

August 31st, 2025  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30am

**All Are Welcome!**

**St. Luke's Lutheran Church**

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## HOLY COMMUNION

### GATHERING

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

#### PRELUDE

Jacob Wilson

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for Reflection*

Merciful God,  
**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.**

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. **Amen.**

*You are invited to stand as able.*  
**GATHERING SONG ELW #526**

**God Is Here!**



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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## 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



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**



## WORD

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

### FIRST READING

Proverbs 25:6-7a

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

Psalm 112

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD  
and have great delight in God's commandments!
- <sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- <sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last forever.
- <sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
- <sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- <sup>6</sup> **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be  
kept in everlasting remembrance.**
- <sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
- <sup>8</sup> **Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
- <sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, and their  
righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up  
their head with honor.
- <sup>10</sup> **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash  
their teeth and pine away; the desires of the  
wicked will perish.**

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

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 and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 14:1,7-14

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*You are invited to stand as able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY      ELW #522**

**As We Gather at Your Table**



- 1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
- 2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
- 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;  
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.  
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

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## **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:*

Hear us, O God,

**Your mercy is great.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion. **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** "Children of the Heavenly Father"

## OFFERING SONG

*You are invited to stand as able.*

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a soprano or alto clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score ends with a double bar line.

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**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.**

**Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

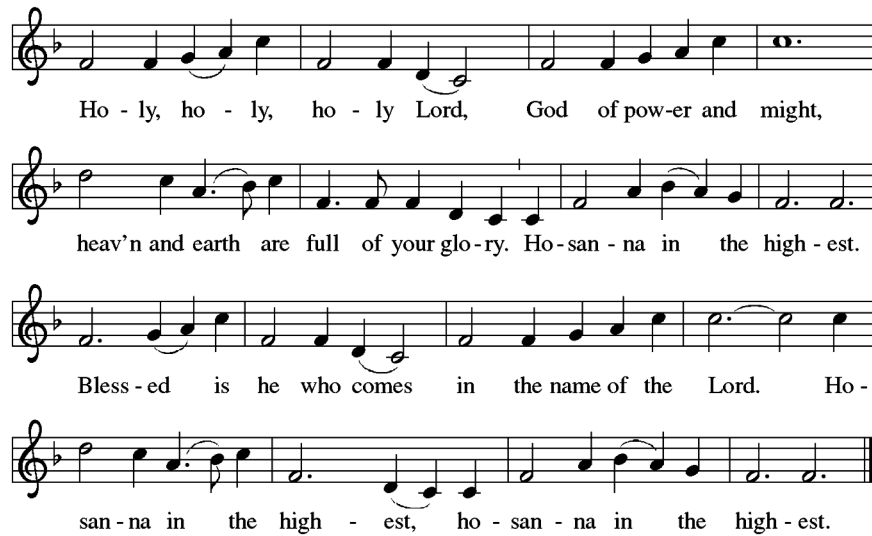
Lift up your hearts.

**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:



O God most mighty,  
O God most merciful,  
O God our rock and our salvation,  
hear us as we praise,  
call us to your table,  
grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void,  
you formed order and beauty.  
When Abraham and Sarah were barren,  
you sent them a child;  
When the Israelites were enslaved,  
you led them to freedom.  
Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,  
and the psalmists cried out for healing,  
and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.



You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.  
He was born among the poor,  
he lived under oppression,  
he wept over the city.  
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **[Amen.]**  
Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **[Amen.]**  
Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead  
Amen. **[Amen.]**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.  
O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.  
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,  
O God our strength and our song,  
you show us a vision of a tree of life  
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.  
Grant us such life,  
the life of the Father to the Son,  
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,  
life in you, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

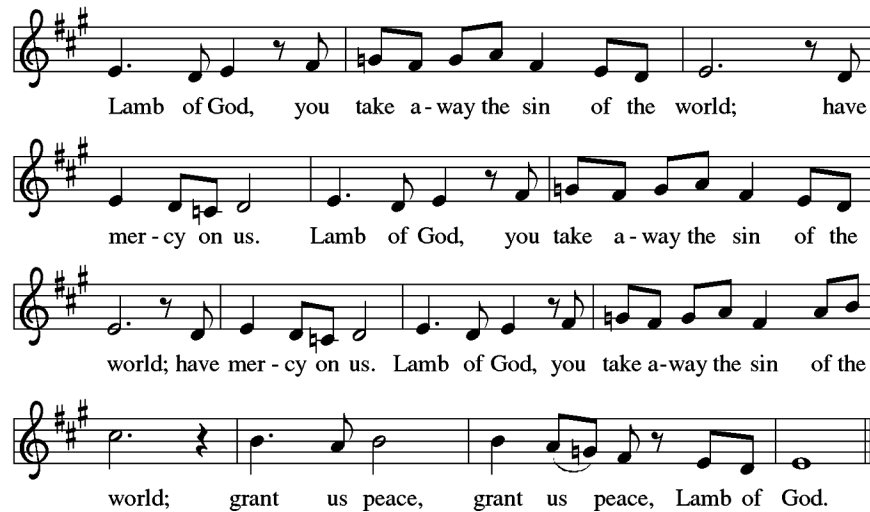
*Please be seated.*

### **COMMUNION**

*All are welcome at Christ's table. Come forward by the center aisle at the usher's invitation. Those not yet communing will receive a blessing. 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. Individual communion packets are available near the entrance for those who prefer them.*

## COMMUNION SONG

*You are invited to stand as able.*



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.

**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 proclaim your love in Jesus' name.  
Amen.**

## SENDING

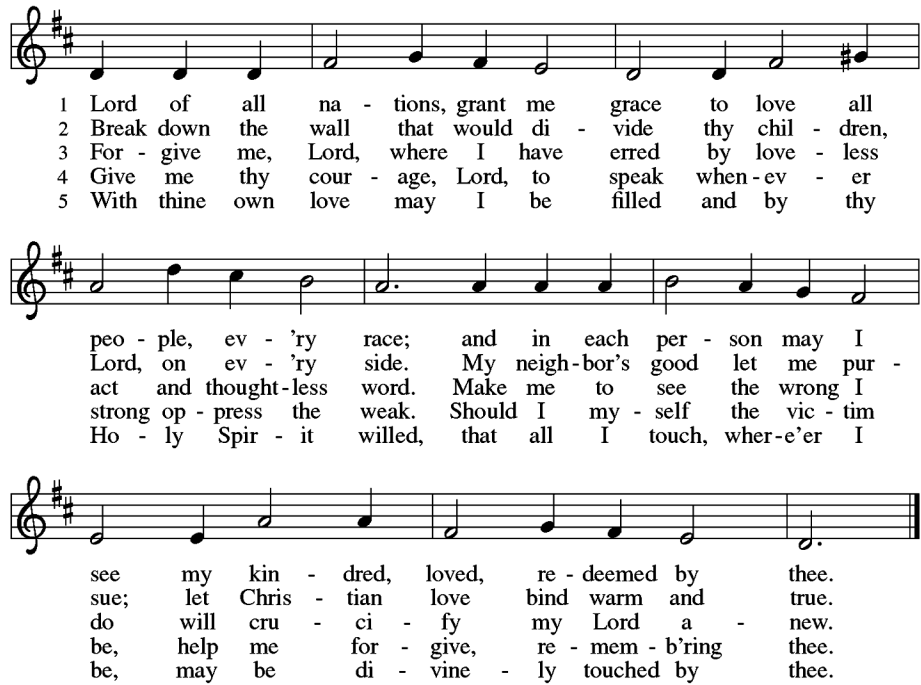
*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## BLESSING

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.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG    ELW# 716

### Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all  
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide thy chil - dren,  
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less  
4 Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er  
5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy

peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son may I  
Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me pur -  
act and thought-less word. Make me to see the wrong I  
strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the vic - tim  
Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, wher - e'er I

see my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by thee.  
sue; let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.  
do will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new.  
be, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring thee.  
be, may be di - vine - ly touched by thee.

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## DISMISSAL

Go in Peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Jane Fanucci

## **Worship Assistants**

Announcements:	Carolyn Andrews
Altar Care:	Kelly Boyer
Communion Servers:	Kirsten Ireton & Connie Reule
Prayer Leader:	Faith Thomas
Reader:	Laura Tice
Refreshments:	Lois Sherrets & Kelly Boyer
Usher:	Bill Myers

**Flowers Today Provided by:**  
*Victor & Joann Sulli*

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S** **August 31 - September 6, 2025**

Today	Holy Communion	10:30 am
Monday	Soul Sisters - Room 4	12:00 pm
Tuesday	Bible Study - Zoom	10:00 am
Wednesday	Choir Practice	6 pm - 7pm
Thursday	Executive Board	4:30 pm



Choir practice will resume this Wednesday,  
September 3rd from 6pm -7pm . We are  
welcoming new and returning choir members.

## Fall Festival Planning Meeting

The Fall Festival is just around the corner, and we are going to begin planning for the event this Tuesday, *September 2*, in room 4 at noon (12n). If you are interested in participating, but unable to attend the planning meeting, just let Peggy Moser or Marlene Kiser know. We look forward to you joining us for the Fall Festival so mark your calendars for Saturday, October 4th 8:00am-2:00pm.

Co-Chairs: Peggy Moser & Marlene Kiser

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**BLESSING BAG ITEM COLLECTION  
DRIVE ENDS TODAY**

**BAG ASSEMBLY DAY  
NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

Mark your Calendar....Join us in Schultz Hall on Sunday, September 7 after the Service to assemble the Blessing Bags as part of "God's hands, Our work" Sunday. If you have a "God's Hand's, Our Work" tee-shirt from a past year, feel free to wear it. Before heading into Schultz Hall, stop by the kitchen and pick up a Root Beer or Orange Float to celebrate the start of the new school year sponsored by Evangelism.

Thank You and see you on September 7!  
Community Concerns Board



**Women of the Evangelical  
Lutheran Church in America  
16th  
Biennial Convention**



**GOD IS SPEAKING -  
ARE YOU LISTENING?**

**October 17, 18, 19 2025**

**Christ the King Passionist Center  
6520 Van Maren Lane  
Citrus Heights, CA**

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

**BISHOP GUADALUPE CORTEZ**  
2nd Bishop & 1st Woman Bishop to  
El Salvador Lutheran Synod

**BISHOP JEFF JOHNSON**  
Sierra Pacific Synod Lutheran Synod

**PASTOR CHRISTIAN CHAVARRIA**  
Assistant to the Bishop, El Salvador  
Lead Pastor Resurrection Lutheran Church

**VICAR MEAGAN KIM**  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

**Registration - 2 nights/5 meals = \$225 Each,  
double occupancy - Registration by QR code or Form  
Attached**



## Do you have concerns about falling?

Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A Matter of Balance is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels.



**This program is FREE to the community and emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls.**

### You will learn to:

- view falls as controllable
- set goals for increasing activity
- make changes to reduce fall risks at home
- exercise to increase strength and balance

### Who should attend?

- anyone concerned about falls
- anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength
- anyone who has fallen in the past
- anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns



### 2025 Class Dates:

*Every Wednesday for 8 weeks.*

*10 a.m. — 12 p.m.*

*September 3, 10, 17, 24  
October 1, 8, 15, 22*

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**To reserve your spot scan the QR code and fill out the form or contact:**

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