



11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

8:30 am



Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

Order of Worship

= Hymn Number, pp. = Page in front part of "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" (ELW)
or "All Creation Sings" (ACS)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MEDITATION

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

"Where Could I Go"J.B. Coats

Dynamic Range

Living below in this old sinful world,
Hardly a comfort can afford;
Striving alone to face temptations sore,
Where could I go but to the Lord?

Chorus

Where could I go, O where could I go,
Seeking a refuge for my soul?
Needing a friend to help me in the end,
Where could I go but to the Lord?

Neighbors are kind I love them everyone
We get along in sweet accord.
But when my soul needs manna from above,
Where could I go but to the Lord?

Chorus

Life here is grand with friends I love so dear,
Comfort I get from God's own Word;
But when I pass the chilling hand of death,
Where could I go but to the Lord?

Chorus

(stand) CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles
the God of mercy.

☑ Amen.

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God, our provider,

C **help us.**

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen

P Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C **Amen**

GATHERING Hymn

"Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult "ELW #696

(stand) GREETING

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.**

(stand) **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P

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.

C

Amen.

(sit) **FIRST READING..... Isaiah 58:9b-14**

God 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.

^{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.

A

Word of God, word of life.

C

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S TALK

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

(stand) GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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(stand) GOSPEL Luke 13:10-17

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding “sabbath work” to include setting people free from bondage.

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.

P The gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(sit) SERMON Pastor Scott Sessler

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Anchored in Love”A.P. Carter

**I've found a sweet haven of sunshine at last,
and Jesus abiding above,
His dear arms around me are lovingly cast
and sweetly He tells of His love**

**The tempest is o'er
(The dangerous tempest forever is o'er)
I'm safe evermore
(My anchor is holding I'm safe evermore)
What gladness what rapture is mine
The danger is past
(The water is calming, the danger is past)
I'm anchored at last
(My anchor is holding I'm safe now at last)
I'm anchored in love divine**

**He saw me endangered and lovingly came
To pilot my storm-beaten soul
Sweet peace He has spoken and bless His dear name
The billows no longer roll**

**His love shall control me through life and in death
Completely I'll trust to the end
I'll praise Him forever my dying last breath
Shall sing of my soul's Best Friend**

(stand) **APOSTLES' CREED**

P God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C 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.

(stand) **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

A Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

Silence for reflection.

Each petition will close with the words: "Hear us, O God."

The response is "Your mercy is great."

P 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.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of our Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

(sit)

THE OFFERING

“Peace Round”Jean Ritchie

This paraphrases Psalm 133: “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!”

**O What a goodly thing
If the children of the earth
Could live together, in peace**

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

P

Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life,

C

**you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.**

**Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.**

**Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.**

Amen.

(stand)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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

G 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 Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!

G Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

(sit)

Communion will be distributed at the altar railing. The usher will indicate when each section of pews should come forward. Whether kneeling or standing, those wishing to receive anointing, cross your arms after reaching the rail. If you are not able or not comfortable coming to the altar, the pastor will bring the bread and wine to you at the pew. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply request these from the pastor.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Come Ye Sinners” Robert Robinson, 1758

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;

Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

Chorus

I shall arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms.

In the arms of my dear Savior, oh there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome, God’s free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance, ev’ry grace that brings you nigh.

Chorus

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.

Chorus

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you’re better, you will never come at all.

Chorus

(stand)

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

C Amen!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray...
Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Blessed Assurance”ELW #638

DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
- G** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Calling You” Hiram Williams Sr

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