

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.

Invitation to Communion:

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Distribution Hymn O Jesus, I Have Promised ELW #810

Special Music: Hallelujah Hooligans

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray.
C: 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. Amen.

Blessing

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.

Closing Song Lift High the Cross ELW #660

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, September 7th, 2025; 9:30 am 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Rally Day!

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Special Music: Hallelujah Hooligans

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spiit.
C: Amen.
P: Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

(A moment of silence for self-reflection)

C: Merciful and loving God, we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven!
C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me ELW #798

Call to Worship (Psalm 1)

P: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
C: Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.
P: They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.
C: It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

P: Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

C: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray.

C: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Special Music:

Hallelujah Hooligans

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Mary Lee
¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21
¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to our beloved coworker Philemon, ² to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸ For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh

and in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

Gospel Acclamation: *As We Seek Your Face*
As we seek Your face, may we know Your heart, feel Your presence, acceptance, as we seek Your face. At Your feet we fall, Sovereign Lord. We cry holy, holy, at Your feet we fall.

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-33
(After the reading is announced: C: Glory to you O Lord.)

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

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

Special Music: Hallelujah Hooligans

Children’s Message Pastor Josh Schunk

Sermon Pastor Josh Schunk

Hymn of the Day: *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said* ELW #667

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Offering Hymn: *Take My Life That I May Be* ELW #685

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

C: 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. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion