

July 12th, 2026
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
10:30am



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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Jane Fanucci

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to stand as able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Creator, † Savior and Advocate,
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG ELW #533 vs. 1-4

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



- 1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
- 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
- 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
- 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

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.

KYRIE

Refrain



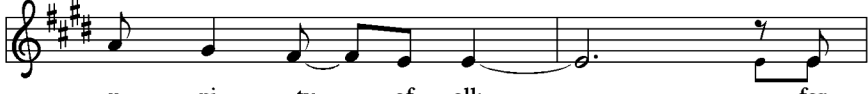
Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



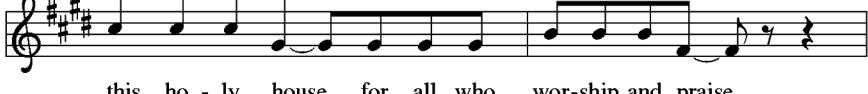
Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you

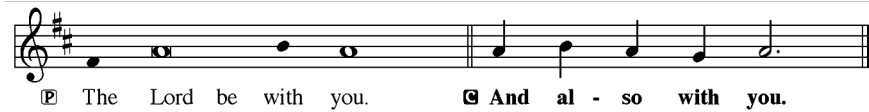


this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



Refrain
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY



Let us pray.

Almighty God,
we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 65:[1-8] 9-13

- [¹ You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be fulfilled.
- ² **To you, the one who answers prayer,
to you all flesh shall come.**
- ³ Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you blot out our transgressions.
- ⁴ **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to
your courts to dwell there! They will be
satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the
holiness of your temple.**
- ⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your
righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all
the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.
- ⁶ **You make firm the mountains by your power;
you are girded about with might.**
- ⁷ You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the
peoples.
- ⁸ **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will
tremble at your marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.]**
- ⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make
it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.
You prepare the grain, for so you provide for
the earth.
- ¹⁰ **You drench the furrows and smooth out the
ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground
and bless its increase.**
- ¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

Continues...

- ¹² **May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.**
- ¹³ **May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and
the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-11

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME

You are invited to stand as able.

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

The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

You are invited to stand as able.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #818

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three lines of music. The first line has four measures, the second line has four measures, and the third line has four measures. The lyrics are aligned under the notes, with some words spanning across measures. The final note of the third line is a whole note G, followed by a double bar line.

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.
Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each portion of the prayers ends:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.
Amen.

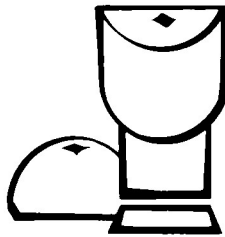
PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say "peace be with you," or similar words.

Please be seated.



MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

An offering is received for the mission of the church.

SOLO - Phil Karlstad

"Because He Lives"

OFFERING SONG

You are invited to stand as able.

Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, and some rests. The final staff 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.

Music: *Liturgy of Joy*, James M. Capers, b. 1948
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

Help us find courage in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,

through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

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:

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.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and
ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

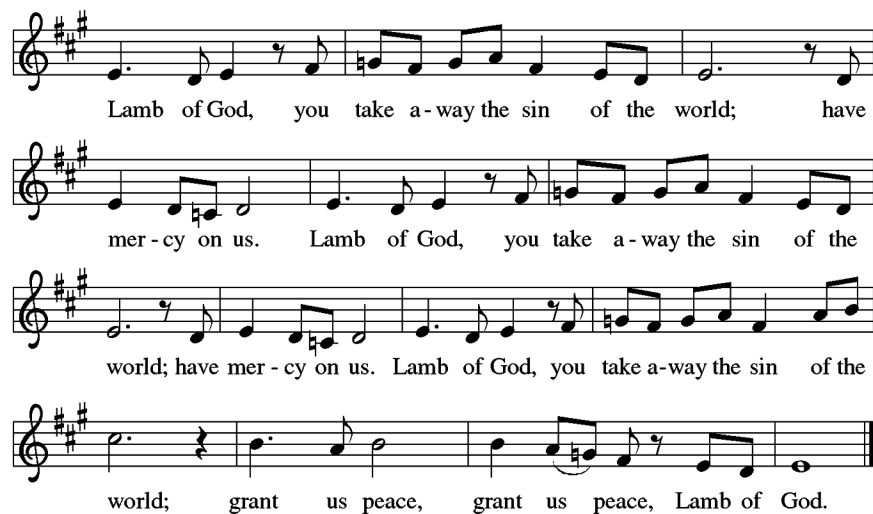
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

*All are welcome at Christ's table. Come forward by the center aisle at the usher's invitation.
Bread will be placed in your open hands. Grape juice is in the pink glasses in the center of the
tray encircled by wine in clear glasses. Those who wish can instead receive a blessing.
Individual communion packets are available near the entrance for those who prefer them.*

COMMUNION SONG



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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW #550

On What Has Now Been Sown



1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the
2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -
3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may



pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,
meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low



grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!
Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.
you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.
Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Jane Fanucci

Worship Assistants

Announcements:	Laura Tice
Altar Care:	Marlene Kiser
Acolytes:	Peggy & Kelly
Ushers	Daniel Laryea & Victor Sulli
Communion Servers:	Shirley Prouty & Laura Tice
Prayer Leader:	Marilyn Steed
Reader:	Phil Karlstad
Refreshments:	Cathy Davis & Gaylen Everett

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S July 12 - 18, 2026

Today	Holy Communion	10:30 am
	Adult Forum	12:00 pm
Monday	Soul Sisters—Room 4	12:00 pm
Tuesday	Finance—Zoom	7:00 pm

The Soul Sisters will be hosting a luncheon right after church for Pat Webb and her son Kevin, longtime friends and members of St. Luke's on **Sunday, July 26**. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex if you'd like to share some sandwiches, a salad or a dessert.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US RIGHT AFTER CHURCH

Donations



Donations

Once again we are thankful to have the opportunity to support our Property Board with our White Elephant Sale in conjunction with **WELCA's Fall Festival on Saturday, October 3rd**. If you already have white elephants wondering around your home please feel free to put them in the room behind Shultz hall.

As much as we greatly appreciate your contributions please understand that we have experienced difficulty in finding someone to pick up any that is leftover. Therefore please keep in mind that your donations should be clean and something that other's would love to have.

If you have questions or need help transporting your greatly appreciated donations please let us know.

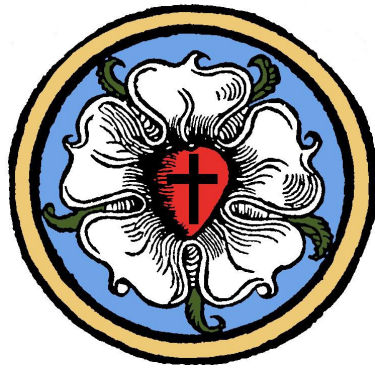
May God bless all of you!

Kelly Boyer

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and *Carol Carney*

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Through the power of the
Holy Spirit, we accept God's call
to spread the Good News,
serve those in need,
and share the Victory of
Jesus Christ
throughout the world.

-St. Luke's Mission Statement