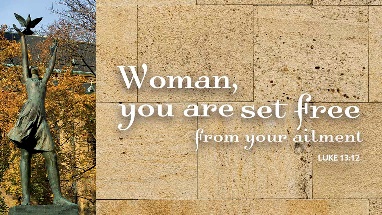
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**Worship Plan for Sunday, August 24, 2025**

11th 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**  *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* **ELW#858**

**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, 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.**

*Please be seated.*

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

**WORD**

**L: First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14**

A reading from Isaiah.

9b If you remove the yoke from among you,  
  the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
 10 if you offer your food to the hungry  
  and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
 then your light shall rise in the darkness  
  and your gloom be like the noonday.  
 11 The Lord will guide you continually  
  and satisfy your needs in parched places  
  and make your bones strong,  
 and you shall be like a watered garden,  
  like a spring of water  
  whose waters never fail.  
 12 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
  you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
 you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
  the restorer of streets to live in.  
  
 13 If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,  
  from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;  
 if you call the Sabbath a delight  
  and the holy day of the Lord honorable;  
 if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
  serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;  
 14 then you shall take delight in the Lord,  
  and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
 I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,  
  for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 103:1-8**

1 Bless the Lord, **|** O my soul,  
  and all that is within me, bless God’s **|** holy name.  
 2 **Bless the Lord, | O my soul,**  
  **and forget not | all God’s benefits—**  
 3 who forgives **|** all your sins  
  and heals all **|** your diseases;  
 4 **who redeems your life | from the grave**  
  **and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;**   
 5 who satisfies your desires **|** with good things  
  so that your youth is renewed **|** like an eagle’s.  
 6 **O Lord, you provide | vindication**  
  **and justice for all who | are oppressed.**  
 7 You made known your **|** ways to Moses  
  and your works to the chil- **|** dren of Israel.  
 8 **Lord, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,**  
  **slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29**

A reading from Hebrews.

18 You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, 19 and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. 20 (For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” 21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) 22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, 23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.  
  25 See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! 26 At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” 27 This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, 29 for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

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**P: Gospel: Luke 13:10-17**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

10 Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 11 And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” 13 When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. 14 But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” 15 But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? 16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” 17 When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Children’s Message**

**Sermon**

*Please stand.*

**Hymn of the Day** *Glories of Your Name are Spoken* **LBW#358**

**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.

You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all. Give wisdom to bishops, synod councils and staff, and congregation leaders (leaders may be named) as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society.

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

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. **Your mercy is great.**

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 people may experience abundant life.

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

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 illness especially those who need to share aloud or in the silence of their heart.

Manifest your healing presence in their midst.

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

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. **Your mercy is great.**

With (Bartholomew and) 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.

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 –** Jennifer Noggle

*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 Sinai and Zion…

…singing the Hymn of your unending praise.

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God beyond our imaginings…

… ever One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **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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*Morning Has Broken* **ELW#556**



*****Come, Ye Disconsolate* **ELW#607**

**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***Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* **ELW#886**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

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