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**The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost (Year C)**  
The Holy Eucharist ♦ July 13, 2025 ♦ 9:00AM

**WELCOME!**

It is an honor to have you here for worship. We hope that you will feel safe and comfortable in this holy house. A few may help you along the way:

- Most of what you will need is printed in this bulletin.
- *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) is the source for hymns which are listed by number in the upper right- or left-hand corner of the page.

**PROVIDING FOR THE YOUNGEST SAINTS**

Children learn to worship by participating in the liturgy. The worship of the whole community is enhanced by their involvement. Should your little one need a break, please feel free to move about or to step out for a moment as may be helpful.

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament . You may commune in either or both elements of bread and wine. The ushers will direct you forward via the center aisle. You have options!

- You may take an empty cup from a tray and hold onto it. You will then be given the bread to consume before approaching a minister who will fill your cup from a pouring chalice. After consuming the wine, please place the cup in the receptacle as you return to your place.
- You may bypass the small cup, receive the bread, then dip it into the chalice before consuming it.
- If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament, please cross your arms before your chest and you will be offered a blessing.

*A star (\*) invites you to stand as you are able.*

## THE GATHERING RITE

### \* CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. Merciful God,

**People: 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. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

Pastor: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✠ Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**All: Amen.**

### \* GATHERING HYMN #620: HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS

## \* GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON: DEUTERONOMY 30:9-14

Lector: A reading from Deuteronomy.

The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get

it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 25:1-10**

*The psalm will be read responsively; the people will read the **bold** text.*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

**You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

**All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

## THE SECOND LESSON: COLOSSIANS 1:1-14

Lector: A reading from Colossians.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\* THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**\* THE GOSPEL: LUKE 10:25-37**

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal,

brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON

**\* HYMN OF THE DAY #526: GOD IS HERE**

**\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Each petition concludes, "God of grace..." to which the people are invited to respond, "Hear our prayer."*

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

**People: Amen.**

## THE MEAL

**\* THE PEACE**

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


**People: And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS


**OFFERTORY: ETERNAL SOURCE OF LIGHT DIVINE BY HANDEL (FLUTE & PIANO)**

**\* OFFERTORY HYMN #465: AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT**


*.. Refrain*



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



*Refrain*

may we share the pres-ence of your love.  
all cre-a-tion shares this feast with you.

**\* OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Deacon: 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.

**All: Amen.**

**\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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



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:

\* SANCTUS

*All*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the One who comes, who  
*Bless - ed is he who comes in the name,*

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pastor: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears...In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to the 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.



Pastor: Remembering, therefore, Christ's 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.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Send the 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.

**All: Amen.**

**Pastor:** 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 whom, with whom, in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever.



#### \* THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Pastor:** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**People:** **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

**Pastor:** The feast of God is set before you. Come, eat and rejoice.

## \* 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.

## COMMUNION HYMN #484: YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART

### \* POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: May this, the body and blood of our risen Lord and Savior  
Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you ever in his grace.

People: Amen.

### \* HYMN #207: THANKFUL HEARTS AND VOICES RAISE

Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let  
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



**\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Deacon: 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 to proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

**People: Amen.**

**THE SENDING RITE**

**\* BLESSING**

Pastor: *The blessing is pronounced.*

**People: Amen.**

**\* SENDING HYMN #763: MY LIFE FLOWS ON IN ENDLESS SONG**

**\* DISMISSAL**

Deacon: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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*Today's worship bulletin is given in loving memory of Phineas Drake by his daughters, Stephanie, Susan, Stacey, and Sandie. The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Dr. Frances S. Stone, and in gratitude for the Sisters of Our Lady of Grace and all of the Women touched by Grace by Pastor Sue Sprowls.*

### **Serving Today**

Presiding Minister/Preacher: The Rev. Sue Sprowls

Lector: Roxanne Toomey

Director of Music: Nicole Nicholson

Organist: Kamelija Galijan-Curry

Altar Guild: Regina Coons, Doris Ohlander

Communion Assistant: Nancy Pisani

Counters: Jan Eastlund, John Eastlund, Jerry Fitzgerald

Ushers: Bob Ahearn and Craig Sparke

### **St. John's Food Pantry**

Please place donations in the bin in the hallway adjacent to the library.

Needed items include canned stew, canned tuna, Chef Boyardee, chili with beans, coffee, cookies, cooking oil, crackers, egg noodles, instant mashed potatoes, juice, pancake mix & syrup, peanut butter, pasta & sauce, pork & beans, rice, salad dressing, shelf-stable milk, Spam, and Tuna Helper.

*Please check the expiration dates before donating.*



### **We Remember Those on the Prayer List**

Judy Angeloch, Rebecca Breckel, Sandra Buxbaum, Kathleen Cardone, Becky Carlson, James Cathcart, Danielle Chillemi, Regina Coons, Sal and Sue Costanzo, Joan Drake, Betty Gibberman, Bill Gilmor, Emmy Grenzig, Barbara Grieser, Jeri Hallgren, Theresa Heenan, Arnold Howard, Steven Koch, Ruth Kollar, Susan & George Kremer, Jean Leib, Chris Mantay, Janet and William McShea, Marilyn Miller, Lilly Ann Munnich, John Nittoli, Anne Palkovich, James Pallas, Jim Pawl, Stephen Pawl, Tyler Phelan, Barbara and Gary Proce, Catherine and Terri Rao, John Reardon, Emmett and Rose Reilly, Ann and Barbara Reimer, Della Dorn Rice, Kay Riese, Anne Scheirer, Joseph Arthur Skorupski, Donna Smith, Natalie Stone, James Toomey, Nancy Valenti, Laura Vogel, Liz Wagner. *To update a name on the prayer list, please contact the church office.*

### **Congregation Council**

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