### *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing, the  
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing to God ev-er-liv-ing, the  
peo-ple of our God from his dwell-ing take leave.  
tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.  
The sup-per is end-ed. Oh, now be ex-tend-ed the  
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, in love ev-er car-ing, em -  
fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.  
brac-ing his chil-dren of each tribe and race.  
The seed of his teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now  
reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we share.  
His grace did in-vite us, his love shall u-nite us to  
Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing give  
work for God's king-dom and an-swer his call.  
hon-or to Christ and his name that we bear.

## SENDING

Assistant: Our mission?

**Congregation: Love God, love others, serve.**

Assistant: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE *Postlude and Fugue min C Major* J. S. Bach

## WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

|                                                                                  |                                               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>ALTAR GUILD</b> Ann Stewart                                                   | <b>GREETER</b> Mary Beth Hallahan             |
| <b>LECTOR</b> Dave Birkholz                                                      | <b>USHERS</b> Craig Runger<br>Randy Stewart   |
| <b>ASSISTING<br/>MINISTER</b> Greg Bohlken                                       | <b>PROJECTION<br/>&amp; LIGHTS</b> Doug Bales |
| <b>COMMUNION<br/>MINISTERS</b> Larry Koran, Mary Bales, Rob Blackburn, Pat Lyman |                                               |

*The flowers on the altar are given  
by **Nancy & Steve Dean**  
in honor of  
our Altar Guild Members.*



### Sunday Worship

9am traditional with organ & choir

11:11am contemporary with praise band  
in person and on our YouTube livestream

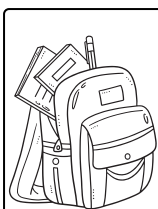
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**Welcome!**

**Please sign a  
Worship Card  
and place it in  
offering plate.**

As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identities are united here in our mission to love God, Love Others, Serve.



### Blessing of the Backpacks

and Sunday School Teacher Recognition

Students and Educators bring a  
backpack or item from school.

**TODAY at Both Services**



### Knox-Area Youth Gathering Kick-off Pool Party & Cookout

Saturday Aug 9, 4-7pm

6th-12th Grades

Parents stay and mingle!

7421 Bellingham Dr, Knoxville  
bring sides and drinks to share

### SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

**Open Mon, Aug 4, 3-5pm**



Current Needs: Jelly (no glass jars)

Boxed Mashed Potato Flakes

Spaghetti Pasta, Ketchup 20-38 oz

Deodorants - male & female

### Families with Littles - SPLASH BASH!

and potluck lunch Saturday Aug 16

10am-Noon at the Halsey's home

contact Breanna for info [halseyfolk@gmail.com](mailto:halseyfolk@gmail.com)



YOU ARE INVITED  
TO A SERVICE OF PEACE IN HONOR OF  
HIROSHIMA REMEMBRANCE DAY  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025 AT 6:30PM  
MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
6900 KINGSTON PIKE

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING

Sun Aug 17, 10am

in the Children's Sunday School room.

Let's plan a great year of sharing Jesus' love!

Contact Melissa Horning,

[horning\\_melissa13@yahoo.com](mailto:horning_melissa13@yahoo.com)

### One-Word Sermon Titles Preaching Series

This summer's topical  
preaching allows us to  
explore a different topic  
each week as suggested  
by the Scripture lessons  
of the day.



#### Upcoming topics:

Aug 3, Grieving

Aug 10, Heaven

Aug 17, Hypocrites

Aug 24, Grace

Aug 31, Can't!

### Flood Relief

You may give to Lutheran Disaster Response  
directly at [elca.org/disaster](http://elca.org/disaster)  
or give to Faith Lutheran Church  
and mark your gift "flood relief"





## WORSHIP THEMES.

† Aug 3 - One Word Sermon Series: *Grieving*. Jesus grieved over the death of Lazarus. We bring the presence of Christ to the grieving by being fully present and attentive to their pain.

## DIG IN, GROW DEEP, LEARN WITH OTHERS

- † Adult Bible Class: *The Holy Land Revealed* - on summer break until Sept 7 Rally Day
- † Teen Sunday School for 6th-12th graders - on summer break until Sept 7 Rally Day
- † Childrens Sunday School Class for 5th grade and younger - on summer break until Sept 7 Rally Day
- † Tuesday Bible Study open to all - on summer break until Sept 7 Rally Day

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

- † Sat, Aug 16, 1pm: Ardell Dietzler Memorial Service at Faith Lutheran Church, reception to follow.  
Sat, Aug 30, 11am: Dieter Manthey Memorial Service at Faith Lutheran Church, reception to follow.
- † English Language Learning Classes are offered at Faith Lutheran Church. You can help as encouragers and assistants. Contact Mildred Fenske, gomer2@hotmail.com
- † Father Bruce Corrigan is certified & available for individual Spiritual Direction at Faith Lutheran Church - helping you discern God's direction for you - at no-cost. Email bcorrigan99@gmail.com
- † Columbarium Niches are available for \$1,800 (members) and \$2,500 (non-members). Application forms are found in our *Columbarium Booklet* located in the narthex.
- † Handbell Rehearsal, Wed, 5:30pm      † Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Wed, 6:30pm  
† Praise Band Rehearsal, Thurs 6pm & Sun 10am

## Members of Faith Lutheran Church — Ministers

|                                              |                                                        |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Rev. Dr. Bob Stelter — Pastor                | Mary Boring — Office Manager                           |
| Greg Bohlken — Ministry Associate            | Renée Stone - Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry Coordinator |
| Lynn Rognsvoog — Organist                    | Dan Primka — Communication Specialist                  |
| Collin Kasefang — Choir Director             | Barbara Birkholz — Financial Secretary                 |
| Sandra Bohlken — Contemporary Worship Leader | Mildred Fenske — Prayer Chain Coordinator              |
| Alicia & David Brondos — Missionaries        | Trace Taylor — Sound Technician                        |
| Father Bruce Corrigan — Priest in Residence  | Tiffany Bryson — Nursery Caregiver                     |
| Rev. Wyn Bryant — Pastor in Residence        | Kim Frasch — Quiet Music Ministry                      |

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Members:** Gene Bird, Dave Birkholz, Jan Bishop, Mary Blackburn, Rob Blackburn, Roger Brown, Nancy & Leon Cole, Myles Cooper, Nancy Dean, Nancy Dickinson, Patsy Elmore, John Elmore, Jonas Greenman, Chip Hester, Paul Jurkoic, Bonnie Legako, Irene Manthey, Lin & Mike McKinley, Harold Peters, Joe Poole, Dr. Ted Primka, the Saylor family, Pamela Spaar, Bill Steele, Kali Sullins, Jean Witte, John Woods.

*This column will start anew on the first Sunday of each month.*

**Friends:** Adams family, Harold Beal, Bill Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, Michael Carfi, Steve Case, Irma DeBord, Shayna DeBord, Dan Edmunds, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske-Hong, Phylis Garrison, Joy Hymer, Juniper Johnson, Donna Knick, Barb Korsmo, Dick Korsmo, Ruth Locke, Susan & Steve Moore, Ruth Murray, Jack Park, Chris Patrick, Ragan family, Marilyn Savilisky, Ken Schwall, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Barb Weldon, Susan Wymer *and those we name to You.*

**Learning, Growth, and Safety:** for all students and educators in this new school year

**Gratitude:** for the music ministry of Sandra Bohlken

**Blessings in transition:** to Aaron Benorden and Zionah Stafford moving to Nashville

**Comfort in the midst of death for the family and friends of:** Rev. Arne Walker, Walter Paquet, Sandra Ferstl, Roger Ryburn and Ardell Dietzler.

**Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends:** Savannah, Vicki & family, Richard & Mory, Demettra, Ametria, Cris, Barbara, Jessie, Shan & family, Edward & Octavia, Axel, Omar, Christie, Richard, Grace, Ted & Sandra, Tommy, Carolyn, Charlene, Trent, Tim, Tim & Rebecca, Heather, Helen, Greg & Beverly, Dion, Pablo, Jayson, Meri, Betty, Logan, Sandra, Daz, Dominic *and those known to God.*

**Salvation Army Friends:** Ventris, Ralph, Joseph, Steven, John, Gibby, Gary, Sean, Darrin, Matt, Andy, Nolan, Gary, Jessica & Aaron, Blake, Alyssa *and those known to God.*

**Concern & Assistance:** Those dealing with addiction while incarcerated. Mentally & physically challenged. Veterans. Refugees and those living in fear of deportation. The people of Iran, Israel, Syria, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia. Texas flood recovery.

**Partnerships:** Bishop Eaton, Bishop Yehiel Curry & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Seminarian Sam Sosebee; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; English Language Learning Classes, Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Women's & Men's Homeless Shelters; Street Hope; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band; Mercy Ships; Lutheran Church & School in Guatemala; AL-ANON; Narcotics Anonymous.

**Peace & Protection for all armed forces, especially:** Jacob Cole, Kyleigh Cole, Nick Corrigan, Anthony Hu, HM, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Sam Thompson, Chris Yonke, Mitchell Yount, Greg Zager.

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# NURSERY

Jesus welcomed all - we love kids in church. There are coloring pages near the center doors.

A Staffed Nursery is available on Sundays down the hall near restrooms, with diaper changing station. A Cry Room for parents to sit with kids & participate in worship is through glass wall at back of Sanctuary, with nursing area & diaper changing station.

## July 2025 Giving

July Offerings: \$ 67,010

Offerings Year-to-Date: \$ 505,992



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## Daily Lectionary Readings for this Week

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**Mon:** Ecclesiastes 2:1-17, Colossians 3:18— 4:1, Psalm 127

**Tues:** Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:8, Colossians 4:2-6, Psalm 127

**Wed:** Ecclesiastes 12:1-8, 13-14, Luke 12:22-31, Psalm 127

**Thurs:** Job 21:1-16, Romans 9:1-9, Psalm 33:12-22

**Fri:** Ecclesiastes 6:1-6, Acts 7:1-8, Psalm 33:12-22

**Sat:** Genesis 11:27-32, Matthew 6:19-24, Psalm 33:12-22

**Sun:** Genesis 15:1-6, Psalm 33:12-22, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, Luke 12:32-40

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## Week of Aug 3 - Aug 10, 2025

### Sunday, Aug 3 - Season of Pentecost - Sermon: *Grieving Blessing of the Backpacks*

9am Traditional Worship Service

10:15am Coffee, Donuts, & Fellowship in *The Cup*

10:15am Confirmation Leaders Planning session

10:15am English Language Class

11:11am Contemporary Worship Service

### Monday, Aug 4

9am Sons of Norway

Noon Via de Cristo Reunion Group *Library*

3-5pm Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry open

6:15-8pm English Language Classes

### Tuesday, Aug 5

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Wednesday, Aug 6

5:30pm Handbell rehearsal

6:30pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

### Thursday, Aug 7

10am Author's Guild of Tennessee

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Friday, Aug 8

9:30am Cole Center Caregiver Community

7pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Saturday, Aug 9

11am AL-ANON meeting

4-7pm Knox Area Youth pool party & cookout

### Sunday, Aug 10 - Season of Pentecost - Sermon: *Heaven*

9am Traditional Worship Service

10:15am Coffee, Donuts, & Fellowship in *The Cup*

10:15am English Language Class

11:11am Contemporary Worship Service