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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.*

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# TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

*The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great “cloud of witnesses.” In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”*

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## **HOLY COMMUNION** *EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP*

### **\*GATHERING**

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

WELCOME AND PRELUDE

*Chorale Prelude*

Streicher

### **\* ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND 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.

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 and Thanks and Adoration*      ELW 783

\*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.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**WORD**

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*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:23-29

*Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:29–12:2

*The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this “cloud of witnesses,” we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Celtic Alleluia*

ELW 174

## \*GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-56

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke...  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God’s call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.*

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*Rev. Dave Peters*

## \*HYMN OF THE DAY

*Come Now, O God*

ACS 902



## **\*CREED**

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ, living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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**

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

Raise up faithful leaders for your church around the world. Inspire global missionaries Drs. Andrew and Rev. Sarah Hinlicky Wilson and Steve and Bethany Friberg with a spirit of accompaniment, as they walk alongside our partners in the gospel in solidarity, interdependence, and mutuality. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Safeguard rivers and lakes from pollution. Sustain the work of conservationists, policy makers, and advocacy groups seeking to protect fresh water sources. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Bridge divisions across partisan lines. Strengthen cooperative efforts among lawmakers who enact policies that protect our neighbors who are most vulnerable. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Embrace all who suffer in isolation: for those who are incarcerated or detained, those who are fleeing from unsafe environments, and those who are sick or homebound especially... . Reassure them of your care in all times and places. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Guide the leaders of this congregation. In these late summer weeks, inspire their planning for a new program year ahead. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration and support for their work. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Additional prayers may be added here in speech and silence.*

With thanksgiving, we remember the cloud of witnesses who surround us, especially... . By the example of their faith, enable us to run with perseverance the race set before us, until that day when we join their unending praise. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.  
**Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## MEAL

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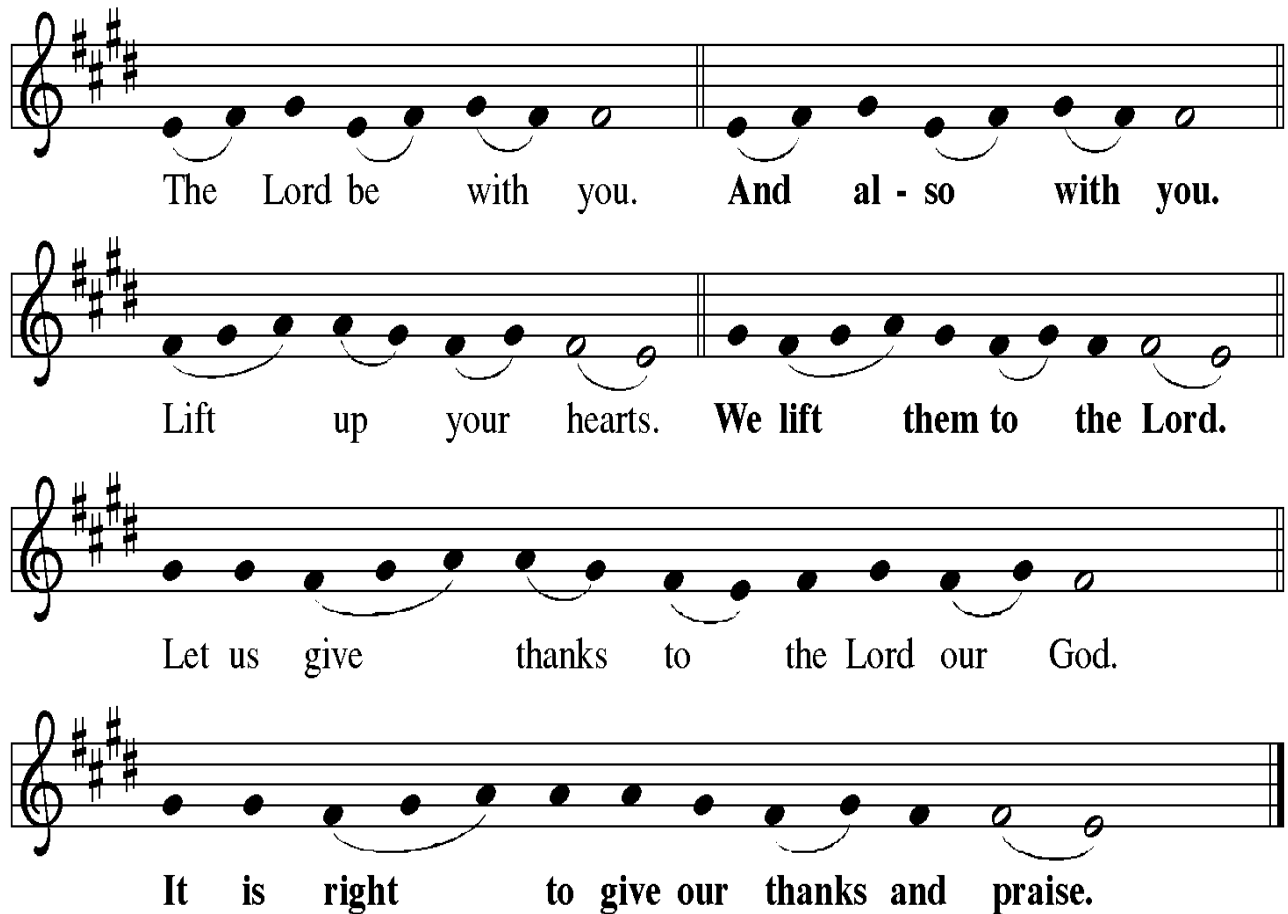
*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING OF GIFTS

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. 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**

### \*DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

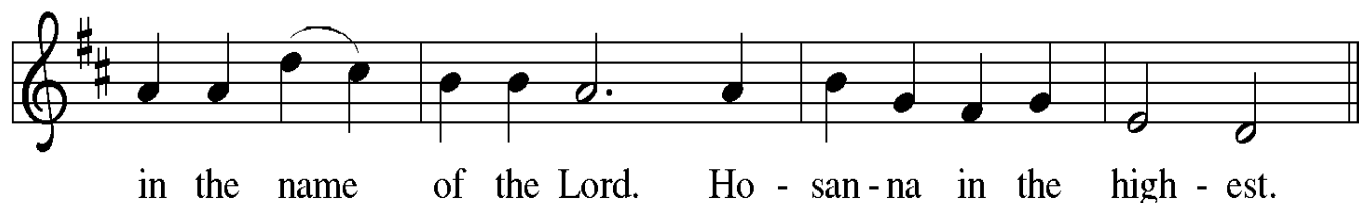
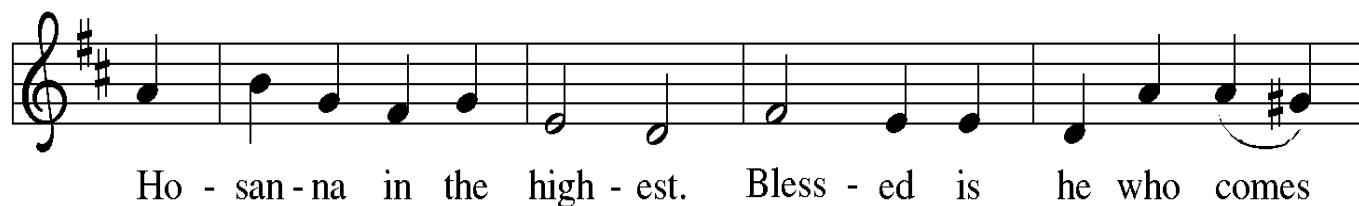
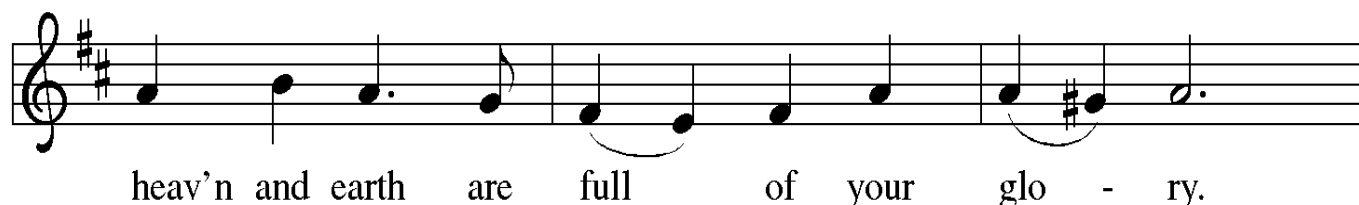
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## \*PREFACE

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:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen**

## \*LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

DISTRIBUTION

*Prelude*

Samuel Wesley

## \*BLESSING

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

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Mothering 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.**

## SENDING

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### \*BENEDICTION

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

*God, My Lord, My Strength*

ELW 795

### \*DISMISSAL

God in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Rhapsody*

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## SERVING IN THE LITURGY

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PRESIDING AND PREACHING MINISTER

Rev. Dave Peters

ASSISTING MINISTER

Carrie Watkiss

MUSIC MINISTER

David Richards

SERVICE LEADER

Beverly Tarbox

LECTOR

John Broussard

GREETERS

Paul and Carrie Watkiss

LIVE STREAM

Paul Watkiss

USHER

Janet Broussard

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTANS

Edward and Joanne Sefara

## PRAYER LIST

***Members of the Congregation:*** Larry Crachy, Heather Greer, Staci Harden, Shirley Kostelny, Luddy Kovalsky, Rev. James Kuemmerle, Lois Mika, Mary Sasuta, Edward Sefara and Gregg Valek. ***Friends and Relatives of the Congregation:*** Betty Bartel, Kurt Behrendt, Wally Bisping, Ann Boor, Rich Caliendo, Bill Costello, Dan Costello, Eric Dennison, Becky Dice, Barbara Dykes, Melissa Foe, Denise Fricano, Walid Jabbar, Drew Janos, Ron Kelly, Michael Kerney, Nicole Kisiel, Jeff Kubik, Lenyce Lawrenson, Darlene Loughlin, Marcia Matthies, Artem Molovkina, Donald Neal, Gail Purcell, Sandy Rossella, Greg Schaefer, Gus Sicaras, Thomas Sicaras, Peter Spilotro, Kathy Stenson, Janie Tarbox, Marta Vrtichova, Eric, Rondell, Diane, Geoff Vana, and Tom Zajac.

Welcome and thank you to **Rev. Dave Peters** for serving as the preaching and presiding minister in the liturgy this morning during our time of transition.

### Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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| <i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2025:</i>          | \$2,615.00 |
| <i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i> | \$ 840.00  |
| <i>Shortage:</i>                                   | \$1,775.00 |

*Donations are welcome via Zelle at [donations@stspeterandpaulriverside.org](mailto:donations@stspeterandpaulriverside.org).*

## UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

*Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, died 1153*  
*Wednesday, August 20, 2025*

Bernard, a Cistercian monk, was a man of great spirituality who wrote mystical works and criticized those whom he thought took an overly intellectual approach to the faith. He became an abbot, and wrote several hymns that are still beloved today.