

September 7, 2025

After Pentecost, Lectionary 23, Yr C

Rally Sunday



PRELUDE *All Are Welcome*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our
sin in the presence of God and of one
another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful and loving God,

**C: Against you, you alone, we have sinned.
In your compassion, cleanse us from our
sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a
new heart and give us a steadfast spirit.
Do not cast us away, but fill us with your
Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us.**

P: As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's
compassion for us. As high as heaven is
above earth, so vast is God's love for us.
As far as east is from west, so far God \
removes our sin from us, renewing our life
through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who
crowns us with mercy and love.

C: Blessed be God forever.

GATHERING SONG

All Are Welcome v. 1,2,3,5 No. 641

**1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live, a place where saints and
children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of
hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and
vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end
divisions: All are welcome, all are welcome, all
are welcome in this place.**

**2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true, where all God's
children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as
symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the
faith of Jesus:**

**3 Let us build a house where love is found in
water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy
ground where peace and justice meet. Here the
love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time
and space; as we share in Christ the feast that
frees us: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are
welcome in this place.**

**5 Let us build a house where all are named, their
songs and visions heard and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of
faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim
from floor to rafter: All are welcome, all are
welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

Please be seated

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with
your continual help;

**C: That in all our works, begun, continued, and
ended in you, we may glorify your holy name;
and finally, by your mercy, bring us to
everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord. Amen**

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

Walk in the way of life and hold fast to God

¹⁵ "See, I have set before you today life and
prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the
commandments of the LORD your God that I am
commanding you today, by loving the LORD your
God, walking in his ways, and observing his
commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you
shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your
God will bless you in the land that you are entering
to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you
do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other
gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that
you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in
the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter
and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness
against you today that I have set before you life and
death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you
and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving
the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to
him, for that means life to you and length of days, so
that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to
give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to
Jacob."

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

PSALM 1 we read responsively

- ¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- ² **Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**
- ³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper
- ⁴ **It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- ⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- ⁶ **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND READING: PHILEMON Verses. 1-21

Paul says: Receive Onesimus as a co-worker

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to our beloved coworker Philemon, ² to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸ For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged

you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

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

◆ GOSPEL: LUKE 14:25-33

C: Glory to you, O Lord

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON *Pastor D.J. Chatelaine*

HYMN OF THE DAY No. 798

Will You Come and Follow Me

¹ **"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"**

² **"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?"**

³ **"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"**

4“Will you love the you, you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”

5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

◆ 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, **receive our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING—OFFERTORY—“NOISY” OFFERING

◆ OFFERING PRAYER

P: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

C: Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Lord’s table is set. Come to this meal of mercy.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN

I Received the Living God No. 477

Refrain **I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy. I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.**

1 Jesus said: I am the bread, kneaded long to give you life; you who will partake of me need not ever fear to die. *Refrain*

2 Jesus said: I am the way, and my Father longs for you; so I come to bring you home to be one with us anew. *Refrain*

3 Jesus said: I am the truth; come and follow close to me. You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free. *Refrain*

4 Jesus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow, but receive this living bread, and my Spirit you shall know. *Refrain*

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants.

C: Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoner’s free, + bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

◆ SENDING SONG

Earth and All Stars vs. 1,2,4,5 No. 731

1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song! Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!

2 Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!

4 Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes! Sing to the Lord a new song! Athlete and band! Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!

5 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song! Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!

Ring of Bell

> > > *Dismissal*

DISMISSAL L: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE CANTAD AL SEÑOR

PARTICIPANTS

PASTOR—D.J. Chatelaine
ACOLYTE—Henry Buchal
WORSHIP ASSISTANT—Tammy Fletcher
KEYBOARD/PIANO—Annette Thunhorst
GREETERS—Lerfalds
COMMUNION SET-UP—Erica Aronson
SERVERS—Erica Aronson, Carmen & Brad Nesseth
COFFEE—Outdoor Brunch
TECH CREW—Heidi Haugen, Steve Johnson, Holly Aldorfer, Jack Aronson, Luke Cordes.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jennifer Lerfald, Lavon Underdahl, Kevin Hildebrandt, Jim Fountaine, Dax Eggert, Larry Walker, Renee Spidahl-Carmichael, the family of Jim Nesseth.

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CALENDAR

Su 9-7	9 am RALLY SUNDAY WORSHIP "Noisy" Offering --- RISE & SHINE OUTDOOR Brunch & Games & Pickleball
We 9-10	5:30 pm 9th Grade Confirmation
Th 9-11	1 pm LOVE DAY 7 pm AA
Su 9-14	9 am HOLY CROSS DAY WORSHIP MORE BELOW 10 AM SUN SCHOOL 10 am <i>Legacy Giving Presentation</i>



SUN SEPT 14 – HOLY CROSS DAY

CRADLE ROLL & BIBLE HONORS:

Newly baptized entering cradle roll,
4 yr olds graduating to Sunday School, 3rd graders
receiving Bibles, 7th graders receiving 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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donation items for SEMN SWO LOVE OFFERING:
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products, antibacterial wipes, hair brush/ties,
textured hair products, shampoo, conditioner,
hygiene products.* Collection boxes are in the
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