

August 31, 2025

After Pentecost, Lect. 22, Yr. C



Summer is a transient time and we won't all be together in these coming weeks, but we will remain united in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, who moves more freely than we can imagine! This Summer in worship, we will share a Journey together with Jesus and his disciples. Each week, we will join in a shared activity for reflection. Contemplative music will play following the sermon to give space to reflect and participate. Blessed be the Journey, and may Christ be with us always!

Ring of Bell

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ CONFESSION & 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.

P: Merciful God,

C: 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.

P: We belong to Christ Jesus and we are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✙ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, we are a new creation.

C: Amen.

HYMN *God Is Here*

No. 526

1 God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble.

C: Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: PROVERBS 25:6-7A

Do not put yourself forward

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great,
^{7a}for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 112 we read responsively THE MESSAGE

L: Hallelujah! Blessed man, blessed woman, who fear GOD, who cherish and relish his commandments,

C: Their children robust on the earth, and the homes of the upright—how blessed!

L: Their houses brim with wealth and a generosity that never runs dry.

C: Sunrise breaks through the darkness for good people—God's grace and mercy and justice!

L: The good person is generous and lends lavishly;

C: No shuffling or stumbling around for this one, but a sterling and solid and lasting reputation.

- L: Unfazed by rumor and gossip, heart ready,
trusting in GOD,
**C: Spirit firm, unperturbed, ever blessed,
relaxed among enemies,**
L: They lavish gifts on the poor—a generosity that
goes on, and on, and on.
C: An honored life! A beautiful life!
L: Someone wicked takes one look and rages,
blusters away but ends up speechless.
**C: There's nothing to the dreams of the wicked.
Nothing.**

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 13:1-8, 15-16

God is with us: let acts of mutual love continue

¹Let mutual affection continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

◆ **GOSPEL: LUKE 14:1, 7-14** *GOOD NEWS*

TRANSLATION

C: Glory to you, O Lord

An image of God's reign: the poor & crippled invited

One Sabbath Jesus went to eat a meal at the home of one of the leading Pharisees; and people were watching Jesus closely.

Jesus noticed how some of the guests were choosing the best places, so he told this parable to all of them: "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place. It could happen that someone more important than you has been invited, and your host, who invited both of you, would have to come and say to you, 'Let him have this place.' Then you would be embarrassed and have to sit in the lowest place.

Instead, when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that your host will come to you and say, 'Come on up, my friend, to a better place.' This will bring you honor in the presence of all the other guests. For those who make themselves great will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be made great."

Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your rich neighbors—for they will invite you back, and in this way you will be paid for what you did. When you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind; and you will be blessed, because they are not able to pay you back. God will repay you on the day the good people rise from death."

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**
Please be seated

SERMON *Pastor D.J. Chatelaine*

ACTIVITY for REFLECTION

QSTN: *What's next on your journey of faith?*

★ Take this time to journal or contribute to our shared art piece by writing a brief phrase on a piece of fabric and tying it to the chicken wire display in the front of the sanctuary.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS 1059

Come Now, You Blessed



- 1 "Come now you bless-ed, eat at my ta-ble,"
- 2 When did we see you hun-gry or thirst-y?
- 3 "When you gave bread to earth's hun-gry child-ren,
- 4 Christ, when we meet you out on life's road-ways,



said Je-sus Christ to the right-eous a-bove.
When were you home-less, a strang-er a-lone?
when you gave wel-come to war's ref-u-gees,
look-ing to us in the fac-es of need,



"When I was hun-gry, thirst-y, and home-less,
When did we see you sick or in pris-on?
When you re-mem-bered those most for-got-ten
Then may we know you, wel-come and show you



Sick and in pri-son, you showed me your love."
What have we done that you call us your own?
You cared for me in the small-est of these."
Love that is faith-ful in word and in deed.

◆ 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 INTERCESSION

God of grace. **Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING—OFFERTORY—GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring an offering to the globe at the front of the church

◆ OFFERING PRAYER

P: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.

C: 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

The kingdom of God is set before you.

Eat and rejoice.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN

As We Gather at Your Table No. 522

1 As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word, help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.

2 Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life; send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave; may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast here triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least. There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy, as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.

C: Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

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 SONG

O God Beyond All Praising No. 880

1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

2 The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die, its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high; but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown—though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown: for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free, and we through him are given the final victory.

3 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our King; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Ringin' of Bell

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS

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CALENDAR

Su 8-31	9 AM WORSHIP 10 AM Coffee 2 PM <i>Karl Haugen Memorial Service</i>
Tu 9-2	12-1 PM OPEN PRAYER
We 9-3	5:30 PM 9th Grade Confirmation
Th 9-4	4-7 PM Farmer's Market 7 PM AA
Fri 9-5	<i>First & Gol Tailgating at KHS parking lot</i>
Su 9-7	9 AM RALLY SUNDAY WORSHIP "Noisy" Offering Outdoor Brunch, Games & Pickleball



SUN SEPT 7 - RALLY SUNDAY
"Noisy Offering" Rise & SHINE OUTDOOR
BRUNCH & YARD GAMES



SUN SEPT 14 – HOLY CROSS DAY
CRADLE ROLL, 3RD GRADE BIBLES,
7TH GRADE BIBLES



SUN SEPT 14 - 10 am Forum
Tharan Leopold, Regional Gift Planner
with ELCA Foundation, will be here to visit &
share information on legacy gifts.
SEE HAND-OUT SHEET on Entry Tables.



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