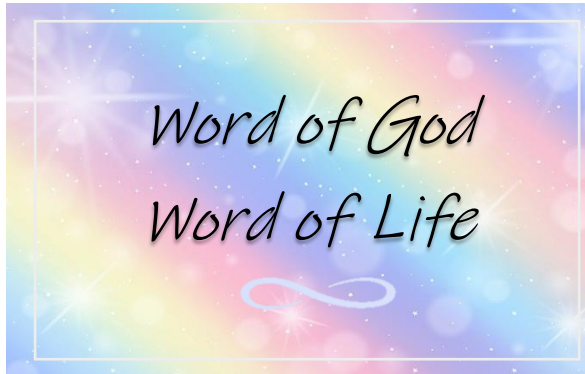


**July 20, 2025**

*After Pentecost, Lect. 16, 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!

*Ringling 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 Word of God Come Down on Earth No. 510

1 Word of God come down on earth, living rain  
from heav'n descending; touch our hearts and  
bring too birth faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh,  
we long to hear you.

2 Word eternal, throned on high, Word that  
brought to life creation, Word that came from  
heav'n to die, crucified for our salvation, saving  
Word, the world restoring, speak to us, your love  
outpouring.

3 Word that speaks God's tender love, one with  
God beyond all telling, Word that sends us from  
above God the Spirit, with us dwelling, Word of  
truth, to all truth lead us; Word of life, with one  
bread feed us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY We pray together

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and  
you make yourself our guest.

**C: Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive  
to your presence, that we may treasure your  
word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

FIRST READING: GENESIS 18:1-10A

*The LORD visits Abraham and Sarah*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of  
Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the  
heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men  
standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from  
the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to  
the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, "My lord, if I find favor with  
you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water  
be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves  
under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you  
may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass  
on—since you have come to your servant." So they  
said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham  
hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make  
ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead  
it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd and  
took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the  
servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took  
curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and  
set it before them, and he stood by them under the  
tree while they ate. > >

<sup>9</sup> They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." <sup>10a</sup> Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

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

PSALM 15    *We read responsively*

LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

They do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.**

They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

**They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.**

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 1:15-28

*The hidden mystery - Christ in you, the hope of glory*

<sup>15</sup> [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup> And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, <sup>23</sup> provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

<sup>24</sup> I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. <sup>25</sup> I became its minister according

to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup> the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup> To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup> It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

◆ GOSPEL: LUKE 10:38-42

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

*Abiding in the presence of God precedes all else*

<sup>38</sup> Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

*Please be seated*

SERMON *Pastor D.J. Chatelaine*

ACTIVITY for REFLECTION

*How do you minister to the people in your life ?*

★ 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    *Speak, O Lord*    CCLI SONG

<sup>1</sup> **Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness; that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.**

<sup>2</sup> **Teach us Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of pow'r that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

<sup>3</sup> **Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through**

eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.

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ASSEMBLY AFFIRMATION

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

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

*Give Me Jesus* No. 770

1 In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

2 Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

3 Just about the break of day, just about the break of day, just about the break of day, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

4 Oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

5 And when I want to sing, and when I want to sing, and when I want to sing, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

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

*How Small Our Span of Life* No. 636  
*a familiar tune - KINGSFOLD*

1 How small our span of life, O God, our years from birth till death: a single beat within the heart, the catching of a breath, a drop within the ocean's deep, a grain upon the shore, a flash of light before we sleep to see the sun no more.

2 And yet our speck of life is spanned by your infinity; our tick of time on earth is caught in your eternity. While suns and stars spin endlessly through depths of cosmic space, while aeons roll and ages pass, you hold us in your grace.

3 O Christ, you left eternity to plunge in time's swift stream, to share the shortness of our span, our mortal lives redeem. You filled your cross-closed years with love; you loved us to the end and touch us with your risen life that ours may time transcend.

4 We thank you, God, for kindling faith that lights our transient years, illumining our pilgrimage through mists of doubt and fears; for hope that sees a life beyond the swiftly passing days; for love, both human and divine, that lifts our hearts to praise.

*Ring of Bell*

DISMISSAL > >

**DISMISSAL** L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

## PARTICIPANTS

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COFFEE—Carmen & Brad Nesseth  
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## WELCOME BOWDY!

Baptized Today:

*Bowdy Kenneth Haasnoot;*  
Son of Madison Marie Peters  
& Thomas Gordon Haasnoot;  
Sponsors are Tyler David Haasnoot  
and Ashlee Rose Hermanson.

## CALENDAR

Su 7-20	9 AM WORSHIP 10 AM Coffee 10:15 AM Men's Ministry
Mo 7-21 – Th 7-24	<i>First Lutheran</i> VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Tu 7-22	1 PM VISITATION 2 PM Dick Thissen Memorial Service 7 PM KAIC
Th 7-24	1 PM LOVE DAY 7 PM AA
Su 7-27	9 AM WORSHIP 10 AM Coffee



**JULY 21 – JULY 24**  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

## AND LOOKING AHEAD ~ ~ ~



**SUN AUG 3**  
**FAMILY POOL PARTY**  
4 - 6 PM

At Kenyon Pool/Depot Park.  
Food Served at 5 pm: hotdogs, chips,  
watermelon, beverage. Swimming until 6 pm.



**WED AUG 13 ROSE FEST**  
**OUTDOOR MOVIE**  
8 pm. **Needed** - Volunteer Help.



**SUN SEPT 7**  
**RALLY SUNDAY**  
**RISE & SHINE BREAKFAST**

**\*\* Needed** - FOOD DONATIONS: Pancake Mix,  
Sausage Links, Syrup, Fresh Fruit.

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