

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.
P: It is indeed right for us to give thanks to God, for God is indeed holy, almighty, and merciful. He is most holy, and his majesty is great. God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may have everlasting life. We give thanks to God for Jesus coming into the world to fulfill for us his holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

Words of Institution

The 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.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Distribution Hymn *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ELW #502

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer
Good and 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.

Benediction
The love of God abounds in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fills your hearts; and the life of the Spirit blesses you and gives you peace.

Threefold Amen

Closing Song *I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light* ELW #815

Dismissal: **P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!**
 C: Thanks be to God!

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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!
“If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to Become a member, contact any member, or the church office.”

Sunday, August 17th, 2025; 9:30 am 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness
P: We come before our God under the sign of our baptism in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.
P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.
(A moment of silence for self-reflection)

C: 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.
P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
Opening Hymn: *Let the Whole Creation Cry* ELW #876

Apostolic Greeting
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.
Call to Worship Psalm 82
P: God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

C: "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah
P: Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.
C: Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."
P: They have neither knowledge nor understanding; they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
C: I say, "You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;
P: nevertheless, you shall die like mortals and fall like any prince."
C: Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations belong to you

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.
C: Judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression; you give peace to those who seek it, and you condemn the rage of violence. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29 Janet Andersen
Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back--those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2
By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented--of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore,

since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Alleluia Verse: *Christ, Be Our Light* Vs. 3 ELW #715

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:49-56
(After the reading is announced: C: Glory to you, O Lord.)

[Jesus said,] "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

(After the reading: P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.)

Children’s Message Pastor Josh Schunk

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sermon Pastor Josh Schunk

Hymn of the Day: *When Peace Like a River* ELW #785

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Offering Hymn: *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing* ELW #393

Offertory Prayer
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.

Service of Holy Communion
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.