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Acts 4:13

July 13, 2025

# A Special Message to First-Time Visitors

We are delighted to have you with us today! Here are a few things you might want to know as you prepare for worship.

We love to see children at worship and welcome them in the sanctuary. There are activity bags available in the hallway for them should they become restless. We also have a nursery located in the wing opposite the sanctuary staffed by two capable, loving people.

The restrooms are located just outside the hallway leading to the sanctuary, with a wheelchair/handicap accessible restroom down the hall. If you need help finding any of these, please ask an usher.

Each row has a red pad with a form for all in attendance to complete. Please complete the form so we can provide a more personal ministry.

Prayer request cards are included for you to fill out and place in the plate when the offering is taken. The pastor will then, with your permission, share the concern and pray for your need during the prayer time.

We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday to all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. You are invited to commune with us. The dark red liquid is wine and the lighter colored liquid is grape juice.

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning! We are blessed by your presence, and God is glorified. Please join us for coffee following the service.

## July 13, 2025

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Mike and Gayla Fenimore

Ron Heilman



Order of Worship
July 13, 2025, 5th Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor Eric Lundberg

LBW-Green Hymnal, HWC-Light Blue Hymnal, WOV-Dark Blue Hymnal

Please remember to silence all electronic devices upon entering the sanctuary.

Before the service we talk to God. During the service God talks to us.

After the service, we talk to each other.

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# Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Carol Brennan in welcome to new members Phil and Sharon Hurd, and Naomi Lundberg

# **Welcome and Opening Prayer**

Prelude "My Tribute" arr. Livingston

Praise Song "My Tribute" HWC 11

Verse

How can I say thanks for the things

You have done for me – Things so undeserved.

Yet You give to prove Your love for me?

The voices of a million angels

Could not express my gratitude -

All that I am and ever hope to be,

I owe it all to Thee. (Refrain A)

Refrain A

To God be the glory,

To God be the glory;

To God be the glory

For the things He has done. (Refrain B)

Refrain B

With His blood He has saved me; With His pow'r He has raised me;

To God be the glory

For the things He has done.

**Bridge** 

Just let me live my life;

Let it be pleasing, Lord, to Thee.

And should I gain any praise,

Let it go to Calvary. (Refrain B)

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(please stand)

# We Worship by Confessing Our Faith in the Words of the Apostles' Creed

**I BELIEVE** in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

<u>I BELIEVE</u> in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our LORD. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

<u>I BELIEVE</u> in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Verse 1

To God be the glory – great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin

And opened the Lifegate that all may go in. (Refrain)

Refrain

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, thru Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory –

Great things he hath done!

Verse 2

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!

To ev'ry believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes,

That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)

Verse 3

Great things He hath taught us, Great things He hath done,

And great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; But purer and higher and greater will be

Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

Prayer of the Day (all pray): O God, our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness (based on Psalm 51)

- P: We come to this moment of confession in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen!
- <u>P:</u> Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; in Your great compassion blot out our offenses. <u>C:</u> Wash us from our wickedness and cleanse us from our sins.
- <u>P:</u> You, O God, know our sin. Nothing is hidden from You. Therefore, You are justified when You speak, and You are right when You judge.
- <u>C:</u> Make us pure, O God. Wash our slates clean. Turn from our sin and remember it no more.
- P: Hide Your face from our sins. Grant us mercy, even though we are unworthy.
- <u>C:</u> Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from us.
- P: Give us the joy of Your saving help and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit.
- C: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; in Your great compassion blot out our offenses.
- P: Let us take some time to confess our sins before God.

<A moment of silent prayer and reflection>

- P: Almighty God...
- <u>C:</u> We have fallen short of Your glory. We have done things with which You are not well pleased. We have failed to do things that would have helped our neighbor. We confess that sin has come between You and us. O God, We come before You now in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior to ask for Your forgiveness and a cleansing of our hearts. Hear our prayer. We want to be in a right relationship with You. Remove all those things that we allow to get in the way. We are sorry for what we have done. We humbly come before You with our confessions and thanksgiving. Amen

<u>P:</u> People of God, you have made confession of your sins before the Lord. Therefore, you are promised forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ. So, by the authority of God our Father and Jesus Christ His only Son and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I boldly and confidently announce the forgiveness of all your sins. You have been washed clean and purified of your sins. Rejoice and be glad, for you are a child of God.

C: Praise be to God! Amen!

#### We Hear and Read God's Word

# The first reading is from Colossians 1:1-14 (ESV)

- <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 in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.
- <sup>3</sup> We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup> since we 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. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, <sup>6</sup> which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, <sup>7</sup> just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ

on your behalf 8 and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup> And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup> so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; <sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. <sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

(The Word of the Lord)
C: Thanks be to God

# This reading is from Psalm 25:1-10 (ESV) (responsive)

Reader: <sup>1</sup> To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

Congregation: <sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;

R: let not my enemies exult over me.

C: <sup>3</sup> Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

 $\underline{\textbf{R}}$ : they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

<u>C</u>: <sup>4</sup> Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

- $\underline{R}$ : <sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.
  - <u>C</u>: <sup>6</sup> Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
    - R: 7 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
  - $\underline{\mathbf{C}}$ : according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
    - $\underline{R}$ : 8 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
    - <u>C</u>: <sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.
      - $\underline{R}$ : 10 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
        - **<u>C</u>**: for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

(R Here ends this reading)

#### **Welcome New Members**

# Phil and Sharon Hurd Naomi Lundberg

Children's Message

**Announcements** 

# The Message

(Please stand for the reading of the scripture lesson)

This reading is from the book of Acts 4:1-13 (ESV).

- <sup>1</sup> And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup> greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup> And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup> But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.
- <sup>5</sup> On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup> with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup> And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup> if we
- are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup> This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup> And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."
- <sup>13</sup> Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

(R: The Word of the Lord)
C: Praise to you O Christ

Message

Offertory "Amazing Grace" arr. LaRowe

Offering Hymn "Create in Me" (unknown)

Create in me a clean heart, Oh God,
And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, Oh God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence O Lord,
And take not your Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me, the joy of Thy salvation,
And renew a right spirit within me.

The Words of Institution

# **Holy Communion**

# **Communion Hymns**

Verse 1

The Lamb, the Lamb,

O Father where's the sacrifice?

Faith sees, believes

God will provide the Lamb of price!

## Chorus

Worthy is the Lamb

Whose death makes me His own!

The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

## Verse 2

The Lamb, the Lamb,

One perfect final offering.

The Lamb, the Lamb,

Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. (Chorus)

#### "The Lamb"

#### Verse 3

The Lamb, the Lamb,

As wayward sheep their shepherd kill.

So still, His will

On our behalf the law to fill. (Chorus)

#### Verse 4

He sighs, He dies,

He takes my sin and wretchedness.

He lives, forgives,

He gives me His own righteousness. (Chorus)

#### Verse 5

He rose, He rose,

My heart with thanks now overflows.

His song prolong

Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. (Chorus)

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# "Emmanuel" (2X)

**HWC 134** 

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.

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# "The Family Of God" (2X)

**HWC 282** 

I'm so glad I'm a part of the fam'ly of God;
I've been washed in the fountain,
Cleansed by His blood!

Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I'm part of the fam'ly, the family of God.

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## **Prayers of the Church**

## The LORD'S Prayer

# The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## Response

# "There's Something About That Name"

**HWC 102** 

Jesus, Jesus; there's just something about that name.

Master, Savior, Jesus, like the fragrance after the rain;
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all Heaven and earth proclaim

Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,
But there's something about that name.

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## **Benediction** (please stand)

## Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heav'nly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

# On Our Way Rejoicing

Closing Hymn "How Great Thou Art" HWC 4

## Verse 1

O Lord my God,

When I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds.

Thy hands have made

I see the stars,

I hear the rolling thunder,

Thy pow'r thru'out

The universe displayed. (Refrain)

#### Verse 2

When through the woods And forest glades I wander

And hear the birds

Sing sweetly in the trees,

When I look down

From lofty mountain grandeur,

And hear the brook

And feel the gentle breeze. (Refrain)

## Verse 3

And when I think

That God, His Son not sparing,

Sent Him to die.

I scarce can take it in.

That on the cross,

My burden gladly bearing,

He bled and died

To take away my sin. (Refrain)

## Verse 4

When Christ shall come

With shout of acclamation

And take me home,

What joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow

In humble adoration,

And there proclaim,

My God, how great Thou art. (Refrain)

## Refrain

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee: How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

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P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD! C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude Pianist: Mary Kaye Owen