



Acts 6:3 “Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom...”

August 3, 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.

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Legacy and Harmony Lundberg

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Rick and Sue Fields

Coffee Hour

Nancy Martin/Judy Williams

Flowers

Dan and Mary Kaye Owen

Tellers

Toni Sherman/Denise Alvord

Julian Estates / Bonaventure

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Order of Worship

August 3, 2025, 8th 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.

MISSION STATEMENT

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Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Dan and Mary Kaye Owen
in celebration of August birthdays.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

arr. Cindy Berry

Praise Song

“He Has Made Me Glad” (2X)

Verse

I will enter His gates
With thanksgiving in my heart;
I will enter His courts with praise.
I will say, “This is the day
That the Lord has made!”
I will rejoice
For He has made me glad. **(Chorus)**

Chorus

He has made me glad,
He has made me glad,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.
He has made me glad
He has made me glad
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

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

(please stand)

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

I BELIEVE 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.

I BELIEVE 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.

Opening Hymn

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

LBW 456

Verse 1

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
And he is mine forever

Verse 3

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing brought me.

Verse 5

Thou spread’st a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

Verse 2

Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And, where the verdant pastures
grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Verse 4

In death’s dark vale I fear no ill,
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy Cross before to guide me.

Verse 6

And so, through all the length of days,
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within Thy house forever.

Prayer of the Day (all pray): **Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We Worship by Confessing our Sins (from Lutheran Worship, Divine Service)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Congregation: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the LORD, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him, in the name of our LORD Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD. C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the LORD, C: **and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: (Facing altar which symbolizes God's presence):

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed; therefore we flee for refuge to your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: O most merciful God, since you have given your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your Word, to the end that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: (Facing the congregation, declares God's grace):

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on his name he gives power to become the children of God and has promised them his Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O LORD, unto us all. C: **Amen.**

We Hear and Read God's Word

The first reading is from Colossians 3:1-11 (*English Standard Version*)

¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the

wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

(The Word of the Lord)

C: **Thanks be to God**

This reading is from Psalm 49:1-12 (ESV) (responsive)

R: ¹ Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

C: ² both low and high, rich and poor together!

R: ³ My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

C: ⁴ I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the lyre.

R: ⁵ Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of those who cheat me surrounds me,

C: ⁶ those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?

R: ⁷ Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life,

C: ⁸ for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice,

R: ⁹ that he should live on forever and never see the pit.

**C: ¹⁰ For he sees that even the wise die; the fool and the stupid alike must perish
and leave their wealth to others.**

R: ¹¹ Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations,
though they called lands by their own names.

C: ¹² Man in his pomp will not remain; he is like the beasts that perish.

(R: Here ends this reading)

Children's Message

Announcements

The Message

(Please stand for the reading of the scripture lesson)

This reading is from the book of Acts 6:1-15 (ESV).

¹ Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ² And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³ Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵ And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶ These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷ And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. ⁸ And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹ Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. ¹⁰ But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking. ¹¹ Then they secretly instigated men who said, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." ¹² And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and they came upon him and seized him and brought him before the council, ¹³ and they set up false

witnesses who said, "This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law, ¹⁴ for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this

place and will change the customs that Moses delivered to us." ¹⁵ And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

(R: The Word of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

Message

Offertory

"Where He Leads Me"

arr. Cindy Berry

Offering Hymn

"Create In Me"

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Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
And uphold me with your free Spirit.

The Words of Institution

Holy Communion

Communion Hymns

"Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

LBW 423

Verse 1

Lord, whose love in humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Worked your mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose
Ev'ry gift which you impart.

Verse 2

Still your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
By your Spirit send your power
To our world to make it whole.

Verse 3

As we worship, grant us vision,
Till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and
burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to ardent service,
You're abundant life to share.

“Bind Us Together”

Chorus

Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together with cords
That cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together,
Bind us together with love.

Verse

There is only one God,
There is only one King;
There is only one body,
That is why we can sing: **(Chorus)**

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Prayers of the Church

The LORD's Prayer

The LORD's Prayer (sung)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

LBW 451

Verse 1

The Lord’s my shepherd; I’ll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

Verse 2

My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E’en for his own name’s sake;
Within the paths of righteousness,
E’en for this own name’s sake.

Verse 3

Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale.
Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still;
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

Verse 4

My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Verse 5

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me,
And in God’s house forevermore
My dwelling-place shall be.
And in God’s house forevermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Pianist: Mary Kaye Owen

*Thank you for worshiping with us this morning! Please join us for
Coffee Hour following the worship service.*

10:45 – Refreshment Time (Coffee Hour) in the Fellowship Hall