

September 14, 2025
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30am



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HOLY COMMUNION

Please silence your phones during worship service

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.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
Amen.

You are invited to stand as able.

GATHERING SONG ELW #609

Chief of Sinners though I Be



- 1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his blood for me,
- 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love! High - er than the heav'ns a - bove,
- 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part balm to heal the wound - ed heart,
- 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
- 5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford by your Spir - it and your word!



died that I might live on high, lives that I might nev - er die.
deep - er than the depths of sea, last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty.
peace that flows from sin for - giv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
all my wants to him are known, all my sor - rows are his own.
When my way - ward heart would stray, keep me in the nar - row way;



As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.
Love that found me—won-drous thought—found me when I sought him not.
faith and hope to walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.
He sus - tains the hid - den life safe with him from earth - ly strife.
grace in time of need sup - ply while I live and when I die.

Text: William McComb, 1793–1870
Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

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, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray.

Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Exodus 32:7-14

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 51:1-10

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- ² **Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**
- ³ For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ **Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**
- ⁵ Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.
- ⁶ **Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**
- ⁷ Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be cleaner than snow.
- ⁸ **Fill me with joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.
- ¹⁰ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

The Majesty and Glory of your Name

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 15th chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 15:1-10

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

You are invited to stand as able.
HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #608

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling



- 1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
- 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
- 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain



watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!"
par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909
Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

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,

Receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **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 -Karen Linfor

Bread of Heaven

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.

**Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you
have given to us.**

**Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.**

**Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are
suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

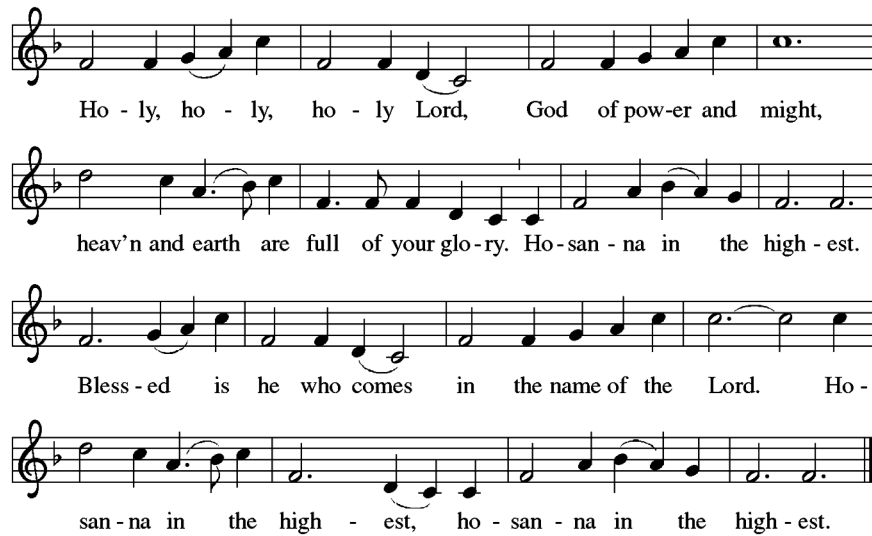
Lift up your hearts.

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.

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 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.

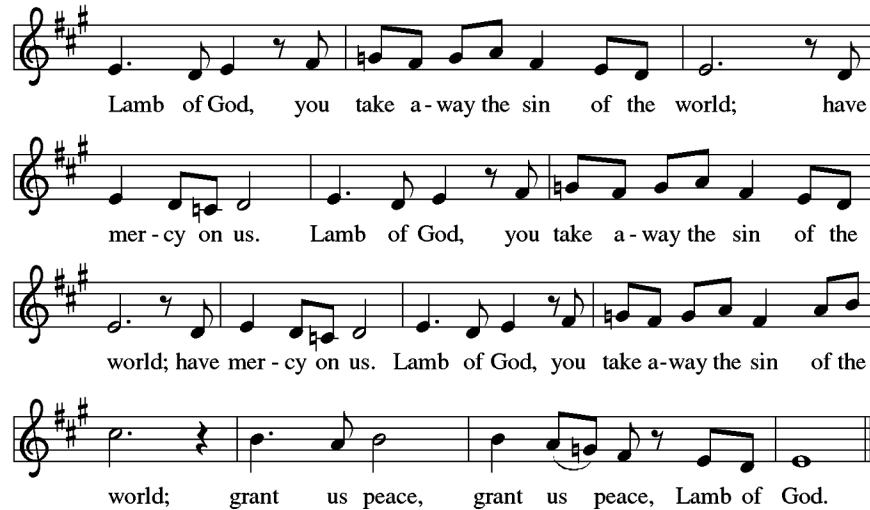
LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

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



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.

Please be seated.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us

and appointed us to be your servants.

Send us to do good and to share our possessions

with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

The God of righteousness,

who gives justice to the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry,

who sets the prisoners free,

✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW# 857

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

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The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.' The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: 'I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.' The third staff has the lyrics: 'You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth'. The fourth staff continues with: 'to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,'. The fifth staff concludes the piece with the lyrics: 'from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.' The score ends with a double bar line.

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.

I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth

to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,

from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace. Do not lose heart.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Jane Fanucci

Worship Assistants

Announcements:	Laura Tice
Altar Care:	Connie Reule
Communion Servers:	Faith Thomas, Andrew Weber, & Scott Kelly
Prayer Leader:	Shirley Prouty
Reader:	Bob Behr
Refreshments:	Mack & Carole Vance
Song Leader:	Karen Linfor
Usher:	Bill Myers



Flowers Today Provided by:

Peggy Moser

In loving memory of my husband Allen

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S September 14 - 20, 2025

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



Annual Fall Festival
Sponsored by W-ELCA
Saturday, Oct 4, 2025 (8 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

Volunteer Sign Up Sheets are in the Narthex for baked goods donation for the country store, for setup/tear down and for each of the booths. Assistance with the White Elephants, Boutique, Food Court, and Parking Lot. Support from members of our congregation, especially gentlemen, is greatly appreciated as your assistance is invaluable to these efforts.



**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**





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