

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

*Altar flowers have been given by
Linda Tegeder in memory of her
husband, Mike.*



**Those who
humble
themselves
will be
exalted**

LUKE 14:11



Prelude – Ben Corwyn
O God Beyond all Praising
(arr. David Blackwell)



Welcome

THANKS FOR JOINING US

Opening Hymn



Gather Us In
ELW #532

Gather Us In, ELW #532, Verse 1

***Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.***

***Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.***

Gather Us In, ELW #532, Verse 2

***We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.***

Gather Us In, ELW #532, Verse 3

***Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call
your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.***

Gather Us In, ELW #532, Verse 4

***Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.***

***Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.***

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.

**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: O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



First Reading

Proverbs 25:6-7a

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ^{7a}for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.



L: Word of God,
word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹Let mutual affection continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.

⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers.

⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.”

⁶So we can say with confidence,
“The Lord is my helper; I will not be
afraid. What can anyone do to me?”
⁷Remember your leaders, those who
spoke the word of God to you;
consider the outcome of their way of
life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus
Christ is the same yesterday and
today and forever.

¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.



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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 14:1-14

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. ²Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had edema. ³And Jesus asked the experts in the law and Pharisees, “Is it lawful to cure people on the Sabbath or not?”

⁴But they were silent. So Jesus took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵Then he said to them, “If one of you has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a Sabbath day?” ⁶And they could not reply to this.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host,

⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you,

‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.

¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”



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



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Children's Conversation



Sermon – Pastor Rick Thompson

Hymn of the Day



*As We Gather at Your
Table*

ELW #522

As We Gather at Your Table, ELW #522, Verse 1

***As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known.***

As We Gather at Your Table, ELW #522, Verse 2

***Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.***

As We Gather at Your Table, ELW #522, Verse 3

***Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.***

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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 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: Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers:

A: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

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The prayers conclude:

A: Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them, through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

C: Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Gifts

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Anthem

How Great is Our God

(by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, and Ed Cash)

Therese Nguyen, soloist

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!***

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***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



Welcome Table

Verse 1

***I'm a-goin'-a eat at the welcome table,
I'm a-goin'-a eat at the welcome table,
some of these days.***

***I'm a-goin'-a eat at the welcome table,
I'm goin'-a eat at the welcome table,
some of these days.***

Verse 2

***I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk and honey,
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk and honey,
some of these days.***

***I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk and honey,
I'm goin'-a feast on milk and honey,
some of these days.***

Verse 3

***I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river,
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river,
some of these days.***

***I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river,
I'm goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river,
some of these days.***

Communion Hymn



*We Come Now to
Your Table*

***We come now to your table, Lord,
you are the Living Bread.***

***We come now to your table, Lord,
let ev'ry soul be fed.***

***You are the Living Bread,
let ev'ry soul be fed:***

***and now may ev'ry soul be fed
with Living Bread.***

(Repeat)

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Communion Hymn



*Now We Join in
Celebration*
ELW #462

Now We Join in Celebration, ELW #462, Verse 1

***Now we join in celebration
at our Savior's invitation,
dressed no more in spirit somber,
clothed instead in joy and wonder;
for the Lord of all existence,
putting off divine transcendence,
stoops again in love to meet us,
with his very life to feed us.***

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Now We Join in Celebration, ELW #462, Verse 2

***Lord, as round this feast we gather,
fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing
are for us the sure possessing
of your loving deed on Calv'ry,
of your living self, our vict'ry,
pledge of your unfailing presence,
foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.***

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Now We Join in Celebration, ELW #462, Verse 3

***Lord, we share in this communion
as one fam'ly of God's children,
reconciled through you, our brother,
one in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others,
serving all, both friends and strangers,
seeking justice, love, and mercy
till you come in final glory.***

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Communion Hymn



In the Singing
ELW #466

In the Singing, ELW #466, Verse 1

***In the singing, in the silence,
in the hands expectant, open,
in the blessing, in the breaking,
in your presence at this table,***

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In the Singing, ELW #466, Refrain

***Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the wine of grace;
Jesus, Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the bread of peace.***

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In the Singing, ELW #466, Verse 2

***In the question, in the answer,
in the moment of acceptance,
in the heart's cry, in the healing,
in the circle of your people,***

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In the Singing, ELW #466, Refrain

***Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the wine of grace;
Jesus, Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the bread of peace.***

An artistic illustration featuring two hands reaching towards each other. The hand at the top is glowing with a bright orange and yellow light, while the hand at the bottom is dark and shadowed. A thin red line forms a circle around the space between the two hands. The background is a textured blue-grey surface.

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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



*O God Beyond All
Praising*
ELW #880

O God beyond All Praising, ELW #880, Verse 1

***O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.***

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O God beyond All Praising, ELW #880, Verse 2

***The flow'r of earthly splendor
in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender
to you, the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature
the eternal seed is sown—
though small in mortal stature,
to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ, your gift from heaven,
from death has set us free,
and we through him are given
the final victory.***

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O God beyond All Praising, ELW #880, Verse 3

***Then hear, O gracious Savior,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor
may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.***

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Dismissal



P: Go in peace.
Live by the Spirit.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



God Bless

HAVE A GREAT WEEK



Postlude – Ben Corwyn
Postlude on *Hymn to Joy*
(arr. Gordon Young)

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