

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
August 24, 2025  
Lord of Life Lutheran Church**



**WELCOME**

**HYMN**

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

#886

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**PSALM: Psalm 103:1-8**



The LORD crowns you with mer - cy and stead - fast love.

- <sup>1</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
- <sup>2</sup> **Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all God's benefits—**
- <sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases;
- <sup>4</sup> **who redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy; R**
- <sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- <sup>6</sup> **O Lord, you provide vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**
- <sup>7</sup> You made known your ways to Moses  
and your works to the children of Israel.
- <sup>8</sup> **Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. R**

## SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> (For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” <sup>27</sup> This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

<sup>10</sup> Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.”

<sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

## SERMON

## MUSICAL OFFERING

Suzanne Bowen

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Shout to the Lord*

#821

## THE PRAYERS

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERTORY

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

#182

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil;**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

### COMMUNION BLESSING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SENDING HYMN

*Let All Things Now Living*

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### THE BLESSING

**May you be refreshed by God's love.**

### SENDING

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

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*Gospel Acclamation Celtic Alleluia*

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