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10:15 am Worship Service

August 24, 2025

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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

GREETING

*If able, please rise in body and in spirit*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits--**

who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

**who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

**The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Hymn #82 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

*Please be seated*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our God is compassionate and merciful, knowing us before we were even born. There is nothing we have done or left undone that isn't already known by God. Let us go to God in prayer, trusting in God's grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of life, you consecrated us before time. You call us to not be afraid for you will deliver us but we forget and yield to fear. We trust in the tangible rewards of this world, and neglect your promises. We confess we are a divided people who foster rifts in our families, our communities, and in the world.**

**Forgive us and open us to your healing. Give us your grace and inspire us to serve you with courage; through Jesus Christ who comes to save. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Promising forgiveness and the sustenance we need to amend our lives, God rejoices in our longing for healing. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made whole

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, you know us better than we know ourselves. By your word, give us wisdom, by your Spirit, grant us healing, and set us free to serve you with love. We ask this through Jesus who heals in your name. Amen.

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Luke 13:10-17

The word of the Lord.

**Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

*If able, please rise in body or in spirit.*

Hymn #593

Lord, Speak to Me

*Please be seated*

Koinonia Time (community; communion; fellowship; intimacy)

(Please date, sign, and pass the pew pad to your neighbors)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

**Our Creator/Mother/Father/Spirit, 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY  
Mindful of the generosity of God, let us respond with the offerings of our lives and labors.

OFFERTORY  
  
*If able, please rise in body or in spirit*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise God, all creatures here below;**  
**Praise God above, you heavenly host.**  
**Praise Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**Loving God, we rejoice that our lives are already consecrated by you. We give thanks for the gift of your call to show forth the wondrous healing of your love in the world. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION  
(If you are participating online, you’re invited to have the elements of bread and the fruit of the vine or something similar to join us around Christ’s Table.)

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER  
God be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to God.**  
Let us give thanks to God Most High.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Holy God, we praise and bless you...  
With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name:  
**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty,**  
**the whole universe speaks of your glory,**  
**O God Most High.**

COMMUNION PRAYER CONTINUES  
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION  
Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another and we may continue faithful in all things.  
**In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.  
Come now for all things are ready.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS  
*(If you are unable to come forward for communion, please let an usher know and the pastor will bring communion to you.)*

Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING  
**We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ’s gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Hymn #715      Now Let Us from This Table Rise

BENEDICTION  
Go now in the blessing of God’s love that cannot be shaken, trusting in God’s promises as you work for a world of justice and mercy for all. Amen.

*Please be seated*

Postlude

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Head Ushers for August are Doris Lindmeier and Lee Metzger

Ushers today are Deb Kantner Ethel Dietrich

Altar Guild for the month of August are Ethel Dietrich and Doris Lindmeier

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GOD OF PROVIDENCE & CARE

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven 82

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 2/4 time. The score consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system includes a four-part setting of the first verse. The second system continues the first verse. The third system is a four-part setting of the second verse. The fourth system is a four-part setting of the third verse. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your  
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to all peo - ple  
3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; all our hopes and  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him, you be - hold him

trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
in dis - tress. Praise him, still the same for - ev - er,  
fears he knows. In his hands he gent - ly bears us,  
face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be - fore him;

ev - er - more his prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
slow to chide and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!  
res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!  
all who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

WORDS: Henry F. Lyre (1793-1847), alt; para. Psalm 103  
MUSIC: John Goss (1800-1880)

LAUDA ANIMA  
8.7.8.7.8.7.

Lord, Speak to Me 593

1 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in  
2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the  
3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the  
4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
stum - bling and the stray - ing feet; and feed me, Lord, that  
pre - cious things which you im - part; and wing my words, that  
til my heart shall o - ver - flow in kind - ling thought and

let me seek your wan - dering chil - dren, lost, a - lone.  
I may feed your hun - gry ones with man - na sweet.  
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Now Let Us from This Table Rise 715

1 Now let us from this ta - ble rise, re -  
2 With minds a - lert, up - held by grace, to  
3 To fill each hu - man house with love, it  
4 Then give us grace, Com - pan - ion God, to

newed in bod - y, mind, and soul; with Christ we die and  
spread the Word in speech and deed, we fol - low in the  
is the sac - ra - ment of care; the work that Christ be -  
choose a - gain the pil - grim way; and help us to ac -

rise a - gain, his self - less love has made us whole.  
steps of Christ, at one with all in hope and need.  
to do we hum - bly pledge our - selves to share.  
cept with joy the chal - lenge of to - mor - row's day.