

Welcome to Worship

September 13 - 14, 2025

14th Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER

The order of worship is set out in this bulletin. The Congregation responds in parts marked in **bold**.
The page and hymn numbers are listed for the Red ELW Hymnal. * Indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee* arr. John Behnke
Nicholas Davis, organ

"If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee" arr. John Behnke © 1997 Concordia Pub.

Tolling of the Bell

Welcome / Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.
Merciful God,

A: **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.**

***Gathering Song**

(5:00)

O God of Every Nation

ELW #713, vs 1, 4

- 1 O God of ev'ry nation, of ev'ry race and land,
redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.
- 4 Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and love shall reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

"O God of Every Nation" Text: William W. Reid Jr., b. 1923; Music: Welsh tune,
19th cent. Text © 1958, ren. 1986 The Hymn Society, admin. Hope Publishing Company.

(9:00)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW #807

- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
God, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790;
alt. Music: J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813.

***Invocation**

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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.**

*** Kyrie**

ELW p. 138

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

***Canticle of Praise**

This is the feast

ELW p. 140

Refrain This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- 1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*
- 2 Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. *Refrain*
- 3 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Final This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***Prayer of the Day** (spoken or sung)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD

First Reading

Exodus 15:7-14

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation (p. 2946). Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. Kindle Edition.

***Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia

ELW p. 142

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

***The Holy Gospel**

The gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 15:1-10

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

(5:00) Pastor Ben Sloss

(9:00) Pastor Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman

***Hymn of the Day**

(5:00)

Let Your Peace Rain Upon Us

Palestinian trad.

Let your peace rain upon us, O living God of peace.
Let your peace rain upon us, Lord, fill our hearts with your peace. *Repeat 2x*

"Let Your Peace Rain upon Us" Text: Palestinian traditional; tr. Mark Swanson, b. 1955, and Mark Sedio, b. 1954. Music: Palestinian traditional. English text © 2020 Augsburg Fortress.

(9:00)

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

ELW #779, vs 1, 2, 3

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5. Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony 1835; arr., Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921, alt.

***Apostles' Creed, p. 105**

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 into hell. 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 the People (responsive prayer)**

God of grace,
receive our prayers.

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you

Please be seated.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Impact Talk

Music Offering (5:00) *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* Tomlin/Newton/Giglio
Women's Chorale

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) | Chris Tomlin, John Newton, Louie Giglio | © 2006 Rising Springs Music; Vamos Publishing; worshiptogether.com songs (Admin. Capitol CMG Publishing).

(9:00) *The Potters Hand* arr. Jay Rouse
Sanctuary Choir

The Potters Hand | Darlene Zschech; arranged by Jay Rouse | © 1997 Wondrous Worship (Admin. Reservoir Media Management, Inc.

***Offertory** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* ELW #182

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" John W. Arthur; Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923.
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***Offering Prayer**

THE MEAL

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.

All sing *Holy, Holy, Holy* ELW p. 144

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

***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 it is 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.**

Please be seated.

*Holy Communion is offered weekly at all worship services, and all are welcome to receive it.
You will receive a wafer, which can be dipped into the divided chalice. The red is wine, and the white is
grape juice. Gluten-free at all stations. When present, a prayer minister, wearing a cross on a red
ribbon, is located at the back of the worship space.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Lamb of God" Holy Communion, setting three; Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927. SundaysandSeasons.com
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(5:00) Meditation Music

God's Work, Our Hands
 Nicholas Davis, piano

David Johnson

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(9:00) Communion Hymn*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

ELW #461

- 1 All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
 Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
 You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
 Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
- 2 All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
 Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.
 We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
 Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
- 3 All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.
 Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed.
 Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
 Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan,
 1955-1993; Music: W. Moore, Columbian Harmony, 1825; arr.
 hymnal version. Text © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc. Arr. © 2003
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Prayer after Communion*WE ARE SENT*****Responsive Sending**

People of God, we are called into '*Life Together*'...
Rooted in Christ, growing in grace, connected in love.
 Just like the early church, we gather with purpose...
Devoted to prayer, to fellowship, and to the breaking of bread.
 We are not church alone—we are church together...
Called to show up, speak truth, and share burdens.
 The Spirit forms us into a community of care...
Where generosity flows, and no one is forgotten.
 In every act of love, every table shared, every name remembered...
Christ is made known among us.
 So go now—renewed in connection, bold in faith, alive in hope...
To live '*Life Together*', to '*Know Jesus, and Make Jesus Known*'. Amen.

Blessing**Sending Song****(5:00)***Goodness Is Stronger than Evil*

ELW #721

Goodness is stronger than evil;
 love is stronger than hate;
 light is stronger than darkness;
 life is stronger than death;

vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours,
through God who loves us.
Vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours,
through God who loves us. *Repeat*

"Goodness Is Stronger than Evil" Text from *An African Prayer Book* selected by
Desmond Tutu. Music: John L. Bell, b. 1949. Text © 1995 by Desmond Tutu.
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(9:00)

God's Work, Our Hands

Wayne L. Wold

- 1 God's work, our hands: working together, building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens, feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name, sharing the good news of your gospel.
- 2 God's work, our feet: trav'ling together, following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom, running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way, sharing the good news of your gospel.
- 3 God's work, our voice: singing together, praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice, claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name, sharing the good news of your gospel.
- 4 God is at work in and around us: seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored, gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call, sharing the good news of your gospel.

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***Dismissal**

Go in peace, serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God, we will!

Postlude (5:00)

Reprise on "*Goodness Is Stronger than Evil*"
Nicholas Davis, piano

(9:00)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Nicholas Davis, piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Ludwig van Beethoven; arranged
by Lloyd Larson. © 2017 Hope Publishing.

*Thank you to the the Women's Chorale, the Sanctuary Choir,
and to all who gave of their time to plan, serve, and participate in today's worship.*

This week in prayers:

We continue to pray for those with needs or concerns, especially Jim Sherman, Regan
Eertmoed, and Vickie Witt.

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Worship Service Opportunities

- Our Saviour's Campus, Traditional Worship, Saturday, 5:00 pm Sunday, 9:00 am
Blended Sunday, 11:00 am
- Celebration Campus, Contemporary Sunday, 10:00 am

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Upcoming Activities and Events

Information for groups and events, as well as registration links, can be found on the Home menu, News & Events page of our website at www.oursaviours.com

- Our Saviour's will provide dinner for **Loaves & Fishes' Moving Up program** on [Monday, Sept. 15](#), at 5:30 p.m. at Loaves & Fishes' Aurora location (580 Exchange Ct.). Can you provide a main dish, salad/fruit, or dessert? To **sign up**, see our website. Questions? Contact Pastor Elisabeth. (Also, Moving Up is in need of a volunteer babysitter for Monday evenings Sept. 8-Oct. 27. Contact **Sharon Gonzalez** at L&F if interested.)
- The **Old Testament Bible Study group** (formerly Circle of Learning) will resume meeting on [Wednesday, Sept. 17](#), from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Advent Room on the Our Saviour's Campus. This fall, the group will study the Book of Joshua.
- On [Sunday, Sept. 21](#), we welcome **Pastor Leslie Hunter of Holy Family Ministries** in Chicago, an OSLC mission partner, as guest preacher at our 9, 10, and 11 a.m. worship services. Pastor Leslie last joined us to guest preach in 2022, and we are excited to welcome him back!
- **Dialogues in Faith** will host a two-part discussion of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's "*Life Together*" on [Sundays, Sept. 21 and 28](#), at 10:15 a.m. in Luther Court on the Our Saviour's Campus. All are welcome, regardless of whether you've read the book!
- The **Banned Books Club** will meet [Monday, Sept. 22](#), at 7 p.m. in the Bonhoeffer Conference Room of the Our Saviour's Campus to discuss "*The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives*" by Dashka Slater. This is a book that has been banned by some schools and libraries. All are welcome to join the discussion, regardless of whether you have read the book! If anyone is unable to cover the cost of the book, please contact Ann Ahlman or Kelly Holden, and a book will be provided to you at no cost.
- A new session of **weekly yoga** will begin on [Wednesday, Sept. 24](#). Meet from 9 to 10:15 a.m. in the lower level of the Our Saviour's Campus. Questions? Contact Nancy Sayer at nesayer@me.com.
- **Women's Ministry** will kick off a new year of programming on Friday, Sept. 26, with a Divine Desserts event starting at 7 p.m. in Nelson-Niemi Fellowship Hall. Learn how to make three kinds of "walking desserts." RSVP to Luann Gerth, luanngerth24@gmail.com, by Sept. 22 and pay \$10 at the door.
- **Midweek Meetups** have started at the Our Saviour's Campus! Come for dinner at 6 p.m., followed by Children's Choir, Surge Confirmation, Sanctuary Choir, and adult small groups.
- **Thursday Kids Club** at Celebration Campus! From 4-6 p.m., Kids can enjoy open play in the gym or do homework/quiet activities in the conference room. Find details and registration on our Children & Family Ministry page.
- Save the date for **Trivia Night**, hosted by our stewardship committee, on [Friday, Oct. 17](#)! This 21+ event will feature trivia galore plus bites and beverages from 7-9 p.m. at Celebration Campus. Tickets will be \$10/person; tickets will be available on our website on the news-event page.

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