

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

10:30 AM



DOOR



"Christ- Students- Community Coming Together"

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Early Christians referred to Sunday as the Lord's Day, the eighth day of the week, the day beyond time in which a new creation is born. We gather this day for new beginnings, eager to be recreated by the Word who raises us to new life.

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.**

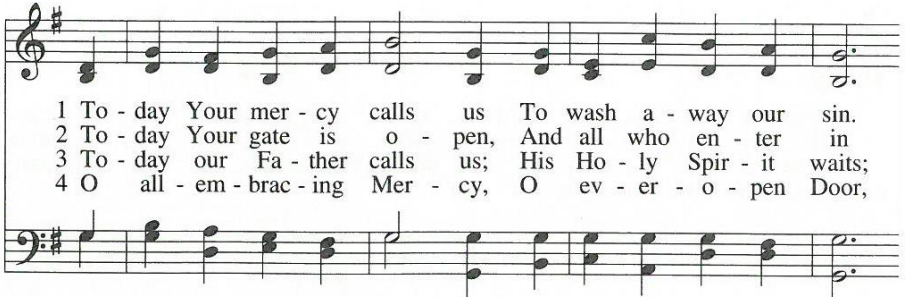
P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and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

C **Amen.**

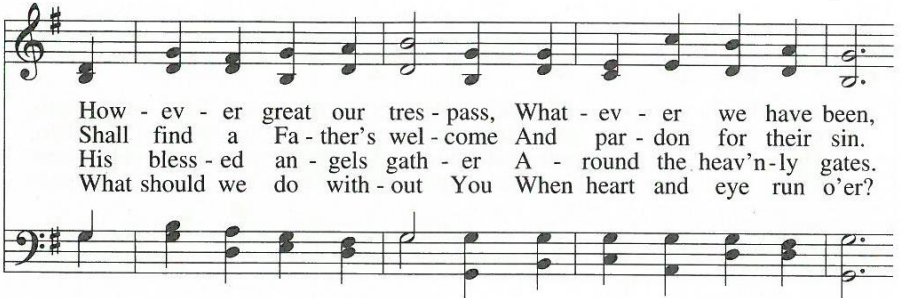
GREETING OF PEACE *Share a greeting of peace with those around you.*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

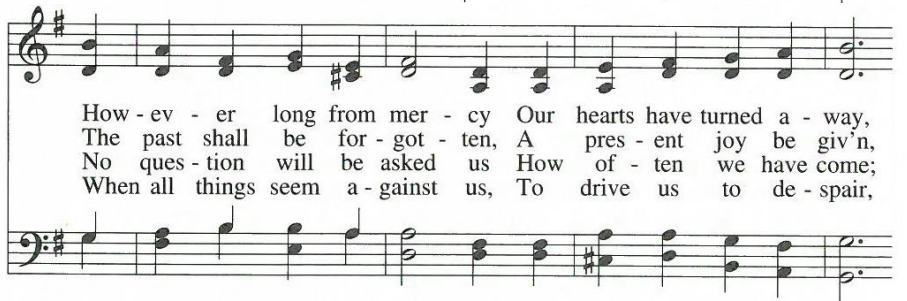
HYMN "Today Your Mercy Calls Us" LSB 915



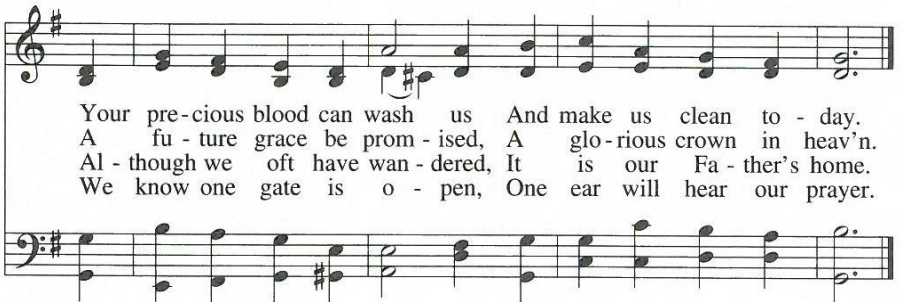
1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin,
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

Text: Oswald Allen, 1816–78, alt.

Tune: Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812–after 1857; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

ANTHES
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Text and music: Public domain

Is. 1:18; Luke 15:20–24; Heb. 9:14; John 10:9

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.

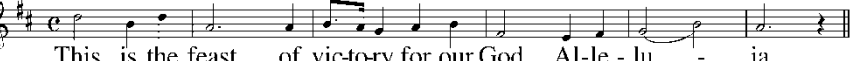


C Lord, _____ have mer - cy.


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



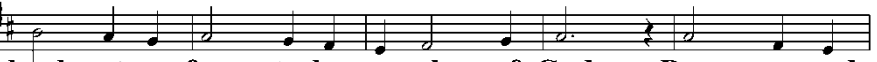
C A - - - - - men.




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.

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

God of all creation, you reach out to call people of all nations to your kingdom. As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess your Son Jesus Christ as Lord. **Amen.**

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

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 66:18-23

The Lord promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

For I know their works and their thoughts, and I am coming to gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. From them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Put, and Lud—which draw the bow—to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the nations. They shall bring all your kindred from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and on mules, and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord,

just as the Israelites bring a grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. And I will also take some of them as priests and as Levites, says the Lord.

For as the new heavens and the new earth,
which I will make,
shall remain before me, says the Lord;
so shall your descendants and your name remain.
From new moon to new moon,
and from sabbath to sabbath,
all flesh shall come to worship before me,
says the Lord.

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

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 12:18-29

The writer to the Hebrews presents a striking vision of the eternal dwelling place and the one who welcomes the righteous. It holds no fear, only forgiveness through Christ's blood.

R You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") 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, 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, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

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! 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." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken--that is, created things--so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

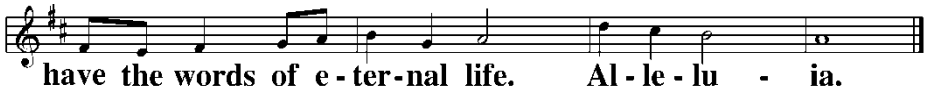
R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

intro: one chord



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You



HOLY GOSPEL The Holy Gospel of Luke, chapter 13, beginning at verse 22.

C **Glory to You O Lord.**

P Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" He said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then in reply he will say to you, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' But he will say, 'I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!' There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

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.**

Sit
MESSAGE

Stand
HYMN "You Are the Way" LSB 526

1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can
2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True
3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant

we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has
wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -
claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their
us that way to know, That truth to keep, that

God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.
form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.
trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.
life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.
Tune: *The CL Psalms of David*, Edinburgh, 1615; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

DUNDEE
C M

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John 14:6; 1 Tim. 2:5; Acts 4:12

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.**

Sit

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

☐ 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.

☐ 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.

☐ **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

☐ **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.

Sit
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 “Come, We that Love the Lord” LSB 669

1 Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be
 2 Let those re - fuse to sing Who nev - er knew our
 3 The hill of Zi - on yields A thou - sand sa - cred
 4 Then let our songs a - bound, And ev - 'ry tear be

known; Join in a song with sweet ac - cord,
 God; But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King,
 sweets Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields,
 dry; We're march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground,

Join in a song with sweet ac - cord And thus sur -
 But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King May speak their
 Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Or walk the
 We're march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground To fair - er

round the throne, And thus sur-round the throne.
 joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad.
 gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets.
 worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain

We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on;

We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–99, refrain
 Music: Robert Lowry, 1826–99

MARCHING TO ZION
 S M and refrain

HYMN “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

Refrain

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart With gift of fin - est wheat.

Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our praise and
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of
 4 The mys - t'ry of Your pres - ence, Lord, No mor - tal
 5 You give Your - self to us, O Lord; Then self - less

heed his voice; So when You call Your
 grat - i - tude That You should count us
 Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one
 tongue can tell; Whom all the world can -
 let us be, To serve each oth - er

fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joyce.
 wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.
 loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?
 not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
 in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer E. Westendorf, 1916-97
 Tune: Robert E. Kreutz, 1922-96

BICENTENNIAL
 C M and refrain

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Ps. 81:16; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; John 10:2-4; 1 John 4:7-21

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 "Earth and All the Stars" LSB 817

1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets! Sing to the

Lord a new song! Oh, vic - to - ry! Loud shout - ing

ar - my! Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain
He has done mar - vel - ous things.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Earth and All the Stars" (LSB 817). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets! Sing to the Lord a new song! Oh, vic - to - ry! Loud shout - ing ar - my! Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain He has done mar - vel - ous things." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff.

I too will praise Him with a new song!

5 Classrooms and labs!
 Loud boiling test tubes!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Athlete and band!
 Loud cheering people!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

6 Knowledge and truth!
 Loud sounding wisdom!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Daughter and son!
 Loud praying members!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

7 Children of God,
 Dying and rising,
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Heaven and earth,
 Hosts everlasting,
 Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
 Tune: David N. Johnson, 1922-87; setting: Henry V. Gerike, b. 1948
 Text and tune: © 1968 Augsburg Publishing House
 Setting: © 2006 Concordia Publishing House

EARTH AND ALL STARS
 457 457 and refrain

Ps. 96:1; 149:1-3; Is. 42:10-12; Ex. 15:1-2

POSTLUDE

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.