

Time after Pentecost
September 14, 2025
Facebook live
10am Worship

GREAT

is thy faithfulness

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.

The grumbling of the Pharisees and the scribes in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God wills to seek and to save the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As Paul's first letter to Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS

GATHERING "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

(Repeat Chorus)

Verse

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Bridge

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You (x2)

1997 Integrity's Hosanna! Music (Admin. by Integrity Music)

Leadworship Songs (Admin. by Integrity Music)

GATHERING PRAYER

SONG "Way Maker"

Verse 1

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

Chorus

(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are
(Repeat)

Verse 2

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

(Repeat Chorus x2)

2016 Integrity Music

SONG "Precious Lord, Take my Hand"

Verse 1

Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I am tired, I'm weak, I am worn
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the li-ight
Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home

Verse 2

When my way growth drear
Precious Lord, linger near
When my light is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me on

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Spirit Nashville Three (Admin. by Crescendo Royalty Funding LP)
So Essential Tunes (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC)
Spirit Nashville Three (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC)
SHOUT! Music Publishing Australia (Admin. by Hillsong Publishing, LLC)

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 "When I Think About the Lord"

Verse

When I think about the Lord
How He saved me how He raised me
How He filled me with the Holy Ghost
How He healed me to the uttermost
When I think about the Lord
How He picked me up and turned me around
How He placed my feet on solid ground
It makes me wanna shout

Chorus

Hallelujah thank You Jesus
Lord You're worthy of all the glory
And all the honor and all the praise
It makes me wanna shout
Hallelujah thank You Jesus
Lord You're worthy of all the glory
And all the honor and all the praise

(Repeat Verse)

(Repeat Chorus)

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S OFFERING - Maasai 1-2-1- School Empowering Maasai Youth

Through Education. Helping them build a future. We're partnering with a Maasai community in Tanzania to create a quality school that is a road to hope and a future for the Maasai.

CHILDREN'S TIME

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO GODLY PLAY

FIRST READING *While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people and boldly asks mercy for them.*

Exodus 32:7-14

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants,

and they shall inherit it forever.' " And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

SECOND READING *The letters to Timothy are called the Pastoral Epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.*

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL *Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that his or her recovery brings joy in heaven.*

Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

MESSAGE BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS

SONG "You Are My All In All"

Verse 1

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 jewel
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Chorus

Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name

Verse 2

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

(Repeat Chorus)

1991 Shepherd's Heart Music, Inc. (Admin. by PraiseCharts Publishing, Inc.)

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

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

COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING

SONG “Think About His Love”

Verse

Think about His love
Think about His goodness
Think about His grace
That’s brought us through
For as high as the heavens above
So great is the measure of our Father’s love
Great is the measure of our Father’s love

Chorus

How could I forget His love?
How could I forget His mercy?
He satisfies, He satisfies
He satisfies my desires

(Repeat Verse)

1987 Integrity's Hosanna! Music (Admin. by Integrity Music)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you,
who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all
who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to
the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, + bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SONG “Every Move I Make”

Verse

Every move I make I make in You
You make me move Jesus
Every breath I take I breathe in You
Every step I take I take in You
You are my way Jesus
Every breath I take I breathe in You

Chorus

Waves of mercy waves of grace
Everywhere I look I see Your face
Your love has captured me
Oh my God this love how can it be

(Repeat Verse)

(Repeat Chorus)

1996 Mercy / Vineyard Publishing (Admin. by Integrity Music)

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THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God.

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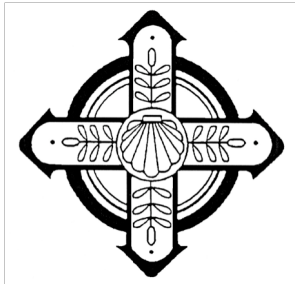
GRACE NIGHT

Invite family and friends to Grow Relationships Around Christ's Example! Join us each Wednesday for a great meal served up by the GRACE Night Team. Dinner served from 5:30-6:30 pm. \$2 per person or \$5 per family. In addition to our Individual and Family Dinner Deals, we're introducing a Season Pass! [Click here](#) for details. Donations at the door are also welcome.

Also new this year is a Kids Zone where crafts and activities will be set up for the kiddos.

September 17th Dinner will be: Panzanella (Bread Salad) with Grilled Chicken; Fresh Fruit; Audrey's desserts

Interested in joining the team? Please contact Gretchen Veihl at gretchen.veihl@gmail.com



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