



**11th Sunday after Pentecost August 24, 2025 Blended Setting 3 10:45**

**Prelude**

**As We Gather**

Jesus is risen from the dead and has ascended into heaven, sitting in at God's right hand in glory. Our lives are chaotic and full of so many responsibilities, but we turn to Jesus in prayer. He has the power to work in us because all things are possible with Him.

**Welcome**

## + WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP +

### **Opening Song "Rejoice"**

Rejoice in the Lord now and always  
Sing it again we rejoice  
Delight in the love He has shown us  
Gratefully lift up your voice  
His gentleness among us  
Will join our hearts with praise  
We gather in His goodness  
A family of grace

With each breath He's given  
praise the Lord  
In these times we live in  
we will praise the Lord  
Throughout every season  
I am sure  
We have every reason  
to praise the Lord

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing  
Praying for all that you need  
Come with a song of thanksgiving  
Lay your requests at His feet  
His peace will fall upon us  
To guard our hearts and minds  
In Christ who reigns eternal  
The Shepherd of our lives

With each breath He's given  
praise the Lord  
In these times we live in  
we will praise the Lord  
Throughout every season  
I am sure  
We have every reason  
to praise the Lord

Rejoice in the Lord now and always  
Tell of the good He has done  
Worship the Lord to remember  
All of the joy yet to come  
The hope that burns within us  
The dark cannot destroy  
With praise that's never ending  
We say again rejoice

With each breath He's given  
praise the Lord  
In these times we live in  
we will praise the Lord  
Throughout every season  
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## Invocation

- A** We begin our worship this day in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## Opening Sentences

- P** Christ is faithful over God's house as a son.
- C** **And we are His house.**

- A** "This is My Son, My Chosen One;
- C** **listen to Him!"**

- P** Exalt the LORD our God,  
and worship at His holy mountain;
- C** **for the LORD our God is holy!**

## Confession and Absolution

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

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** **we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned  
against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by  
what we have left undone. Forgive us for our spiritual blindness, and  
renew our faith in You alone.**

**P** Jesus came down from the Mount of Transfiguration, even though He knew His disciples would forsake and deny Him. He went to the cross so that He could offer us all full and free forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by Christ's authority alone, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## **SSP 40 How Deep (I will not boast) Song of Forgiveness III**

I will not boast in anything.  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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## **Prayer of the Day**

**A** Let us pray.

Almighty God, in Your kindness You cause the light of the Gospel to shine among us. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, help us to share the good news of Your salvation that all who hear it may rejoice in the gift of Your unending love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**+ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD +**

## Old Testament

*Isaiah 66:18–23*

<sup>18</sup>“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, <sup>19</sup>and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. <sup>20</sup>And they shall bring all your brothers 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 their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. <sup>21</sup>And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

<sup>22</sup>“For as the new heavens and the new earth  
that I make  
shall remain before me, says the LORD,  
so shall your offspring and your name remain.  
<sup>23</sup>From new moon to new moon,  
and from Sabbath to Sabbath,  
all flesh shall come to worship before me,  
declares the LORD.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*2 Corinthians 4:7–10*

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Holy Gospel**

*Luke 13:22–30*

**A** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

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

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, <sup>24</sup>"Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup>When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' <sup>26</sup>Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' <sup>27</sup>But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' <sup>28</sup>In that place 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 but you yourselves cast out. <sup>29</sup>And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

**A** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Nicene Creed**

**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living  
and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**



**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

### **This is the Day**

This is the day  
(this is the day)  
that the Lord has made  
(that the Lord has made).  
I will rejoice  
(I will rejoice)  
and be glad in it  
(and be glad in it.)

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
I will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day  
(this is the day)  
that the Lord has made.

This is the day  
(this is the day)

that the Lord has made  
(that the Lord has made).  
I will rejoice  
(I will rejoice)  
and be glad in it  
(and be glad in it.)

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I will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day  
(this is the day)  
that the Lord has made.

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## **Children's Message**

### **Hymn of the Day "I am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus" LSB 729**

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,  
Trusting only Thee;  
Trusting Thee for full salvation,  
Great and free.

I am trusting Thee for pardon;  
At Thy feet I bow,  
For Thy grace and tender mercy  
Trusting now.

I am trusting Thee for cleansing  
In the crimson flood;  
Trusting Thee to make me holy  
By Thy blood.

I am trusting Thee to guide me;  
Thou alone shalt lead,  
Ev'ry day and hour supplying  
All my need.

I am trusting Thee for power;  
Thine can never fail.  
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me  
Must prevail.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall.  
I am trusting Thee forever  
And for all.

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## **Message "When Difficult Times Happen to Jesus' Followers" 2 Corinthians 4:7-10**

### **Prayer of the Church**

**A** Dear heavenly Father, You promise to seek the lost. We pray for all those who have wandered away from Your Church. We pray that You would strengthen us to reach out to them, to receive them with open arms and open hearts when they return home. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C** **Give ear to our cry.**

**A** Lord, You promise to strengthen the weak. Send Your strength and courage to all those who need it, to the aging, the lonely, the tired, and the vulnerable. Protect and defend them from the wolves of this world. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C Give ear to our cry.**

**A** Lord, You promise to feed Your sheep with good pasture. Raise up faithful servants and shepherds to share the nourishment of Your Word and Sacraments with all Your sheep. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C Give ear to our cry.**

**A** Send down upon Your church, Your Body, the grace of Your Holy Spirit that we may be united in faith and in the confession of Your name. Unite us together to accomplish Your purpose at SPLC. Give strength, wisdom, and understanding to those who serve on our Call Committee and our staff. Grant grace and patience to all our congregation as we faithfully seek the pastor You have appointed to shepherd us. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C Give ear to our cry.**

**A** Lord, You promise to bind up the injured. Bring Your healing to all those who suffer now through injury, illness, and oppression, [especially . . .]. Brenda Nixon, (AT) *Atinae Lealiiee, John Okonski, Craig & Jan Felzien, Yvonne Keith, Melissa Ruhberg, Karen Manion, Jan Peterson, Armando Flores, Cythina Estes, Betty Tucker, Joe Northcutt, Carla Weikert, Kathie Carlson, Robert Wood, Eric Peterson, Kerstin Krueger, Mary Fodor Joseph Davis, Tammy Tolbert.* Heal them according to Your good and gracious will. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C Give ear to our cry.**

Into your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ who taught us to pray...

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.

### **Passing of the Peace**

*(Having received the Gospel's grace, let us joyfully share "Peace of Christ" with one another.)*

### **Offertory**

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**A** Blessed are You, O Lord of heaven and earth. We give thanks to You for having sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to be our Redeemer, saving us from the power of sin, death, and the devil. Invited by Your grace and supported by Your love, we come to Your Table with thanksgiving and praise. Grant that we with true faith and trust in Your words of promise

receive the bread and wine, that is, the very body and blood of Christ, as a guarantee of the salvation that He purchased for us through His innocent suffering and death on the cross. Receive our prayers and praises and grant us Your abiding peace. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **Song of Sacrifice "Lamb of God " SSP 13**

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us,  
mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God,  
you break the chains of hatred and fear;  
have mercy on us,  
mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God,  
you are the way of justice and peace:  
have mercy on us,  
mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God,  
you are the way of mercy and love:  
have mercy on us,  
mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace,  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

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### **Distribution Song "Forever Jesus" SSP 85**

My hymn of praise shall be forever Jesus  
My firm foundation in shifting sands  
My strength and hope  
Through many fears and failures  
The disappointments of the past  
His constant love has held me fast

So for all my days  
I will sing my praise  
To the King forever Jesus  
Though the storms may rage  
He is strong to save  
He's the King forever Jesus

My song of joy will be forever Jesus  
Who bore my suffering who made a way  
His life a gift His death a precious ransom  
That wipes the sinner's guilt away  
And turns my night to glorious day

So for all my days I will sing my praise  
To the King forever Jesus  
Though the storms may rage  
He is strong to save  
He's the King forever Jesus

My final breath shall be forever Jesus  
When shadows lengthen before my eyes  
My Lord and friend  
Companion through the valley  
When dearest ones are left behind  
His hand will lead me to the Light

So for all my days I will sing my praise  
To the King forever Jesus  
Though the storms may rage  
He is strong to save  
He's the King forever Jesus

When I meet his gaze  
I will sing my praise  
To the King forever Jesus  
All my sorrows past I am home at last  
With my King forever Jesus  
With my King forever Jesus  
With my King forever Jesus



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## **Distribution Hymn "Children of the Heavenly Father" LSB 725**

Children of the heav'nly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e'er was given.

God His own doth tend and nourish;  
In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them;  
In His mighty arms He bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth,  
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Though He giveth or He taketh,  
God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

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## **Distribution Hymn "I am Jesus' Little Lamb" LSB 740**

I am Jesus' little lamb,  
Ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me,  
Knows my need and well provides me,  
Loves me ev'ry day the same,  
Even calls me by my name.

Day by day, at home, away,  
Jesus is my staff and stay.  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,  
Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, He bids me go  
Where the quiet waters flow.

Who so happy as I am,  
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?  
And when my short life is ended,  
By His angel host attended,  
He shall fold me to His breast,  
There within His arms to rest.

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## **Song of Blessing "Thanks be to You" SSP 14**

Praise to you, O God of mercy!  
Thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly:  
Thanks be to you forever!

From of old you loved and sought us!  
Thanks be to you forever!  
Truth and justice you have taught us:  
Thanks be to you forever!  
Strong is your faithfulness,  
strong is your love,  
rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.

Praise to you, O God of mercy!  
Thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly:  
Thanks be to you forever!  
Thanks be to you forever!

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## **Post-Communion Collect**

**A** Let us pray.

O gracious God, we give You thanks for having fed and nourished us by Your Word of life and the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant that by Your Spirit we may keep in holy hearts, confess with holy lips, and display in holy lives the precious grace that has saved us without worth or merit on our part. Having received this truth faithfully from those who went before, give us the will and desire to faithfully pass on this sacred treasure to those yet to come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Benedicamus**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Benediction**

**A** The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who created us; the ✠ Son, who redeemed us; and the Holy Spirit, who has bestowed faith on us—be with You, today and always.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Closing Hymn "Still" SSP 47**

Hide me now  
Under Your wings  
Cover me  
Within Your mighty hand

When the oceans rise  
And thunders roar  
I will soar with You  
Above the storm  
Father You are King  
Over the flood  
I will be still and know  
You are God

Find rest my soul  
In Christ alone  
Know His power  
In quietness and trust

When the oceans rise  
And thunders roar  
I will soar with You  
Above the storm  
Father You are King  
Over the flood  
I will be still and know  
You are God

When the oceans rise  
And thunders roar  
I will soar with You  
Above the storm  
Father You are King  
Over the flood  
I will be still and know  
You are God  
I will be still and know  
You are God

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## Postlude

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