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conversations low and to a minimum.***

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all cell phones are silenced.***

Thank You.

A white dove is shown in flight, carrying an olive branch, positioned above a globe. A large, faint cross is superimposed over the globe. The background is a soft-focus image of a sandy beach with some greenery on the right side.

**Our mission is to share
the Good News
of grace and love with all
through worship, service,
and fellowship.**

The background of the image is a soft-focus photograph. In the center, a person is seen from behind, standing with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or joy. They are enclosed within a thin, dark circular frame. Above the person, a white dove is captured in flight, its wings spread. The overall scene is set against a light, sandy or grassy ground, creating a peaceful and spiritual atmosphere.

Our Vision:
Joy is a spiritual community
sharing the love of Christ in a
challenging world.

**THE PARABLE
OF
THE RICH FOOL
Luke 12:13-21**



Eight Sunday of Pentecost—August 3, 2025

PRELUDE

Amazing *Grace*

Arr. Charles Callahan



Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: AMEN



P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess
our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

C: you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and
follow our own way.



C: 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.



C: In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.



P: 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,



P: your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.

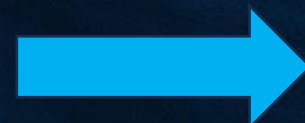
GATHERING HYMN

“LEAD ME, GUIDE ME”

ELW # 768

Refrain:

Lead me, guide me, along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.



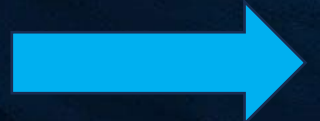
**1. I am weak and I need Thy strength
and power**

To help me over my weakest hour;

Help me through the darkness

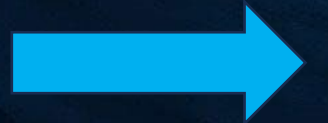
Thy face to see,

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

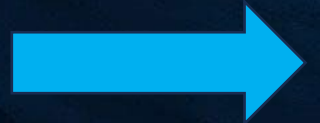


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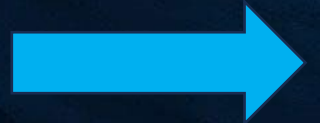


**2. Help me tread in the paths
of righteousness;
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all..... my trust in Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**



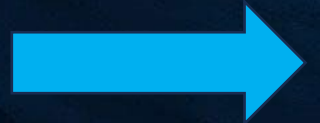
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**3. I am lost, if you take your
hand from me;**

**I am blind, without...Thy Light to see;
Lord, just always let me Thy servant be,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**



Refrain:

Lead me, guide me, along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Greeting

P: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

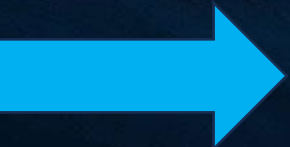
HYMN OF PRAISE

*“Glory to God”*od



REFRAIN

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth
peace to people of good will.**



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VERSE 1

**We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you,
We glorify you, we give you thanks
for your great glory,**

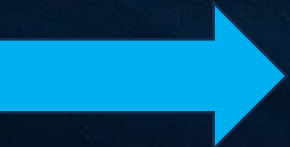


**Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**



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and on earth
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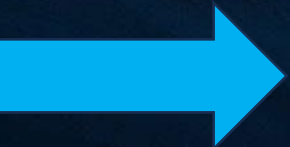


VERSE 2

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;



**you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father,
have mercy on us.**



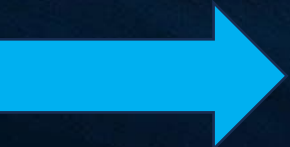
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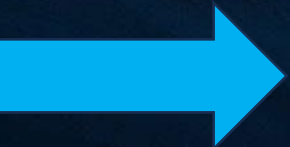


VERSE 3

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,**



**Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**



REFRAIN

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

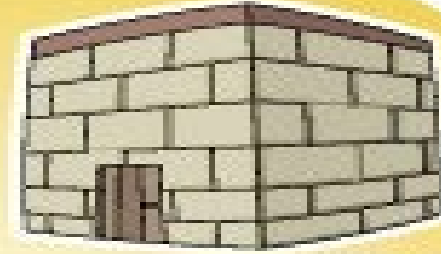
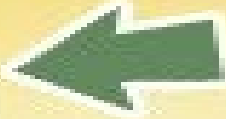
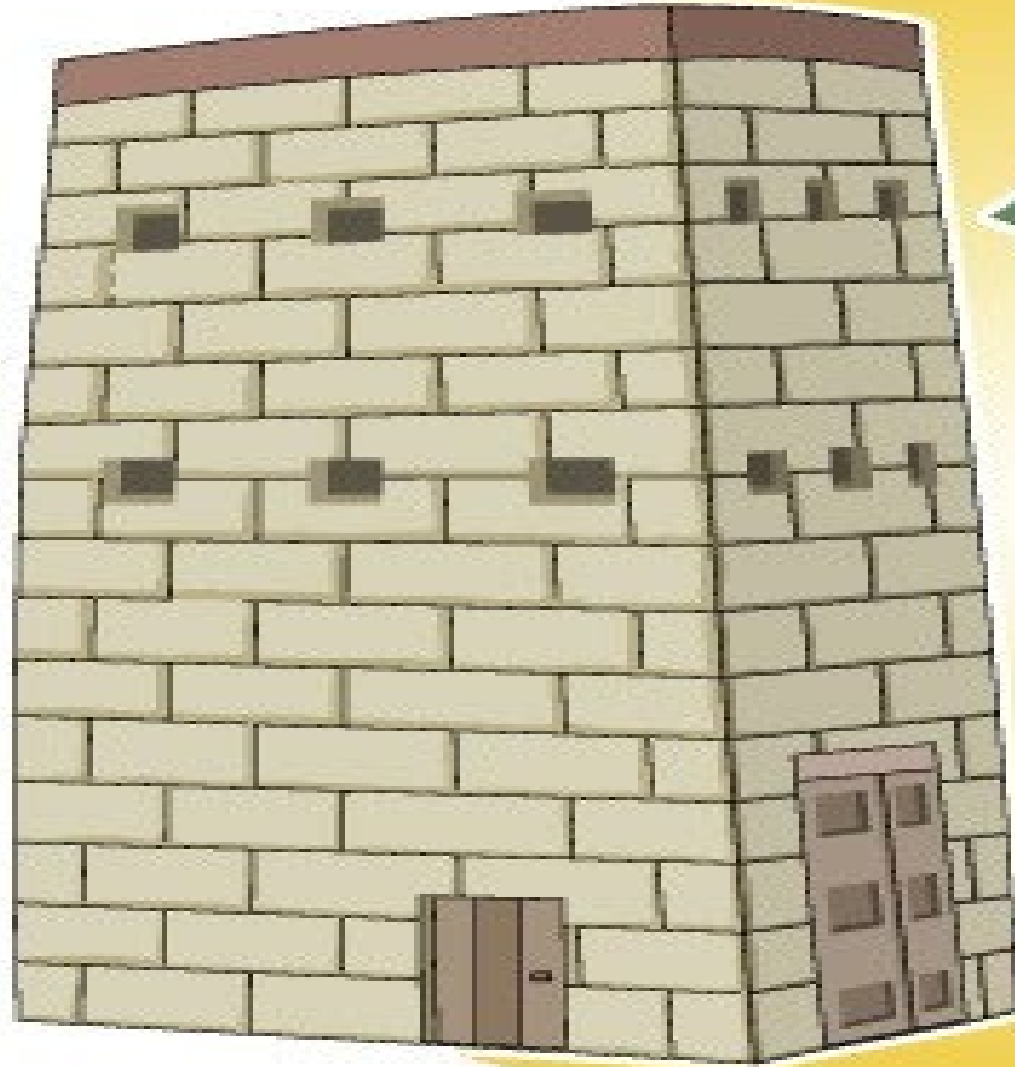
P Let us pray.

C Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you,



C and to treasure what is precious
in your sight, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:



**‘VANITY OF VANITIES,’
SAYS THE PREACHER,
VANITY OF VANITIES!
ALL IS VANITY.**



Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23
Search out wisdom, for all is vanity



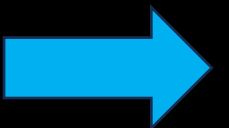
P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

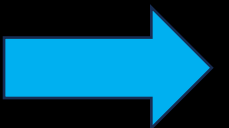
***“Hear This,
All You People,
Listen”***

PSALM 49:1-12

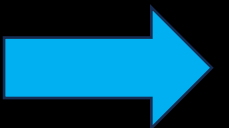
**1. Hear this, all you people, listen;
all who in this world do live;
High and low, both rich and poor,
now listen to the words I give.**



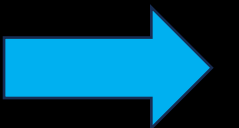
**My mouth will speak words of wisdom;
understanding from my heart.
My ear's tuned to hear a proverb,
myst'ries I will now impart:**



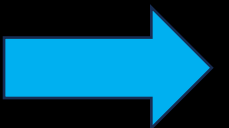
**2. Why should I give way to fear
when evil days and foes surround—
Those who trust in their great wealth,
and boast of riches all around?**



**No man can redeem another
or to God a ransom give;
Ransom for a life is costly;
no amount can make him live.**



**3. Wise men and the foolish both die—
leave their wealth to others' hands;
Tombs remain their house forever,
though they had obtained great lands.**



**Men, despite their riches, perish;
they are like the beasts that die.**

**This will be the fate of those
who trust themselves and follow lies.**

seek the things that are above

Colossians 3:1



Colossians 3:1-11

Clothed in Christ, your life is hidden with him in God

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P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC



Elena Daniel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia.**

**P : The Holy Gospel according to
Luke 12: 13-21
C: Glory to you, O Lord**





P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



Today's
Message
given by

Pastor
Art Wuertz

***a moment of silence
for reflection***

Hymn of the Day

“Great Are You Lord”

CCLI # 646220

Verse

You give life.

You are love.

You bring light to the darkness.



**You give hope.
You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.
And great are You Lord.**



Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs,

So we pour out our praise,

We pour out our praise.

It's Your breath in our lungs,

So we pour out our praise to You only.

(♪ ♪ ♪ ♪)



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(♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪)



Bridge

And all the earth will shout Your praise.

**Our hearts will cry,
these bones will sing
Great are You Lord!**



Bridge

And all the earth will shout Your praise.

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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.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

A pair of hands is shown clasped together in a prayer position, with fingers pointing upwards. The hands are positioned in the center-left of the frame. The background is a warm, golden-yellow color with a soft, out-of-focus bokeh effect, suggesting a bright light source like the sun. The overall mood is peaceful and spiritual.

**Response after each petition is:
“Hear Our Prayer”**

Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of the
Lord be with you
always.

C: And also
with you.

*(Share the sign of peace
in the manner you feel most comfortable.)*





OFFERTORY

In This Feast of Love

arr. Mark Sedio

CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY

"We Are An Offering"

ELW # 692

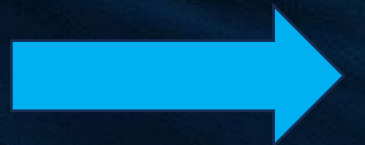
Chorus 1

We lift our voices

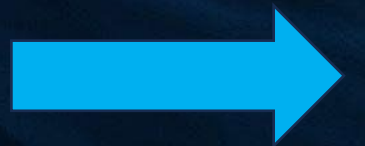
We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

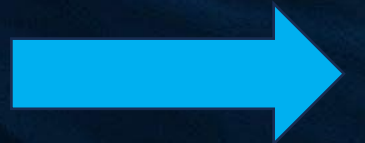


Lord use our voices
Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives they are Yours
We are an offering



Bridge

All that we have
All that we are
All that we hope to be
We give to You
We give to You



Chorus 2

We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

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.

.C: Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right...



SANCTUS: “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

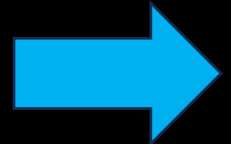
Holy, Holy, Holy

Lord God, Lord God,

Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth

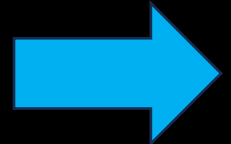
are full of your glory.



**Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.**



**Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution



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

P: The kingdom of God is set before you.
Eat and rejoice.

C: Amen.

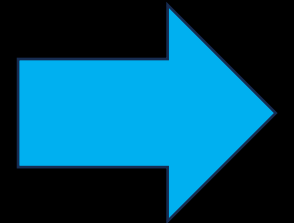
ALL baptized Christians are welcome
to receive the Lord's Supper.

Station Communion will be observed today.

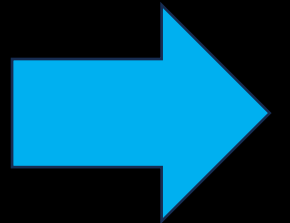
*Gluten-free wafers (distributed by Assistant Minister) and grape juice
(Clear juice in center of tray) are also offered, if desired.*

“Lamb of God”

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**



**Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**



**Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

Distribution Hymn

“Blessed Assurance”

ELW # 638

**1 Blessed assurance,
Jesus is mine!**

Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

**Heir of salvation,
purchase of God,
born of his Spirit,
washed in his blood.**



Refrain

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**



**2 Perfect submission,
perfect delight,
visions of rapture now
burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy,
whispers of love.**



Refrain

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**



**3 Perfect submission,
all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting,
looking above,
filled with his goodness,
lost in his love.**



Refrain

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

Distribution Hymn

***“Lord, Whose Love In
Humble Service”***

ELW # 712

**1 Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:**



**we, your servants,
bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.**



**2 Still your children wander
homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.**



**As you, Lord, in deep
compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.**



**3 As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and
greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,**



**making known the needs and
burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.**



**4 Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;**



**hope and health,
good will and comfort,
counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants,
Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.**

Distribution Hymn

***“Chief of Sinners
Though I Be”***

ELW # 609

**1 Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed his blood for me,
died that I might live on high,**



**lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am his, and he is mine.**



**2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love!
Higher than the heav'ns above,
deeper than the depths of sea,
lasting as eternity.**



**Love that found me—
wondrous thought—
found me when I sought him not.**



**3 Only Jesus can impart
balm to heal the wounded heart,
peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,**



**joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
faith and hope to walk with God
in the way that Enoch trod.**



**4 Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me;
all my wants to him are known,**



**all my sorrows are his own.
He sustains the hidden life
safe with him from earthly strife.**



**5 O my Savior, help afford
by your Spirit and your word!
When my wayward heart would
stray,**



**keep me in the narrow way;
grace in time of need supply
while I live and when I die.**

Distribution Hymn

“As the Grains of Wheat”

ELW # 465

Refrain

**As the grains of wheat once
scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to
become our bread;**



**so may all your people from all the
ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.**



**1 As this cup of blessing
is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence
of your love.**



Refrain

**As the grains of wheat once
scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to
become our bread;**



**so may all your people from all the
ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.**



**2 Let this be a foretaste
of all that is to come
when all creation shares
this feast with you.**



Refrain

**As the grains of wheat once
scattered on the hill
were gathered into one
to become our bread;**



**so may all your people from all the
ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.**

Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord
Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

A: 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.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Everlasting God”

CCLI # 4556538

Verse

**Strength will rise as we wait
upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord.**



**Strength will rise as we
wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord.**



Pre-Chorus

**Our God, You reign forever
Our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer**



Chorus

**You are the everlasting God,
The everlasting God,
You do not faint,
You won't grow weary.**



**You're the defender of the weak,
You comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles.**



Verse

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**You're the defender of the weak,
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Sending

A: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.



No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

LSB-444

Arr. John Barr

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**THE PARABLE
OF
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Luke 12:13-21**



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