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11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

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+ *Those who are able please stand.*

(Congregation responses are printed in bold type)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LBW = Green book

MINISTRY STORY—Chris Sloop

WOV = Blue book

PRELUDE

+ GATHERING

+ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

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.

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.

Amen.

+ GATHERING HYMN

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

LBW#549



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your trib - ute bring.
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis - tress.
3 Tend - er - ly he shields and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows.
4 An - gels help us to a - dore him, who be - hold him face to face.



Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing.
Praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
In his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
Sun and moon bow down be - fore him; all who dwell in time and space.



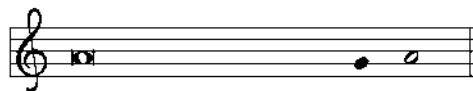
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

+ GREETING

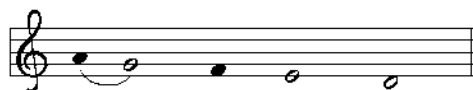
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

+ KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



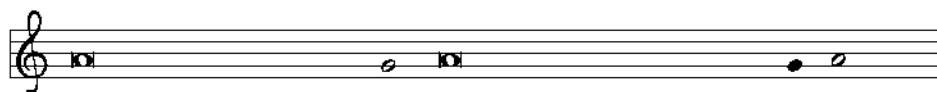
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



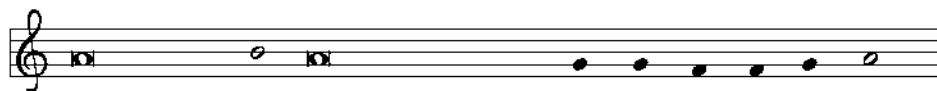
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

+ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

+ SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together ...

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14

^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.
¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water whose waters never fail.
¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.
¹³ If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;
¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:1-8

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

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 12: 18-29

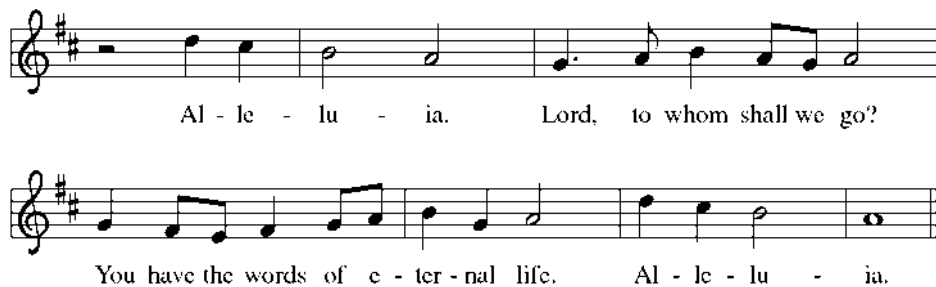
¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) ²² 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, ²³ 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, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ 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! ²⁶ 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.” ²⁷ This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ 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, ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



+ GOSPEL LUKE 13:10-17

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰ Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ 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. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ 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.” ¹⁵ 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? ¹⁶ 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?” ¹⁷ 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.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

“Glories of Your Name are Spoken”

LBW#358

+ 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 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

Healing God, as we gather to express the longings of our hearts, shower on us your mercy and grace.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

All these we ask in the name of Jesus, our Lord, who abides with you and the Holy Spirit forever.

Amen.

+ SHARING THE PEACE

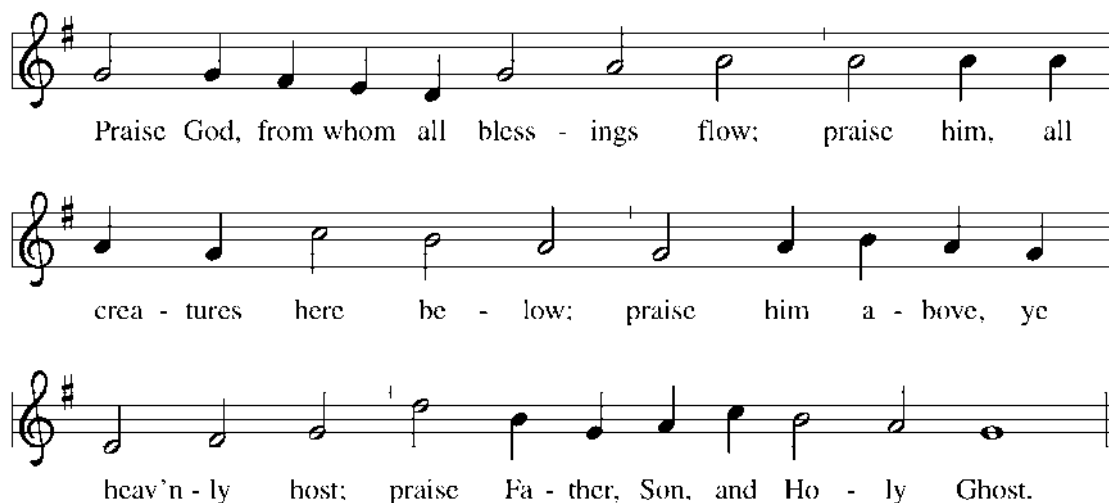
The Peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

+ OFFERTORY SONG “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

LBW#564



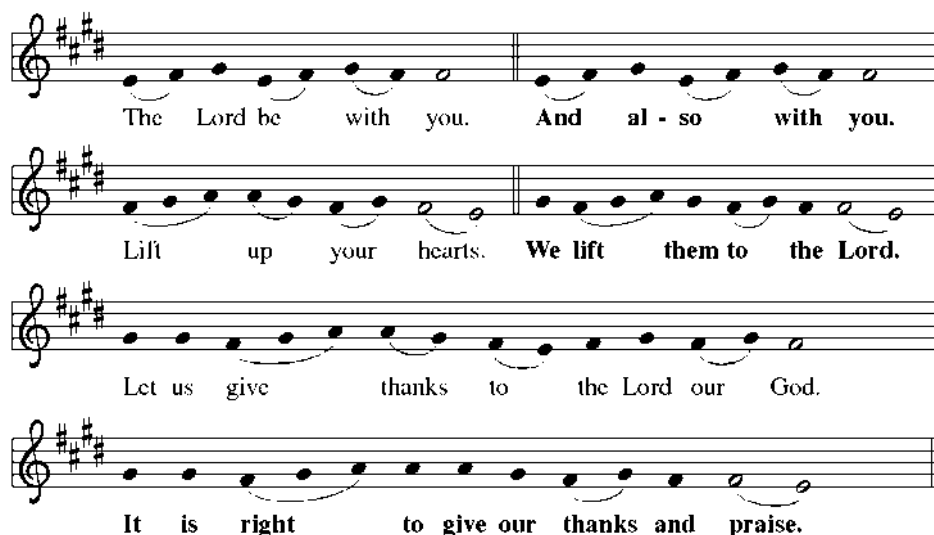
The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

+ OFFERING PRAYER

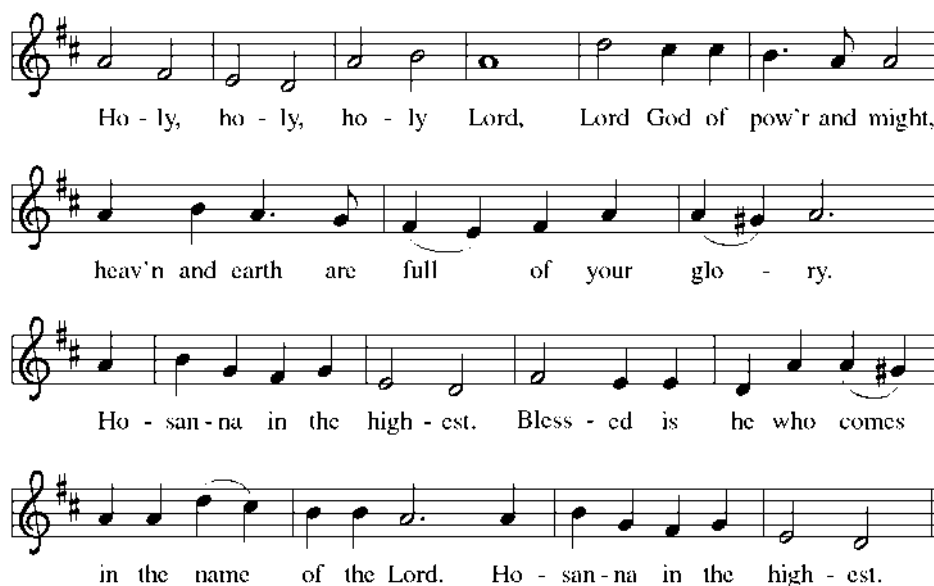
Let us pray together ...

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. Amen.

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ 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.

+ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION – All baptized children are welcome at the table for communion. Come forward in two lines to receive the bread from the pastor and wine/grape juice from a communion assistant.

+ TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen.

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious 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.

Amen.

+ BLESSING

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.

Amen.

+SENDING HYMN

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

WOV#721



1 “Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 “Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 “Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.
4 “I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.”
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.”
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.”
Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace.”

+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Useful Information

<u>Serving 8/24/2025</u>		<u>Serving 8/31/2025</u>	
Organist	Becky Lippard	Organist	Teresa Yost
Children's Sermon	Angela Lippard	Children's Sermon	Jamey Basinger
Lector	Shelly Hunter	Lector	Greta Elmore
Communion Assistant	Shelly Hunter & Marcus Reynolds	Communion Assistant	Shelly Hunter & Marcus Reynolds
Acolyte	Clara Linker	Acolyte	Cruz Beers
Security Team	Chris Sloop & Chris Kluttz	Security Team	Lynn Aldridge & Tony Sechler
Sound System	Chad Rivers	Sound System	Keaton Sloop
Teller Team	Greg Hartsell, Gary White & Nicole Ritchie	Teller Team	Greg Hartsell, Gary White & Nicole Ritchie
Ushers	Jennifer & Chris Sloop, Emily & Kurt Weddington	Ushers	Jennifer & Chris Sloop, Emily & Kurt Weddington

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents Bea & Leonard Litaker and Robert & Helen Sloop by Bob & Barbara Sloop.

FISH FRY start-up money is being collected during the month of August. Please use a brown envelope and mark as Fish Fry. Tickets for a 2025 Evolution Golf Cart can be obtained from a member of the Fish Fry committee or the church office.

WORSHIP CAFÉ: SEASON OF CONNECTION will be held on Sunday, September 14 in the FLC beginning at 9:30am. Please note that this is a change in our worship time.

BLOOD DRIVE at St. Lukes, Mt Ulla on Sunday, August 31 from 1:30-6:00.

PASTORAL CARE Pastor Josh will be on vacation this week. If Pastoral Care is needed, please contact the church office or Aaron Linker.

THANK YOU to Pastor Bob Howard for leading the worship service today.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Mon	Boy Scouts	
Tues	Quilting	10:00am
Wed	Chancel Choir Practice	7:00pm

Prayer List

Immediate needs:

Drew Sechler, Shirley Stiller, Janis Gray, Patty Reynolds, Danny Benfield, Jesse Martin, Tara Mills

Community Concerns:

Scout & Skylar Harmon (*Fish Fry Recipients*), Debbie Smith (*Sheila Basinger*)

Comfort:

Ongoing Needs:

John & Barbara Miller, Bobby & Barbara Sloop, Mary Miller, Kari Overcash, Janice Gray, Janis Eury, Allen & Lynn Sloop, Sophie Hooks, Louise Vaughn, Margie Martin, Judy Copeland, Diane Bouk, Arlene Wise, Hazel Miller, Ronnie Gorman, Earl Thomas, Danny Benfield, Jesse Martin

Those who serve others

Active Duty Military personnel and families; First Responders and families

This Week's Giving 08/17/2025

Needed Weekly

Attendance 164

Category	Amount	Per Spending Plan	Difference
Current	\$5,359.00		
Sunday School			
(Attendance - 66)	\$96.00		
Property Fund	\$50.00		
Facility Rental	\$105.00		
Cemetery	\$50.00		
Director of Youth and Family Ministries	\$25.00		
Benevolence	\$215.00		
World Hunger	\$50.00		
Total Current	\$5,950.00	\$7,815.00	(\$1,865.00)

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Larry Stirewalt Memorial	\$20.00
Lewis Moose Endowment	
Fund	\$100.00
Fish Fry T Shirts	\$80.00
Organ Fund	\$525.00
Fish Fry	\$325.00
Building Fund	\$80.00
Youth of Grace	\$570.00
Kids of Grace	\$102.61
Total Offering	\$7,752.61