

Our Mission

“to serve God and share the good news of Jesus Christ”
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m.
August 24, 2025

Introduction

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord’s day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

Prelude

Kathleen Cuvelier, piano; Terri Reid, bells
“Leaning on Jesus” (arr. Ron Loree; tune Anthony Showalter)

GATHERING

Welcome

P: This is the day that the Lord has made:

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Invocation

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. *Silence for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

C: 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (vs. 1, 2 & 3)

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creations!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you,
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

God Spottings

Canticle of Praise

"Glory Be to God" (vs. 1&3)

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Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;

We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;

Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.

For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray:

C: O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

WORD

First Reading:

Isaiah 58:9b-14

God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

Tom Pendergast, guitar

"My Sister, My Brother"

Second Reading:

Hebrews 12:18-29

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P: The holy gospel according to

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel:

Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding “sabbath work” to include setting people free from bondage.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message

Rev. Cherlyne Beck

Hymn of the Day

“Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand” (all verses)

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Oh, happy day when we shall stand amid the
heavenly throng; and sing with hosts from every land the
new celestial song, the new celestial song.

Oh, blessed day when Christ shall come and show himself
as Lord, and thousands meet in their new home which
Jesus has prepared, which Jesus has prepared.

Oh, what a mighty rushing flood of joy and
love and peace will roll down over us with good and
blessedness and grace, and blessedness and grace.

O Lord, your grace is everything; your love has
made us free to stand among the saints and sing the
glory that we see, the glory that we see.

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

L: Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

A brief silence.

L: You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all. Give wisdom to bishops, synod councils and staff, and congregation leaders as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands. Lead us to enact policies to rebuild ruined ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: You work vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials in the way of love and mercy, so that all persons may experience abundant life, especially in war-torn countries such as Congo, Israel, Palestine, Russia, Ukraine, Myanmar and Sudan. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: You satisfy your people with good things. In your steadfast love, receive the cries of all who are bent over under the weight of addiction, isolation, and mental or physical illnesses of any kind. Manifest your healing presence in their midst. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: You call us to delight in the sabbath. Invigorate worship planners and leaders with creativity to aid this assembly in fresh and faithful prayer and praise. Enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Please take this time to offer any other intercessions, either aloud or in your heart.

L: With all your apostles, prophets, and saints, we give thanks and bless your holy name. As they now rest from their labors, guide us by the witness of their lives to pursue your reign, which can never be shaken. 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.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace (*Remember to ask for consent*)

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offertory

"We Are An Offering" (verse 1)

ELW 692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering, we are an offering.

Offering Prayer

P: 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.

C: Amen.

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving (spoken)

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also, with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy “sing”

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

P: We praise you, all-holy God, our maker, our keeper, the breath that gives us life, and loves us beyond all imagining. For the universe beyond our knowing, for lands and seas and all their creatures, for javelina and pronghorn and mule deer.

And for friends and strangers and family, for home and grocery stores and schools and places where your glory is magnified like the Granite Dells and Watson Lake.

We praise you for your covenant people, for Abraham and Sara, Moses and Miriam, for Esther, Ruth and Naomi. And for centuries of faithful Christians, for Mary and Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul and for Martin Luther and Mother Theresa.

We praise you for your Son Jesus Christ, who saves us from sin and from evil, who came as one of us, human yet divine, an example of love for the world.

Who on the night before he died 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.

And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again

We pray for your Holy Spirit, your breath, your fire, your wisdom. We come to this table invited by Jesus, who offers healing and wholeness. Nourish us with the body and blood of Christ, inspire your people for service, and renew the world with your mercy, justice, and peace.

We praise you, all-holy God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, today, tomorrow, and forever.

C: Amen

P: Gathered together by the Spirit we pray the words that Jesus taught us.

C: 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.

Invitation to Communion

P: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Lamb of God, you bear the sins of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

Lamb of God, you bear the sins of all the world away;
you set us free from guild and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymn

“Come, Ye Disconsolate” (all verses)

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Come, ye disconsolate, wherever ye anguish;
come to the mercy-seat fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,
hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure;
here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,
“Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot cure.”

Here see the Bread of life; see waters flowing
forth from the throne of God, pure from above.
Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing
earth has no sorrow but heaven can remove.

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

P: 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. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

P: 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. **C: Amen.**

Sending

“Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (vs. 1, 2 & 3)

ELW 886

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and king, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,
Sings music in the sinner’s ears, brings life and health and peace.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Kathleen Cuevelier, piano

“Stand Up for Jesus” (arr. Lani Smith; tune George Webb)

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As a Congregation, we pray for God's guidance on our journey of service to our membership, our community, and our world. Pray for Pastor Tricia, the Church Council, and the Ministry Leadership. The church office reviews this list monthly. Please call if your prayer concern is removed earlier than you wish.

Please keep the following in your prayers during this week:

### **Members**

Cheryl & Kevin Miller  
Colleen Bradley  
Doris MacGregor  
Hill Barrington  
Inge Scholl  
Irene Clute

Julie Doering  
Kathy Austin  
Mary Stoney  
Mary Watts  
Nancy Renner  
Ramona Walker

Ron Eide  
Rosemary Hellene  
Ryan Intlekofer  
Sue Smith

### **Our Family Members in Military and Deployed**

Anne Northrup

### **Family Members and Friends**

Bob Renner – husband of Nancy Renner  
Bonnie – friend of Violet Lowe  
Brett Adams – grandson of Isabel Benell  
Carmen Escareno – daughter-in-law of Clara Farmer  
Cassie Goats – sister-in-law of Kimberly Goats  
Curt Harris – friend of Kimberly Goats  
Dan & Carol Cwach – friends of Emmanuel  
Douglas – son of Inge Scholl  
Ellie – granddaughter of Mary Wakimoto  
Glenn Gammon – friend of Carl Schulze  
Hazel Maldonado – friend of Rosemary Hellene  
Heather White – daughter of Michael & Karen Johnson  
Jen Nelson – friend of Michelle Schreur

Jerry Oium – friend of Jackie Poling  
Jim – friend of Ellen Rosfeld  
Katy Rost – cousin of Kimberly Goats  
Kay Sherlock – sister of Janet Bleifer  
Lori St Louis – daughter of Jackie Poling  
Michael Green – son-in-law of the Jensens  
Miranda Rebholz – granddaughter of Jim & Carole Rebholz  
Molly Aulman – friend of Woolleys & Northrups  
Roger Hersey – father of Leigh Quinn  
Rose Streeter – friend of Hal & Mai Vogelaar  
Sally Kozuch – sister of Ellen Rosfeld  
Sam Crifasi – friend of Larry Mahler  
Sarah Jaslow – friend of the Woolleys  
Shirley Bowman – wife of Wayne Stithem  
Wayne Stithem – friend of Emmanuel  
Wilma – friend of Anita Wagner

**MAILBOXES** – have been re-alphabetized. **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Contribution Statements** are in your boxes. Please check your box before leaving worship today.

**PASTOR's VACATION:** Pastor will be on vacation from August 14 until August 29.

**CHURCH OFFICE IS STAFFED** Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. except Wednesdays, which are 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. Please call 928-772-4135 about room availability.

**NAME TAGS** – please wear your name tags so that our guests and new members can put a face with a name.

**MISSION OUTREACH** for August is HUSD Hungry Kids Program. This program is for the elementary children in our school district. Bags filled with food items are distributed each Friday during the school year to the children who otherwise would not have anything to eat over the weekend. Currently the program hands out 50 plus bags each week at the beginning of the school year. Food items such as a loaf of bread, peanut butter, jelly, fruit snack cups, ramen noodles, individual cereal packs, a can of tuna, ravioli, or spaghetti O's, along with an apple, orange or raisins are included in the bags.

**FELLOWSHIP** is in need of folks to provide food and to serve. They also need a new chairperson and/or two folks to step up to the plate to co-ordinate this ministry.

**NEXT INTERFAITH MEAL** is September 12. If you would like to help, please give the church office a call. Food costs are continuing to go up, if you have a Thrivent Action Card you would like to donate, it would be very much appreciated. Each member is allocated two \$250.00 cards per year. We are now looking for cards for the rest of the 2025 year.

**JOIN THE LUNCH BUNCH** on Tuesday, August 26, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, for good food and conversation!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets each Tuesday at 10:00 am on zoom or in person. They are reading "The Gift of Hard Things" by Mark Yonconnelli, contact Pr. Tricia for more information.

**WEDNESDAY 9:45 AM BIBLE STUDY**. This Bible Study group will be taking July and August off. Bible Study will resume on September 3.

**THURSDAY 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY** meets at Rebholz's. Come at 6:30 for dessert.

**CHINO VALLEY BIBLE STUDY** – Bible Study is on hiatus until fall.

**GRIEF GROUP** meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm. Next meeting is September 11.

**KITCHEN COUNTERS** – Granite Innovations have asked us to move the kitchen counter renovation to November due to several large projects that are taking longer than anticipated.



## **Welcome Back Bell Ringers**

**Resuming August 27 at 3:15 – 4:45 pm in the sanctuary.**

Have you rung bells before? If so, our bell choir of 22 years, called Jubilate (Yoo-bee-lah-tee) has a few ringing spots to fill. We need experienced music readers and ringers. Now if you're new to ringing bells, we'll plug you right in ringing bells to start the services next Sunday. And as you gain experience, we'll give you more challenges and beautiful ringing sequences (even drums perhaps) as we start our services. All ages above 7 years are welcome. It's also an easy way to enter into the art of bell ringing if you get interested in that.

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