

September 21st, 2025  
Fifteenth 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 #655

### Son of God, Eternal Savior



- 1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
- 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
- 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
Free - ly have your gifts been grant-ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
hush the storm of strife and pas-sion, bid its cru-el dis - cords cease.  
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
Yours the gold and yours the sil-ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
By your pa - tient years of toil-ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
by your pray-ing, by your will-ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
we but stew-ards of your boun-ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
quench our fe-vered thirst of plea-sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

## 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.

**God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**



## WORD

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

### FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

Psalm 113

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;  
praise the name of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> **Let the name of the LORD be blessed,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

<sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to its going down  
let the name of the LORD be praised.

<sup>4</sup> **The LORD is high above all nations;  
God's glory above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup> Who is like the LORD our God,  
who sits enthroned on high,

<sup>6</sup> **but stoops to behold  
the heavens and the earth?**

<sup>7</sup> The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

<sup>8</sup> **enthroning them with the rulers,  
with the rulers of the people.**

<sup>9</sup> The LORD makes the woman of a childless house  
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

## SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHOIR ANTHEM

The Fathers Heart

## 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 16th chapter

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 16:1-13

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*You are invited to stand as able.*  
**HYMN OF THE DAY      ELW #710**

**Let Streams of Living Justice**

1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;

give free-dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,

the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home-land bright-ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934  
Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934  
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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:*

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**

*Jacob Wilson*

## 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 written 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.**

## **BLESSING OF THE BLESSING BAGS**

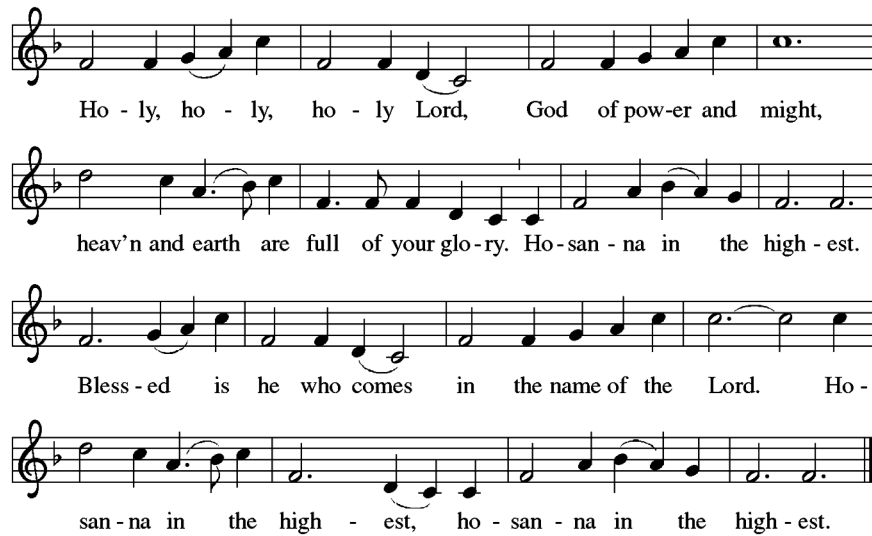
### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.**

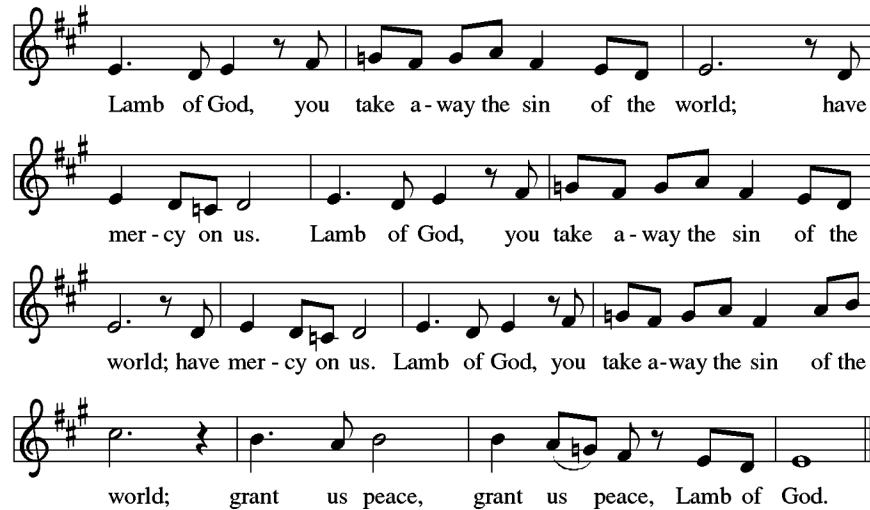
## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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# 669

### Rise Up, O Saints of God!



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king-dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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## DISMISSAL

Go in Peace. Do not lose heart.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Jane Fanucci

## **Worship Assistants**

Announcements:	Peggy Moser
Altar Care:	Peggy Moser
Communion Servers:	Peggy Moser, Linda Duffek, & Rosabella Lydia - Hamilton
Prayer Leader:	Peggy Moser
Reader:	Howard Triebwasser
Refreshments:	Jacob & Christiana Wilson
Song Leader:	Karen Linfor
Usher:	Bill Myers

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### **THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S September 21 - 27, 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	6pm - 7pm
Thursday	Game Night - Schultz Hall	6:00 pm

### **MONTHLY GAME NIGHT— last Thursday of the month**

Come for a night of fun, laughter, and games

held in Schultz Hall on the last Thursday of each month.

Pastor Rob will bring a selection of his games from home, including Uno, Mille Bornes, Apples to Apples, and some of his more outlandish board and card games. You are invited to bring your favorites as well, as well as any snacks or finger foods you might like to share.

Come for a fun, casual time with your community  
and enjoy some friendly competition.



## **BLESSING OF 100 BAGS FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS**

The Community Concerns Board extends a huge Thank You! to all who donated items for the Blessing Bags and helped assemble them. They have been placed around the Altar for today's Service. Around Offering time, Pastor Rob will give them a special blessing. The 'Blessed' bags in the wagon will be distributed to the Gathering Inn's Elk Grove year-round shelter. The remainder of the 'Blessed' bags surrounding the wagon are for our Congregation to distribute as they are out in the community and safely encounter someone in need. After the Service, please feel free to come to the Altar area and pick up a few bags. Any bags not picked up by a Congregation member today, will be placed in the back of the Sanctuary.



**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**

