

Time after Pentecost
August 3, 2025
Facebook live
10am Worship

Welcome
thanks for coming

Welcome to worship at **tierrasantalutheranchurch**

We're excited that you have chosen to worship with us. We encourage you to fill out the green visitor sheet located in the pew pocket and place it in the offering basket.

We have "Busy Bags" for kids in the narthex, and children's bulletins are available from an usher. A Nursery for children 3 and under is at the west end of the hallway.

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS

GATHERING SONG "Jesus My Everything"

Verse 1

I've been looking for a reason
I've been longing for a purpose
I'm losing all my meaning
I've run out of excuses
Lord it's hard to know You
I don't always see Your plan
But holiness is calling me
So take me as I am

Chorus

('Cause) You are my ev'rything
You are the song I sing
I'll do anything for You
Teach me how to pray
To live a life of grace
I'll go anywhere with You
Jesus be my ev'rything

Verse 2

Lord I get so tired of the struggle within
I settle in complacency
And I'm weighed down in my sin

So lead me past emotion
'Cause they change with the wind
I want to be a true disciple
To daily choose Your hand

(Repeat Chorus)

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GATHERING PRAYER

SONG “God of Wonders”

Verse 1

Lord of all creation
Of water earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high

Chorus

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Verse 2

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night

(Repeat Chorus)

Ending

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)
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Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)

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SONG “We Fall Down”

Verse

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus
The greatness of His mercy and love at the feet of Jesus

Chorus

And we cry holy, holy, holy
And we cry holy, holy, holy
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb

(Repeat Verse)

(Repeat Chorus)

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THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

C: 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.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All Christians are invited by our Lord to receive His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Children who have not yet received First Communion instructions are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, but are requested to wait with Communing until they have been properly instructed. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest. Wine is in the gold chalice and grape juice is in the pottery chalice.

SONG “O, Come to the Altar”

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

(Chorus)

O come to the altar

The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

(Repeat Chorus)

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
(Repeat)

(Repeat Chorus)

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: 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.

KIDS CHOIR

"My God Is So Big"

"Way Maker"

"Since I've Laid My Burden Down"

CHILDREN'S OFFERING - *Lutheran World Relief School Kits* We are gathering supplies to make school kits to be assembled on the ELCA Day of Service in September. In August we're collecting: Crayons - the 16 or 24 count boxes and also spiral notebooks - 70 page, wide or narrow ruled.

CHILDREN'S TIME

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO GODLY PLAY

FIRST READING *The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a “vanity of vanities.” Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one’s work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.*

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity... I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind... I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me —and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

SECOND READING *Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes in order to put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God’s love in Christ.*

Colossians 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and

abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

GOSPEL *In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.*

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

MESSAGE BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS

SONG "Only By Grace"

Only by grace can we enter
Only by grace can we stand
Not by our human endeavor
But by the blood of the Lamb
Into Your presence You call us
You call us to come
Into Your presence You draw us
And now by Your grace we come
Now by Your grace we come

Lord, if You mark our transgressions
Who would stand?

Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed
By the blood of the Lamb
(Repeat)

Only by grace can we enter
Only by grace can we stand
Not by our human endeavor
But by the blood of the Lamb
Into Your presence You call us
You call us to come
Into Your presence You draw us
And now by Your grace we come
Now by Your grace we come

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COMMUNITY PRAYERS

This week, please keep in your prayers: *Reid Bixler, Barbara Berg, James Vadis, Marianne d'Arnaud, Ellen Mize, Vicki Hansen, Donna Roberts, Audrey Russell, Brandi Vadis, Frank Fogg, Carol Bergdahl, and Christophe.* Lord, please guide and protect our military personnel serving in harm's way.

COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING

SONG "Give Thanks"

(Verse, played twice)
Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son

Chorus
And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us

Give thanks
Give thanks
We give thanks

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OFFERING PRAYER

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

THE BENEDICTION

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.

SONG “A Little TLC”

Words and Music by Billy Fallon and Luke Fallon

When my week is ending
Ain't got time for sleepin' in
You know my soul needs mending
I need a little TLC

Sunbeams, Frogs and Fish
Godly Play and VBS
Little Gardeners, TLC
Lunch Bunch, Prayers and Squares
Bible Study, Chain of Prayers
Need a little TLC

When the world deceives us
We find the truth in ministry
Serving our Lord, Jesus
Sharing our TLC

I need a little TLC
Let me tell you 'bout TLC
You need a little TLC
We need a little TLC
Talkin' 'bout TLC
Come and join us at TLC

THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

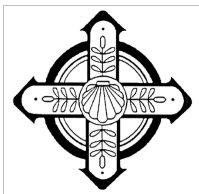
C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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