



Sunday, September 7, 2025

13th Sunday After Pentecost

Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

(+ invites you to rise in body or in spirit)

GATHERING

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

Prelude

One

Musical Wallpaper

Bono and The Edge

Welcome and Announcements

Pr. Micah Pearson

Minute for Mission - Update on Unification

HoP and Woodlake Presidents'

Liturgy of Lament in Response to the shooting at Annunciation Catholic School

God of mercy, we gather in the shadow of violence, hearts heavy with grief and righteous anger.

We come not with easy answers, but with cries too deep for words.

How long, O Lord?

How long must we witness bloodshed in our streets, our schools, our sacred places?

We lament the lives lost; children, siblings, neighbors, strangers—each one beloved by You. We name our sorrow and refuse to be numb.

We grieve with broken hearts.

We mourn with trembling voices.

We lament with holy outrage.

Christ, who wept at the tomb of Lazarus, we know You weep with us now.

You do not turn away from our pain, nor silence our cries.

You are a God of justice.

You are a God of compassion.

You are a God who hears.

We confess our complicity, our silence, our comfort with the status quo.

Forgive us, O God, for the times we have chosen peace without justice.

Stir in us a holy fire.

Let our anger be righteous, our action be bold, our love be fierce.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

Empower us to speak, to march, to vote, to pray, to heal.

Make us instruments of Your peace.

Make us builders of Your kingdom.

Make us bearers of Your light.

Until swords are beaten into plowshares,

Until guns are silenced by justice,

Until every child sleeps in safety—

We will not be silent.

We will not be still.

We will not lose hope.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Come quickly.

Amen.

+Opening Hymn

Blowing In The Wind

Bob Dylan

How many roads must a man walk down, before you call him a man?
How many seas must a white dove sail, before she can sleep in the sand?
How many times must the cannon balls fly, before they are forever banned?

The answer my friend, is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind

How many years can a mountain exist, before it's washed to the sea?
How many years can some people exist, before they're allowed to be free?
How many times can a man turn his head and pretend that he just doesn't see?

The answer my friend, is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind

How many times must a man look up, before he can see the sky?
How many ears must one man have, before he can hear people cry?
How many deaths will it take till he knows that too many people have died?

The answer my friend, is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind

+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.**

+Prayer of the Day

For those in trouble or bereavement Almighty God, your love never fails, and you can turn the shadow of death into daybreak. Help us to receive your word with believing hearts, so that, confident in your promises, we may have hope and be lifted out of sorrow into the joy and peace of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading

Psalm 1

A reading from the Book of Psalms

¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

² **Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with
leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴ **It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶ **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

+Gospel Reading

Luke 14:25-33

The Holy Gospel according to the book of Luke, the fourteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message

Pr. Korla Masters

+Hymn of the Day

You'll Never Walk Alone -
Richard Rogers, Oscar Hammerstein

Verse 1

When you walk through a storm
Hold your head up high
And don't be afraid of the dark

Verse 2

At the end of a storm
There's a golden sky
And the sweet silver song of a lark

Verse 3

Walk on through the wind
Walk on through the rain
Though your dreams be tossed and blown

Verse 4

Walk on, walk on
With hope in your heart
And you'll never walk alone
You'll never walk alone

+Prayers of the People

*After each prayer petition, you will hear “God of Grace”, please respond with “**receive our prayer.**”*

Today and throughout the week, please keep the following people in your prayers:

Annunciation Catholic Church and School, Steve Barnes, Cindy Clark, Dick Sandeen, Mary Nelson, Mary Weaver, Irene Sable, Michelle Halverson, Marj Marrow, Ed Marrow, Dorothy Olson, Larry Johnson, Judy Strand, Orv Holland, Alice Lundquist, Stuart Collins, and YAGM Participants

We also pray for the families of those who have died this past month:

Sherry Ziemkowski-LaGuire, Darlene Becken, Bruce (brother of Chuck Carlson)

+Passing of the Peace

We invite you to share a greeting with those around you.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Offerings of check or cash may be placed in a basket near the ushers as you depart.

Do you want to make a donation, but don't have cash or a checkbook handy?

Scan the QR code with a smartphone to make an electronic donation.



Loose offerings will be given to the Annunciation Hope and Healing Fund. This fund was created in response to the tragic shooting during the school Mass at Annunciation in Minneapolis on Wednesday, August 27, 2025. Your donation to the fund will provide financial support to the Church of the Annunciation for the needs of the church and school and to provide support to those affected by the tragedy.

Musical Offering

If We Are The Body

Mark Hall

Musical Wallpaper

Verse 1

It's crowded in worship today
As she slips in trying to fade into the faces
The girls teasing laughter is carrying
Farther than they know
Farther than they know

Chorus

(But) if we are the body
Why aren't His arms reaching
Why aren't His hands healing
Why aren't His words teaching
And if we are the body

Why aren't His feet going

Why is His love not showing them there is a way
(There is a way)

Verse 2

A traveler is far away from home
He sheds his coat and quietly
Sinks into the back row
The weight of their judgmental glances
Tells him that his chances are better
Out on the road

Chorus

Bridge

Jesus paid much too high a price
For us to pick and choose who should come
And we are the body of Christ
(But) if we are the body
Why aren't His arms reaching
Why aren't His hands healing

Why aren't His words teaching
And if we are the body
Why aren't His feet going
Why is His love not showing them there is a way
(There is a way)

Ending

Jesus is the way

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Offering Prayer

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.

MEAL

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

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

For those participating online, the pastor will now offer the words of institution for you. The remaining assembly will be invited forward forward after the song Lamb of God. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Communion Hymn

Fall Afresh

Musical Wallpaper

Jeremy Riddle

Awaken my soul come awake
To hunger to seek to thirst
Awaken first love come awake
And do as You did at first

Spirit of the living God come fall afresh on me
Come wake me from my sleep
Blow through the caverns of my soul pour in me
To overflow to overflow

Awaken my soul come awake
To hunger to seek to thirst
Awaken first love come awake
And do as You did at first

Spirit of the living God come fall afresh on me
Come wake me from my sleep
Blow through the caverns of my soul pour in me
To overflow to overflow

Yes Spirit come and fill this place
Let Your glory now invade
Spirit come and fill this place
Let Your glory now invade

Spirit of the living God come fall afresh on me
Come wake me from my sleep
Blow through the caverns of my soul pour in me
To overflow to overflow

Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

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.

Blessing of the Visitation Ministers

All Visitation ministers are invited forward for a blessing of your ministry

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn

Love is but a song we sing
Fear's the way we die
You can make the mountains ring
Or make the angels cry
Though the bird is on the wing
And you may not know why

Come on, people now
Smile on your brother
Everybody get together
Try to love one another right now

Some may come and some may go
He will surely pass
When the one that left us here
Returns for us at last
We are but a moment's sunlight

Get Together Chet Powers

Musical Wallpaper

Fading in the grass

Come on, people now
Smile on your brother
Everybody get together
Try to love one another right now

If you hear the song I sing
You will understand, listen
You hold the key to love and fear
All in your trembling hand
Just one key unlocks them both
It's there at your command

Come on, people now
Smile on your brother
Everybody get together
Try to love one another right now

Come on, people now
Smile on your brother
Everybody get together
Try to love one another right now
I said, come on, people now

Smile on your brother
Everybody get together
Try to love one another right now
Right now
Right now

+Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Participants

Pastors

Rev. Neal Cannon, Rev. Micah Pearson, Rev. Eric Luedtke, Rev. Korla Masters

Worship Leader

Josh Countryman

Assisting Minister

Laurel Johnson

Sacristan

Muriel Holland

Musicians

Amy Countryman, April Taylor, Rebekah Henrickson, Mark Hinsz, Aaron Kapaun, Kent Erickson

AV Technician

Arthur Beck

Ushers

Elmer Lalim , Rick Sunstrom, Cindy Hanson



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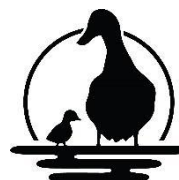
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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30am Traditional
11:00am ReFuel Coffeehouse Worship



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Worship Schedule

Sunday 10:00am
Wednesday 8:30am Fireside Room



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