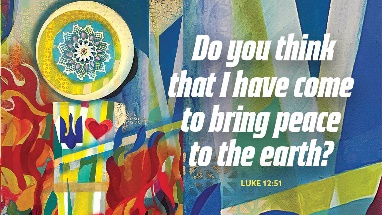
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**Worship Plan for Sunday, August 17, 2025**

10th Sunday after Pentecost

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

**GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Reflection - Preparing for Worship**

** Sing 3X**

*Please stand.*

**P: Confession and Forgiveness**

*All make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father,

and of the ☩ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**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.**

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.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Song**  *How Firm a Foundation* **ELW#796**

**P: 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.**

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**P: Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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

**WORD**

**L: First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29**

A reading from Jeremiah.

23 Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? 24 Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. 25 I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed! I have dreamed!” 26 How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? 27 They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. 28 Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. 29 Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 82**

1 God stands to charge the divine coun- **|** cil assembled,  
  giving judgment in the midst **|** of the gods:  
 2 **“How long will you | judge unjustly,**  
  **and show favor | to the wicked?**  
 3 Save the weak **|** and the orphan;  
  defend the hum- **|** ble and needy;  
 4 **rescue the weak | and the poor;**  
  **deliver them from the power | of the wicked.**   
 5 They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander a- **|** bout in darkness;  
  all the foundations of the **|** earth are shaken.  
 6 **Now I say to you, | ‘You are gods,**  
  **and all of you children of | the Most High;**  
 7 nevertheless, you shall **|** die like mortals,  
  and fall like **|** any prince.’ ”  
 8 **Arise, O God, and | rule the earth,**  
  **for you shall take all nations | for your own.**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29—12:2**

A reading from Hebrews.

29 By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. 31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.  
  32 And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 35 Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. 36 Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented 38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.  
  39 Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.  
  
  12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

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**P: Gospel: Luke 12:49-56**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] 49 “I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! 50 I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! 51 Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52 From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; 53 they will be divided:   
 father against son  
  and son against father,  
 mother against daughter  
  and daughter against mother,  
 mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
  and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”  
  
  54 He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. 55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. 56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Children’s Message**

**Sermon**

*Please stand.*

**Hymn of the Day** *God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* **ACS#1084**

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**A: Apostles’ Creed**

Let us confess our faith to the words of the 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**

*Please sit or kneel.*

**A: Prayers of Intercession**

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

Raise up faithful leaders for your church around the world. Inspire global missionaries (missionaries sponsored by this congregation may be named) with a spirit of accompaniment, as they walk alongside our partners in the gospel in solidarity, interdependence, and mutuality.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Safeguard rivers and lakes (local water sources may be named) from pollution. Sustain the work of conservationists, policy makers, and advocacy groups seeking to protect fresh water sources. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bridge divisions across partisan lines. Strengthen cooperative efforts among lawmakers (local elected officials may be named) who enact policies that protect our neighbors who are most vulnerable.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Embrace all who suffer in isolation: for those who are incarcerated or detained, those who are fleeing from unsafe environments, and those who are sick or homebound (especially those who need to share aloud or in the silence of their heart). Reassure them of your care in all times and places.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Guide the leaders of this congregation. In these late summer weeks, inspire their planning for a new program year ahead. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration and support for their work.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

With thanksgiving, we remember the cloud of witnesses who surround us. By the example of their faith, enable us to run with perseverance the race set before us, until that day when we join their unending praise.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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.

**Amen.**

**P: Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also, with you.**

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*Please be seated.*

**Offering**

**Special Music –** Hannah Hatmaker & Haysen Hayes

*Please stand.*

**Offertory Hymn**

**Offertory Prayer**

**A**: 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.**

**P: The 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 a good and joyful thing…

…as we join the unending hymn.

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Righteous God…

… Holy Spirit, one God, now and always. **Amen.**

**The 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.**

**Invitation to Communion**

The kingdom of God is set before you.

Eat and rejoice.

*Please be seated.*

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*****Come, Let Us Eat* **ELW#491**

*The Rice of Life* **ACS#965**

**A: Prayer After Communion**

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.**

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

**SENDING**

**P: Blessing**

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.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song***I Want to Walk as a Child of Light* **ELW#815**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

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