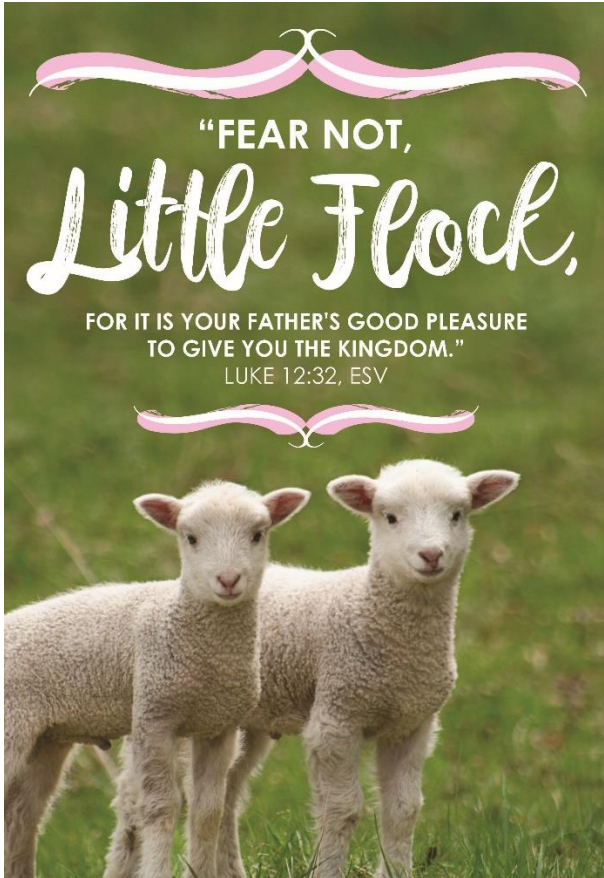


**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 10, 2025**  
**9:30 AM**



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*"Faith is the conviction of things not seen," the second reading announces. "We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord," the hymn by Albert Goodson proclaims. This day we gather as a community of faith and seek renewed vision, so that we might make our way more boldly into the world as bearers of God's saving love.*

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*Stand*

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** Amen.

## WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Kneel/ Remain Standing*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**HYMN** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" WOV 771

1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy  
hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960  
 Music: William M. Runyan, 1870–1957  
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FAITHFULNESS  
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## KYRIE

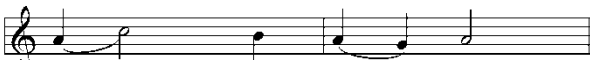
**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all **C** **And also with you.**

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

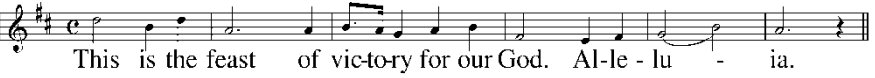
**P** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C**  A - - - - - men.

**P**  This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

**C**  Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

 blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and

 rich - es and wis - dom and strength, and hon - or and

 bless - ing and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of

 vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

 hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and

 glo - ry and might be to God and the Lamb for -

 ev - er. A - men. This is the feast of vic - to - ry

 for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun

 his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the

abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

*Children are invited to the Fireside Lounge for the Children's Lesson.*

### **FIRST LESSON** Genesis 15:1-6

*God promises childless Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise and through this faith, he is considered righteous.*

**R** 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." 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?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." 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." 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." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND LESSON** Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

*Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God need in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future.*

**R** Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. 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.

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. 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. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old--and Sarah herself was barren--because he considered him faithful who had promised. 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."

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, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they

had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

*intro: one chord*

**C** Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You  
have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia.

**GOSPEL** **P** The Gospel is written in Luke chapter 12, beginning at verse 32.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Jesus encourages his followers to recognize the true value of God's kingdom, so that their hearts may be where their real treasure lies. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

**P** Jesus said: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 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. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 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. 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. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"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. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
 The third day He rose again from the dead.  
 He ascended into heaven,  
 And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
 From thence He will come again 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.

MESSAGE "Fear Not"

HYMN "Have No Fear Little Flock" LBW 476

1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle  
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle  
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -  
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To  
 flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In  
 bove, For he stoops down to heal you, Up -  
 God, For he stays close be - side you, In

give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
 his love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
 lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!  
 all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

© Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4  
 © Tune: Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with “Lord, in your mercy,” to which the congregation responds, “hear our prayer.” The prayers conclude:*

**P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERING

*You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in the offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.*



### OFFERTORY MUSIC

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*Stand*

*introduction*

**C** Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the  
bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer.

Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and  
give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God,

**C** you open your hand, filling our lives with all good things and renewing the face of the earth. We offer these gifts in thanksgiving for all that we have received from your bounty. Accept them for the sake of him who offered his life for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should ... and so we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*intro: one chord*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord  
God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full  
of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**P** Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.*

**C** 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.

## LAMB OF GOD

*introduction*

**C** Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**THE DISTRIBUTION** *You are invited to approach the altar to receive communion elements along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten-free available.*

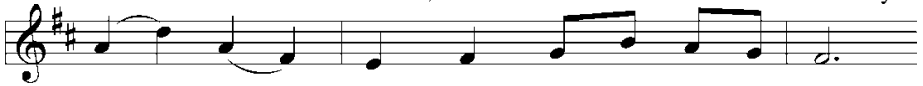
**HYMN** "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us" LSB 711



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we  
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the  
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures  
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -  
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -  
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.  
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.  
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,

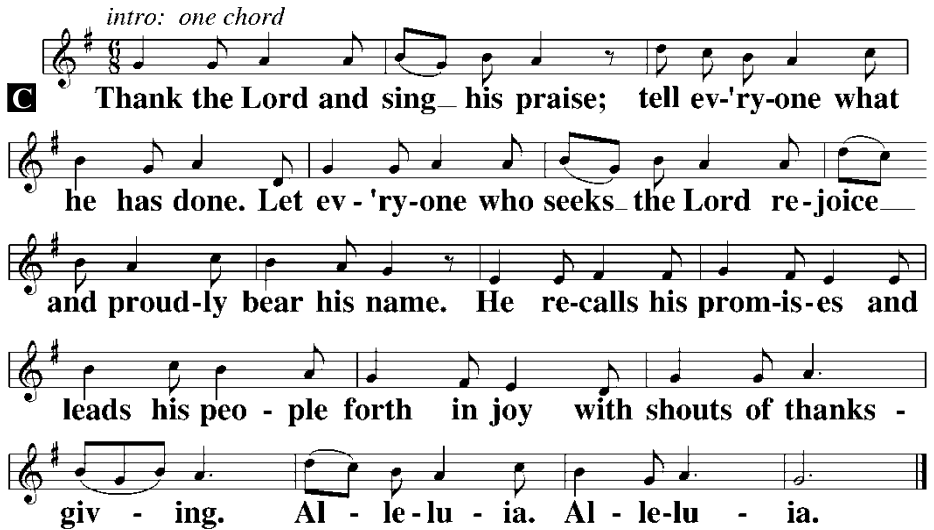


bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C** Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT AND PRAYER

*intro: one chord*



**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joyce and proud-ly bear his name. He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**P** Let us pray. Giver of all good gifts, we give you thanks for the great mystery of Christ's body and blood in which we have shared. Through this meal strengthen our faith, so that our lives may reflect your love and grace until we come to your heavenly city, to the banquet prepared for all your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C** Amen.

**P** Go in peace; serve the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

# CLOSING HYMN "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng" LSB 813

1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give  
 2 With voice as full and strong As o - cean's  
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all the  
 4 Yet on and on - ward still, With hymn and  
 5 Still lift your stan - dard high, Still march in

thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner  
 surg - ing praise, Send forth the stur - dy  
 saints on earth Pour out the strains of  
 chant and song, Through gate and porch and  
 firm ar - ray, As pil - grims through the

wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.  
 hymns of old, The psalms of an - cient days.  
 joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
 col - umned aisle The hal - lowed path - ways throng.  
 dark - ness wend Till dawns the gold - en day.

*Refrain*

Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

6 At last the march shall end;  
 The wearied ones shall rest;  
 The pilgrims find their home at last,  
 Jerusalem the blest.

△ 7 Praise Him who reigns on high,  
 The Lord whom we adore:  
 The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
 One God forevermore.

*Refrain*

*Refrain*

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–91, alt.  
 Tune: Arthur H. Messiter, 1834–1916; setting: *Service Book and Hymnal*, 1958

MARION  
 S M and refrain

## POSTLUDE

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### Our Confession about Communion

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine, we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. has been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord and concur in our confession.

b. is not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.

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