SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand"

ELW Hymn 441

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

...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.

Amen.

*PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

"Now Thank We All Our God," by Georg Friedrich Kauffmann (1679-1735) Based on ELW 840 $\,$

*OFFERING SONG

"Let the Vinevards Be Fruitful"

ELW Hymn 183

*OFFERING PRAYER

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.

Amen.

MEAL

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord...

...with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

*LORD'S PRAYER

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*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

At the direction of the usher, please come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. Gluten-free bread is available upon request, and you may choose wine (glass) or alcohol-free juice (stainless steel). To receive communion at your seat, simply notify an usher. All who seek to receive Jesus in bread and cup are welcome to dine at this table.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Lamb of God"
"O Christ, The Healer, We Have Come"

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*TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. Amen.

SENDING

*BLESSING

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.

Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

"Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

ELW Hymn 886

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Maple Leaf Rag," by Scott Joplin (c. 1868-1917)

Welcome to Worship

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



August 24, 2025

10:00 a.m

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(red hymnal), and hymns in the back.
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*Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

"Lobt Gott, ihr Christen," by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748) Based on ELW 441

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ± Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
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.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.

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, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN Praise, My Soul, The God in Heaven"

ELW Hymn 864

*GREETING

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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14

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.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God

PSALMODY: Psalm 103:1-8





1 Bless the Lord, | O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.

2 Bless the Lord, | O my soul, and forget not | all God's benefits—

3 who forgives | all your sins and heals all | your diseases;

4 who redeems your life | from the grave and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy; R

5 who satisfies your desires | with good things so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.

6 O Lord, you provide | vindication and justice for all who | are oppressed.

7 You made known your | ways to Moses and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.

8 Lord, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love. R

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

18 You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, 19 and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. 20 (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." 21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") 22 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, 23 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, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

25 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!
26 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." 27 This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, 29 for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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*GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

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, vou 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.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.