


Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, August 10, 2025

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

*Altar flowers have been given by
Brad & Liz Reed in celebration of 30
years of marriage and 36 years
together.*



WHERE YOUR
TREASURE
IS, THERE YOUR
HEART
WILL BE ALSO-

LUKE 12:34



Prelude – Ben Corwyn
Come Down, O Love Divine
(arr. David Blackwell)

The background of the image is a soft-focus photograph of pink cherry blossoms in full bloom. The flowers are delicate with five petals each and yellow centers. They are set against a clear, light blue sky. The blossoms are scattered throughout the frame, with some in sharp focus in the foreground and others blurred in the background, creating a sense of depth. A central white rectangular box with a thin gold border contains the text.

Welcome

THANKS FOR COMING

Opening Hymn



Earth and All Stars

ELW #731

Earth and All Stars, ELW #731, Verse 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!***

Earth and All Stars, ELW #731, Refrain

***God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!***

Earth and All Stars, ELW #731, Verse 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!***

Earth and All Stars, ELW #731, Refrain

***God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!***

Earth and All Stars, ELW #731, Verse 3

***Engines and steel!
Loud pounding hammers!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams!
Loud building workers!
Sing to the Lord a new song!***

Earth and All Stars, ELW #731, Refrain

***God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!***

Earth and All Stars, ELW #731, Verse 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!***

Earth and All Stars, ELW #731, Refrain

***God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!***

Earth and All Stars, ELW #731, Verse 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!***

Earth and All Stars, ELW #731, Refrain

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I too sing praises with a new song!***



Confession and 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.

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.

C: 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: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

***Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love
too vast and astounding to tell,
forever existing in worlds above,
now offered and given to all.
Oh, fountain of beauty eternal,
the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
sufficient and endlessly generous,
magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.***

***How great, how sure,
his love endures forevermore.
Magnificent marvelous,
matchless love.
Magnificent marvelous,
matchless love.***

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



First Reading

Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.”

⁴But the word of the Lord came to him,
“This man shall not be your heir; no
one but your very own issue shall be
your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside
and said, “Look toward heaven and
count the stars, if you are able to count
them.” Then he said to him, “So shall
your descendants be.” ⁶And he
believed the Lord; and the Lord
reckoned it to him as righteousness.



L: Word of God,
word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born,

“as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” ¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.



L: Word of God,
word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

***Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you, I want to see you.***



P: The Holy Gospel
according to Luke.

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

Luke 12:32-40

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.

³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”



P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you,
O Christ.**



Children's Conversation



Sermon – Pastor Teri Hermismeyer

Hymn of the Day



*Have No Fear, Little
Flock*

ELW #764

Have No Fear, Little Flock, ELW #764, Verse 1

***Have no fear, little flock;
have no fear, little flock,
for the Father has chosen
to give you the kingdom;
have no fear, little flock!***

Have No Fear, Little Flock, ELW #764, Verse 2

***Have good cheer, little flock;
have good cheer, little flock,
for the Father will keep you
in his love forever;
have good cheer, little flock!***

Have No Fear, Little Flock, ELW #764, Verse 3

***Praise the Lord high above;
praise the Lord high above,
for he stoops down to heal you,
uplift and restore you;
praise the Lord high above!***

Have No Fear, Little Flock, ELW #764, Verse 4

***Thankful hearts raise to God;
thankful hearts raise to God,
for he stays close beside you,
in all things works with you;
thankful hearts raise to God!***



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 power of
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

A: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers:

A: God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

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The prayers conclude:

A: Trusting in your lovingkindness,
we place our prayer and hope
in you, in the name of Jesus
Christ.

C: Amen.



Presentation of Tithes and Gifts

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Anthem

Jim Smith, clarinet



Offertory

***All that I am, all that I have,
I lay them down before you, O Lord;
All my regrets, all my acclaim,
the joy and the pain,
I'm making them yours.***

***Lord, I offer my life to you,
ev'rything I've been through,
use it for your glory;
Lord, I offer my days to you,
lifting my praise to you
as a pleasing sacrifice,
Lord, I offer you my life.***

Offering Prayer

A: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. 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.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks
and praise.**



Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

**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 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.**

Communion

You are welcome to move to the aisle as indicated by the ushers. Take an empty cup from the tray or a cup of grape juice.

Gluten-free wafers are available.

Children who are not receiving communion are encouraged to come forward and receive a blessing.

**All are welcome,
for it is the Lord's Table.**



Lamb of God

***You are my strength when I am weak.
You are the treasure that I seek.
You are my all in all.
Seeking you as a precious jew'l,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.
You are my all in all.***

***Jesus, Lamb of God,
worthy is your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God,
worthy is your name!***

***Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
rising again I bless your name;
You are my all in all.
When I fall down, you pick me up;
When I am dry, you fill my cup;
You are my all in all.***

***Jesus, Lamb of God,
worthy is your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God,
worthy is your name!***

Communion Hymn



Day By Day
ELW #790

Day By Day, ELW #790, Verse 1

***Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.***

Day by day, the blessings,

Lord, you send me

draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.

***Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;***

***Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,
where at last I'll find eternal rest.***

Day By Day, ELW #790, Verse 2

***Day by day, I know you will provide me
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek your loving will to guide me
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.***

***I will fear no evil of the morrow,
I will trust in your enduring grace.***

***Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow
till in glory I behold your face.***

Day By Day, ELW #790, Verse 3

***Oh, what joy to know that you are near me
when my burdens grow too great to bear;
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me,
you will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,
I will reach at last the promised land.***



Communion Hymn



*Shall We Gather at
the River*
ELW #423

Shall We Gather at the River, ELW #423, Verse 1

***Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?***

Shall We Gather at the River, ELW #423, Refrain

***Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.***

Shall We Gather at the River, ELW #423, Verse 2

***On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day.***

Shall We Gather at the River, ELW #423, Refrain

***Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.***

Shall We Gather at the River, ELW #423, Verse 3

***Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown.***

Shall We Gather at the River, ELW #423, Refrain

***Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.***

Shall We Gather at the River, ELW #423, Verse 4

***Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace.***

Shall We Gather at the River, ELW #423, Refrain

***Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.***



Communion Hymn



*Healer of Our
Every Ill*
ELW #612

Healer of Our Every Ill, ELW #612, Refrain

***Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.***

Healer of Our Every Ill, ELW #612, Verse 1

***You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.***

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Healer of Our Every Ill, ELW #612, Refrain

***Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.***

Healer of Our Every Ill, ELW #612, Verse 2

***In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love.***

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Healer of Our Every Ill, ELW #612, Refrain

***Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.***

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Healer of Our Every Ill, ELW #612, Verse 3

***Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.***

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Healer of Our Every Ill, ELW #612, Refrain

***Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.***

Healer of Our Every Ill, ELW #612, Verse 4

***You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.***

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Healer of Our Every Ill, ELW #612, Refrain

***Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.***



Communion Hymn



Lead Me, Guide Me
ELW #768

Lead Me, Guide Me, ELW #768, Refrain

***Lead me, guide me, along the way;
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.***

Lead Me, Guide Me, ELW #768, Verse 1

***I am weak and I need
thy strength and pow'r
to help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness
thy face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.***

Lead Me, Guide Me, ELW #768, Refrain

***Lead me, guide me, along the way;
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.***

Lead Me, Guide Me, ELW #768, Verse 2

***Help me tread
in the paths of righteousness,
be my aid when Satan
and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.***

Lead Me, Guide Me, ELW #768, Refrain


***Lead me, guide me, along the way;
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.***

Lead Me, Guide Me, ELW #768, Verse 3

***I am lost if you take your hand from me,
I am blind without thy light to see.
Lord, just always let me thy servant be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.***

Lead Me, Guide Me, ELW #768, Refrain

***Lead me, guide me, along the way;
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.***



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LUKE 12:34

Post-Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

Blessing

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 Hymn



*Guide Me Ever, Great
Redeemer*
ELW #618

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer, ELW #618, Verse 1

***Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.***

***I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.***

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer, ELW #618, Verse 2

***Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.***

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Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer, ELW #618, Verse 3

***When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.***

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Dismissal



P: Go in peace.
Live by the Spirit.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The background of the image is a soft-focus photograph of pink cherry blossoms. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some showing yellow centers. They are set against a clear, light blue sky. The overall mood is bright and cheerful.

God Bless

SEE YOU SOON



Postlude – Ben Corwyn
A Thousand Tongues
(arr. William McNair)

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