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**Worship Plan for Sunday, August 10, 2025**

9th 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**  *My Lord of Light* **ELW#832**

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**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.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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

**WORD**

**L: First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6**

A reading from Genesis.

1 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” 2 But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” 3 And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” 4 But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” 5 He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” 6 And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 33:12-22**

12 Happy is the nation whose God **|** is the Lord!  
  Happy the people chosen to **|** be God’s heritage!  
 13 **The Lord looks | down from heaven,**  
  **and sees all | humankind.**  
 14 God sits firmly en- **|** throned and watches  
  all who dwell **|** on the earth.  
 15 **God fashions | all their hearts**  
  **and observes | all their deeds.**   
 16 A king is not saved by the size **|** of the army,  
  nor are warriors rescued by **|** their great strength.  
 17 **The horse gives vain | hope for victory;**  
  **despite its great strength it | cannot save.**  
 18 Truly, your eye is upon those who fear **|** you, O Lord,  
  upon those who wait for your **|** steadfast love,  
 19 **to deliver their | lives from death,**  
  **and to keep them alive in | time of famine.**   
 20 Our innermost being waits for **|** you, O Lord,  
  our helper **|** and our shield.  
 21 **Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you,**  
  **for in your holy name we | put our trust.**  
 22 Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, **|** be upon us,  
  even as we place our **|** hope in you.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

A reading from Hebrews.

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.  
  
  8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 By faith, with Sarah’s involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”  
  13 All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, 14 for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

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**P: Gospel: Luke 12:32-40**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] 32 “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.  
  
  35 “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 36 be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.  
  39 “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Children’s Message**

**Sermon**

*Please stand.*

**Hymn of the Day** *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus* **ELW#802**

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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**

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ’s call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened (places may be named). Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be on those in need (especially). Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Global Refuge and other means of support and advocacy.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance (especially Lawrence, deacon and martyr). Sustain us in our hope of things not seen.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**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 –** Teena & Company

*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**

God of time and eternity…

…singing the hymn of your unending praise.

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Loving God…

… ever one God, our savior and friend. **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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*The King of Love My Shepherd**Is* **ELW#502**



*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* **ACS#966**

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**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***O God, Our Help in Ages Past* **ELW#632**



**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

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