

**July 13, 2025**

*After Pentecost, Lect. 15, 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 *Morning Prayer*  
*Spirit, Open My Heart* \*NEW HYMN

#### 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*** v. 1,3,4 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.**

**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 Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care.

**C: Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

#### FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 30:9-14

THE MESSAGE

*God's commandment dwells in heart & soul*

<sup>9</sup> God, your God, will outdo himself in making things go well for you: you'll have babies, get calves, grow crops, and enjoy an all-around good life. Yes, God will start enjoying you again, making things go well for you just as he enjoyed doing it for your ancestors.

<sup>10</sup> But only if you listen obediently to God, your God, and keep the commandments and regulations written in this Book of Revelation. Nothing half-hearted here; you must return to God, your God, totally, heart and soul, holding nothing back.

<sup>11-14</sup> This commandment that I'm commanding you today isn't too much for you, it's not out of your reach.

It's not on a high mountain—you don't have to get mountaineers to climb the peak and bring it down to your level and explain it before you can live it. And it's not across the ocean—you don't have to send sailors out to get it, bring it back, and then explain it before you can live it. No. The word is right here and now—as near as the tongue in your mouth, as near as the heart in your chest. Just do it!

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

PSALM 25:1-10 *We read responsively*  
ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.**

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

**Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

**Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

**All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 1:1-14

*The gospel is growing, bearing fruit in the whole world*

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, <sup>2</sup> To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup> In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup> for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup> because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup> that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup> This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant.

He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, <sup>8</sup> and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup> For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup> so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

◆ GOSPEL: LUKE 10:25-37

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

*A teaching on the greatest commandment*

<sup>25</sup> An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup> He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup> But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

*Please be seated*

ACTIVITY for REFLECTION

*And who is my neighbor?*

★ 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 No.1043

*Spirit, Open My Heart*

REFRAIN



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of  
liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re-ceiv-ing  
and in giv-ing. Spir-it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re-place my ston-y heart with a heart that's  
2 Write your love up-on my heart as my law my  
3 May I weep with those who weep share the joy of

kind and ten-der. All my cold - ness and  
goal, my sto-ry. In each thought, word and  
friend & neigh-bor. As I live from day to

to refrain.....  
fear\_ to your grace I now sur-ren-der.  
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo-ry.  
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

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◆ 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

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* No. 659

- 1 Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
- 2 We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.
- 5 Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

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

*The Lord Now Sends Us Forth* No. 538

SECTION A; **SING TWICE**

**The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve  
and give, to make of all the earth a better place to  
live.**

SECTION B: **SING TWICE**

**The angels are not sent into our world of pain to  
do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;  
that falls to you and me and all who are  
made free.**

**Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.**

*Ring of Bell*

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

POSTLUDE *Everywhere I Go*

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## **CALENDAR**

<b>Su 7-13</b>	9 AM WORSHIP 10 AM Coffee
<b>We 7-16</b>	6 PM Council
<b>Th 7-17</b>	4-7 PM <i>Farmers Market</i> 7 PM AA
<b>Su 7-20</b>	9 AM WORSHIP 10 AM Coffee

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**First Lutheran VBS July 21-24!**



**Enrollment Open!**

It's time to enroll kids in VBS via  
Good Earth Village website link-

<https://goodearthvillage.org/kenyonwanamingo2025>

VBS is open to the community. All kids, grandkids,  
cousins, friends, are welcome. Same as last year we are  
requiring a \$50 fee per child to reserve the spot. As long  
as the child attends, that money will be returned to the  
family. If any families have hardships that make this fee  
a problem, they should reach out to Bryana Lothert. FLC  
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