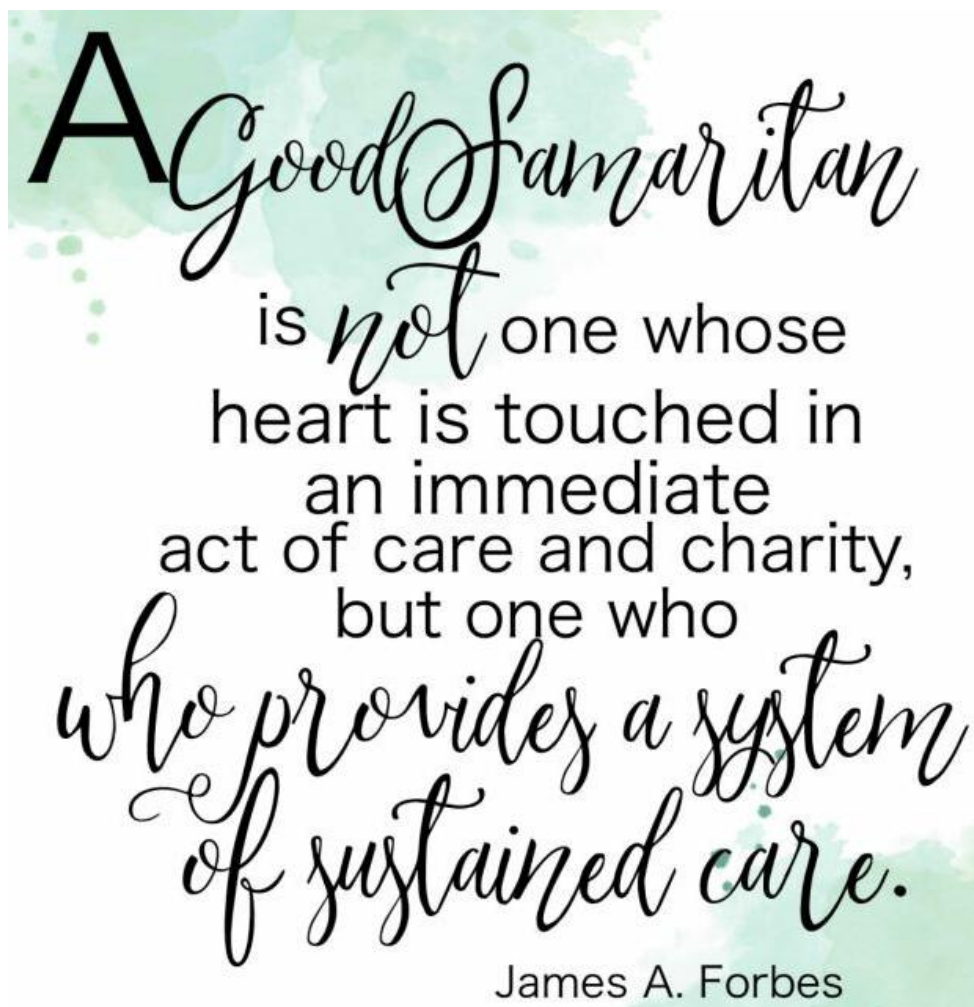


Welcome to Worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church



Who Is the Good Samaritan in Our World Today?

Sunday, July 13, 2025
9 a.m. Service Bulletin
Ordinary Time
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THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO WORSHIP WITH US!



WE BELIEVE THAT GUESTS ARE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, and we seek to make your visit faithful and positive! Please scan the QR code to left or sign the Pew Register (red notebook) as it is passed down your pew.

WE BELIEVE THAT SERVING CHRIST MEANS SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS. Our name, Immanuel, means “God with us.” Everything we do is to welcome and serve the Lord who is here among us, in you, and in our neighbors.

Our ministries, from our Worship to our Soup Kitchen and Food Bank, from our Jail Ministry to our Women’s Drug Recovery house, from our Homeless Children’s Ministry to our Campus Ministry at Lander University, are all designed and carried out to share “God with us” with our surrounding neighborhood and city. God’s Love is inexhaustible! People from all around town work alongside us to share this Love with our neighbors. You can too!

WE BELIEVE THAT CHURCH is where disagreements may occur, and the love of Christ draws us together to worship and work together. We do not all agree on everything, but we do love God and each other, and that is enough!

WE BELIEVE THAT GOD LOVES EVERYONE, so we do too! ALL are welcome here!

HOSPITALITY

RESTROOMS - Our Handicap Accessible Restroom is located just outside the door by the pulpit. We also have nearby restrooms downstairs.

THE CHILD CARE ROOM IS OPEN! - We have a room for parents that offers a private, quick, and convenient space for caring for children. The room is located just outside of the sanctuary through the door beside the pulpit.

ORDINARY TIME

The Season after Pentecost is the longest in the church year, extending from Pentecost (50 days after Easter) for 27 Sundays in a row until the Season of Advent. It’s called “ordinary” time because the Sundays are numbered in an ordinal pattern. Perhaps even more meaningful is that the lessons shared in the liturgy of the Season after Pentecost are focused on how we live each ordinary day as followers of Christ. How do we, how can we, grow more like Jesus in our everyday habits, routines, and interactions? It takes a long period of concentrated awareness to live as Christ wants us to live. For 27 consecutive Sundays, we hear stories inviting us to grow into a bigger understanding of the Kingdom of God.

A Prayer for Ordinary Time: God of Eternity, As I walk the path of Ordinary Time, help me to count the many ways you are present—in the comings and goings of family, friends, coworkers, and acquaintances; in the sounds of summer and the beauty of your magnificent creation; in the daily routines and responsibilities that make up the rhythm of my days. Make all time extra-ordinary as I seek to become more attuned to your presence. AMEN.

Order of Worship

✝ THE PRELUDE

Christ Be Our Light
Dr. Will Cleveland, Organist

Phillip A. Cooke

**As the prelude begins, please prepare your heart and mind for Worship in SILENT meditation.*

✝ THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

✝ THE WELCOME

The Rev. Chris Christopher, Pastor

✝ THE CONFESSION

Please remain seated or kneel.

Pastor In the name of the Triune God: Creator, Redeemer ✝, and Holy Spirit.
ALL AMEN.

Pastor Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. Merciful God,
ALL you free us to love others, yet we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, yet we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, yet we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and guide us through the path of life. AMEN.

✝ THE ABSOLUTION (Declaration of Forgiveness)

Pastor 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.
ALL AMEN.

✝ THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

Please stand, as you are able.

Pastor The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
ALL And also with you.

✠ THE CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory Be to God in Heaven

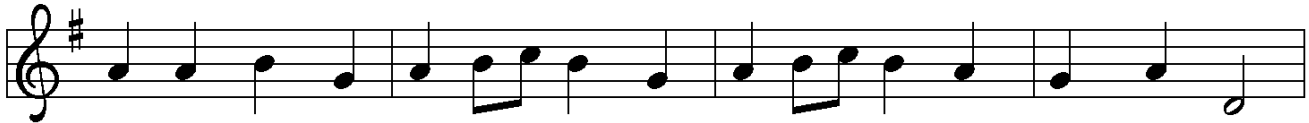
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- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

✠ THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray: O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care.

ALL Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

The children may come forward for a short message, then go downstairs to Children's Church and return during Communion.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

✙ THE LESSON Colossians 1:1-14

Summary

Lector *Colossians was written to warn readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage. Now, the reading from the New Testament.*

Lector ¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. ³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. ⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Lector Here ends the lesson. For the word given to us,
ALL **Thanks be to God.**

✠ THE PSALM 25:1-10

Lector ¹ To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

ALL ² My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Lector ³ Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

ALL ⁴ Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Lector ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

ALL ⁶ Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Lector ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

ALL ⁸ You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

Lector ⁹ You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

ALL ¹⁰ All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

✠ THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 10

Please stand, as you are able.



✝ THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:25-37

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 10th chapter.
ALL Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor ²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, took him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.
ALL Praise to you, O Christ.

✝ THE SERMON

Please be seated.

Leading Lives Worthy of the Lord

The Rev. Chris Christopher

✚ THE HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ Be Our Light

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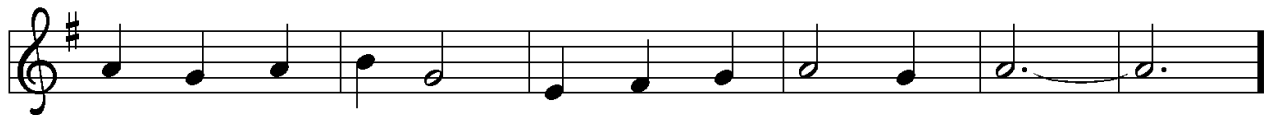
Please stand, as you are able.



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



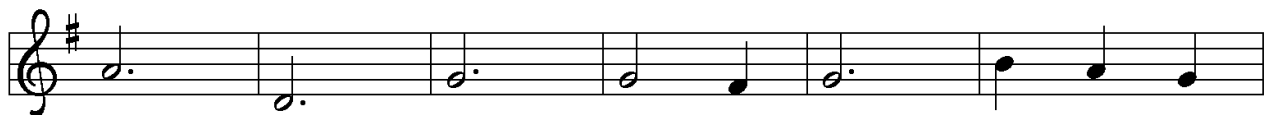
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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✠ THE NICENE CREED

AM In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation.
ALL We trust in Christ and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

AM Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
ALL We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

✠ THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please be seated or kneel. AM = Assisting Minister

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

Silence for preparation

AM Saving God, awaken your church to your truth, following your path of love.
Encourage pastors, deacons, teachers, and seminarians, leading them as they seek to learn your ways. God of grace,
ALL hear our prayer.

AM Prosper the harvests of fruit-bearing bushes, trees, and plants. Uphold farmers and farm workers as they labor through summer days and bring relief to lands that are parched with heat. God of grace,

ALL **hear our prayer.**

AM Instill in leaders of the world a strong love for their neighbors. Compel them to govern with equity and to provide aid and protection to people who are vulnerable, especially strangers, migrants, and asylum seekers. God of grace,

ALL **hear our prayer.**

AM Draw near to people in need of help, comfort, and healing. Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break. God of grace,

ALL **hear our prayer.**

AM Go with ALL who travel and protect them from harm. Put in their paths people who offer aid. We pray especially for the safety of first responders. God of grace,

ALL **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

AM We give you thanks for ALL who have gone before us and have made your love known. Help us to follow their witness as we await our share in the inheritance of the saints. God of grace,

ALL **hear our prayer.**

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

ALL **AMEN.**

✝ THE PEACE

Please stand, as you are able.

AM The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL **And also with you.**

AM Let us turn to our AV Team and those worshiping with us on-line and on the radio and say together,

ALL **the peace of the Lord be with you.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Holy Communion

Please be seated.

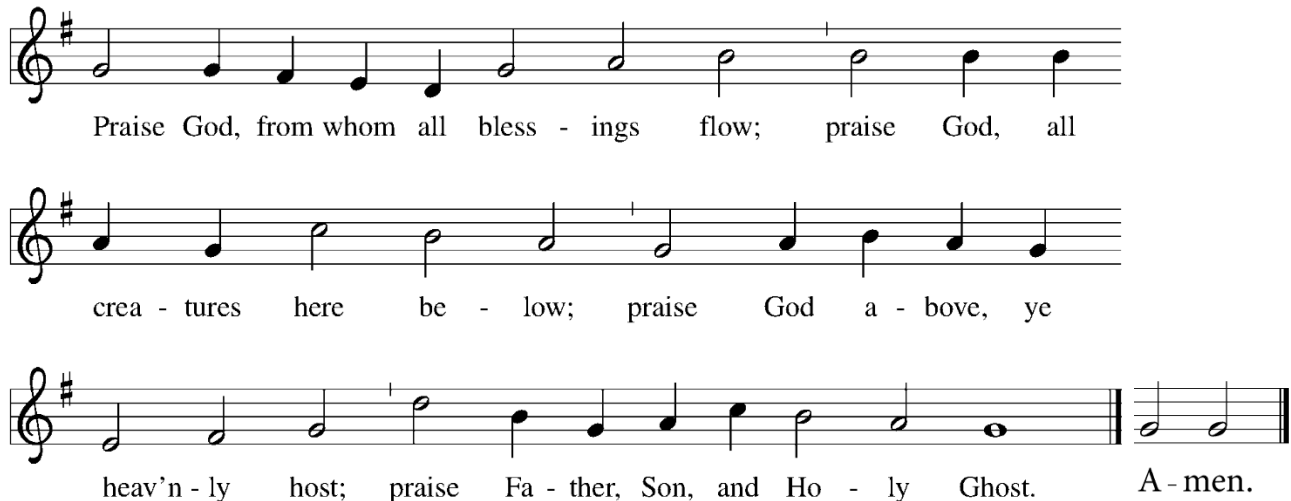


*During this time the ushers will pass the offering plates. If you prefer, you may give remotely by scanning the QR code to the left or visiting our website www.ilcgreenwood.com and selecting GIVE from the menu. THANK YOU for your generosity.

✙ THE OFFERTORY MEDITATION *For the Fruits of God's Creation* Philip Moore

✙ THE DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Please stand, as you are able.



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

✙ THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Let us pray: Creator God,
ALL 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.

✝ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor The Lord be with you.
ALL And also with you.
Pastor Lift up your hearts.
ALL We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
ALL It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor continues with the Words of Institution.

✝ THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

✝ THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated.

ALL are invited regardless of your understanding, your faith background, or sense of worth. Christ invites you. Jesus gives himself for you; Yes, for YOU. So come, come to the Table of the Lord. Communion is distributed by intinction, the dipping of the bread into the cup. The metal cups hold wine. The stoneware cups hold grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request; please ask for gluten free as you approach the server. Prepackaged elements are available inside a bowl at the head of the aisle. ALL are welcome to use the chancel rail for private prayer during the distribution.

✝ THE AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

ELW Setting 10

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

✠ THE COMMUNION HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing ELW # 807



- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
- 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

✠ THE BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand, as you are able.

Pastor The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in
God's Grace!

ALL AMEN!

✝ THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor Let us pray: Mothering God,
ALL 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.

✝ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please see insert.*

✝ THE BENEDICTION

Pastor 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.
ALL AMEN.

THANK YOU to those serving in Worship today!

Presiding Minister	Pastor Chris Christopher
Lector / Assisting Minister	Lianne Smith
Crucifer	Parker Kinard
Communion Assistants	Sue Franz, Chandler Darling, and Dianne Pitts
Organist	Dr. Will Cleveland
Sound and Video Technicians	Larry Hammond and Steve Presley
Ushers	Ray Frick and Barbie Frick
Altar Guild	Kat Finkbeiner
Counter	John Kinard
Officer on Duty	Will Stroup

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✝ THE CLOSING HYMN

We All Are One in Mission

ELW # 576



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit-ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem-ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris-ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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✝ THE PROCLAMATION OF OUR MISSION AND DISMISSAL

AM We proclaim together:

ALL By the grace of God, we are disciples growing in faith, serving our community,
and connecting others to Christ.

AM Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

ALL Thanks be to God.

✝ THE POSTLUDE

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Gayden C. Sikes

Please join us for refreshments and Adult Christian Education downstairs in the Old Fellowship Hall after Worship.



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