## Sunday, September 7, 2025 The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am: Hope Lutheran Church (Livestream) 1801 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue N





## WELCOME



## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our light, our strength, and our salvation. **Amen.** 

In the presence of God and of one another, let us confess our sin.

We take time to reflect on our actions and choices.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your people, but we do not follow your ways.

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your goodness to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive us.

Rejoice over us the lost

who have been found.

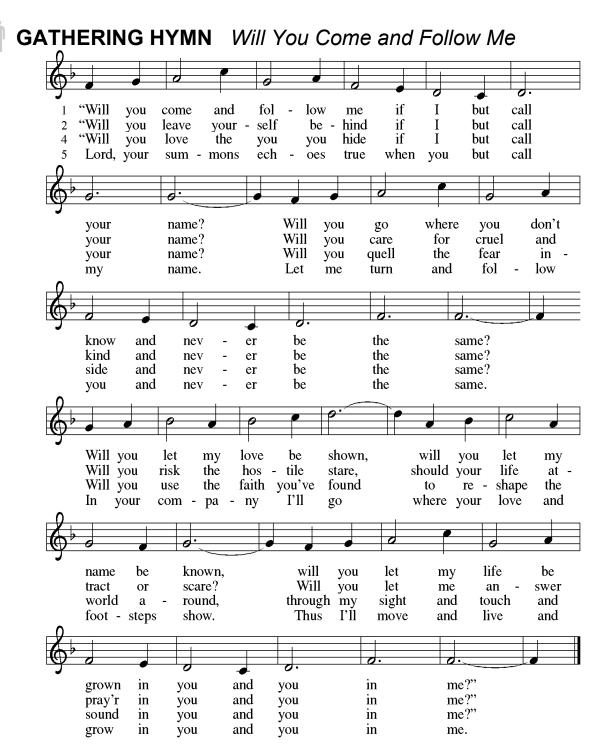
Amen.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners just like us. Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. In the name of ⊕ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!







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Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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## **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**

"Kyrie eleison," Greek for "Lord have mercy," is one of the most ancient prayers of the Christian Church. Lutherans use it in a prayer that our time of worship will be blessed by God's presence.



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.** 

## 💃 GETTING BACK TO BASICS

## FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.

<sup>15</sup> "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> 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, <sup>20</sup> 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."

Word of God. Word of Life.

### Thanks be to God.

## PSALM: Psalm 1

The refrain will be played through once as introduction, and will then be sung by the congregation; the congregation will then repeat the refrain at the end of each set of verses, as indicated by "**R**"



- <sup>1</sup> 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! R
- <sup>2</sup> Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.
- <sup>3</sup> 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. **R**
- <sup>4</sup> It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- <sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- <sup>6</sup> For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed. R

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### **SECOND READING: Philemon 1-21**

Onesimus, a new Christian and a man enslaved by Philemon, has helped Paul, who is in prison. Paul writes this letter to his friend Philemon to encourage him to receive Onesimus, upon his return, as a sibling in Christ.

- <sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To our beloved coworker Philemon, <sup>2</sup> to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- <sup>4</sup>I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup> because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.
- <sup>8</sup> For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup> Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. <sup>12</sup> I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup> I wanted



to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup> but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup> Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, <sup>16</sup> 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.

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

Word of God. Word of Life.

### Thanks be to God.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Please stand and sing twice:



### **GOSPEL:** Luke 14:25-33

Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

The good news of God's love according to Luke.

## Glory to you, O Lord.

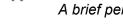
<sup>25</sup> Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> 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? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup> 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? <sup>32</sup> If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.** 





A brief period for silent meditation will follow at the conclusion of the sermon.





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Music: MICHAEL, Herbert Howells, 1892-1983

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## THE 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

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

After each petition:

God of grace; receive our prayer.

At the conclusion of the prayers:

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.



## THE SHARING OF PEACE

Instead of putting a donation in the offering plate during the next hymn, you can use the appropriate QR code to make a contribution on the church website; or you can mail an offering to the church.





God's Work. Our Hands



Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

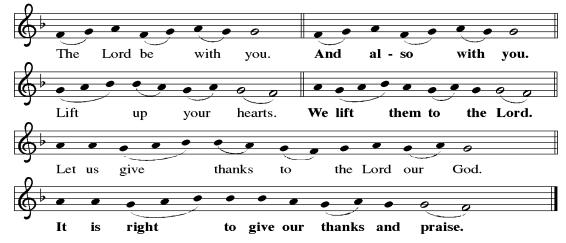
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## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope on you. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE 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

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.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

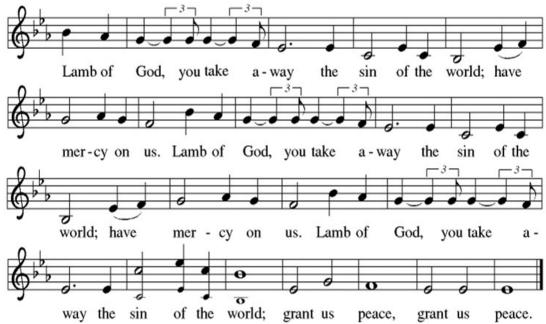
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

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. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to this meal of mercy. **Jesus welcomes us!** 

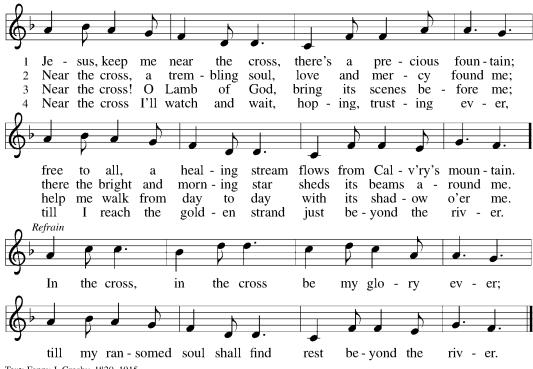
## LAMB OF GOD







## **COMMUNION HYMN** Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915



### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. O God, through this meal you have strengthened us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our lives with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

## BLESSING

Amen.





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## DISMISSAL

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Thanks be to God.





After the service, please stay for a time of refreshments and conversation



### Thank you to those serving this month:

Service		Lectors	Communion Assistants	Altar Flower Sponsors
09/07	9:30	Gary Bartelt	Gary Bartelt	(open for sponsorship)
	11:00	Combined service at Hope Lutheran this week. No 11:00am service.		
09/14	9:30	Lou Carter		The people of Hope
	11:00			
09/21	9:30	Terri Craig		Donna Watson – IHO mother's bday (21st) and John's bday (24th)
	11:00			
09/28	9:30	(not yet assigned)		(open for sponsorship)
	11:00			

### **Birthdays this week:**

09/08 - Amari Hamilton

09/08 - Amy Reedy

09/08 - Shirley Taylor

09/09 - William Bartelt

09/10 - Violet Prepost

### **Anniversaries this week:**

- None -

## **This Week's Calendar of Events:**

### Today (09/07)

10:45am — Constitution Conversations (CommUNITY Rm) Monday (09/08)

4:00pm – Constitution Conversations (Trinity 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) **Tuesday (09/09)** 

(no scheduled events)

### Wednesday (09/10)

11:30am – Community Meal (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor at Trinity)

6:00pm - Faith 2 Life Series (CommUNITY Room)

### Thursday (09/11)

6:00pm — Grace Family Bible Study (CommUNITY Rm)

7:00pm - Choir Practice (Hope Sanctuary)

Staff Planning Meeting – Offsite, offices closed

### Friday (09/12)

RSVP for Next Tuesday's Women's Lunch (Olive Garden)

9:30am - TLC Pantry (1st Floor at Trinity)

9:30am - Dolores Food Pantry (CommUNITY Room)

6:30pm - Choir Kickoff Party (CommUNITY Room)

### **Saturday (09/13)**

9:00am – Hope Chest (Thrift Store)

10:00am – Congregation Breakfast (Spring Garden)

## **Further Info/Items of Interest:**

- Hope Council Meeting: Originally scheduled for Tuesday 09/09 has been moved to next week 09/16 at 10am.
- Faith 2 Life: our Wednesday evening series, is currently exploring "How Jesus Became God." Our next series will be "Why the Bible?"
- Food Pantry: Our current focus for donations/
   "in-gathering" is for anything required for our
   food pantries! The pantry at Trinity deals mostly
   with bagged lunches (ready-to-eat items).
   The pantry at Hope offers a wider array of grocery
   items for families suffering from food insecurity.
   Reach out to representatives from each for
   specific needs!
- Olive Garden: On Tuesday, Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, the women will be having lunch at the Olive Garden on US19.
   Please RSVP by Friday (09/12) to be included in the reservation number!
- Choir Kickoff Party! Friday night (6:30pm) in the CommUNITY Room. Pizza will be provided. Choir members are encouraged to bring a dessert or a side dish!
- Monthly Congregation Breakfast: will be at Spring Garden Family Restaurant (1018 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave N) on Saturday morning.



## **Prayer List:**

### For those ministering in our congregations:

Pastor Paul Gibson
Deacon Lynne Tallon
Music Director Ross Kimura
Music Director Brenden Hall

### For those needing strength & healing:

Melody Cather
Petra Young
Wike Lederhouse
Maureen Rogers
Charlie Braitling
Paula Smith
Vickie Clark
Luke Mendenhall
Marjorie Smetana
Jim & Edna Howell

Brenda Braitling Ana Rivera
Teri Fitzpatrick Bob Gascon
Justin Fitzpatrick Elmer Goetz
Andrea Chambers Myrtle Munsch
Eliza Walker Sandra Hill & family

### For those homebound:

Lorna Holder Marion Cheslock Shirley Taylor Judy Milanese

Betty Aker Scheryl Hill (hospice)

### For those suffering from cancer:

Jim Tallon

Whitney & Greg Corrigan

Rick Jackson Rev. Pam Smith Frank Durilla

Rev. Ernest Knoche Ron Oughton Barbara

### For those grieving the loss of a loved one:

Mary Regan – ex-husband, Paul Zalatel Family & friends of Joanne Johnston Family & friends of Liz Karshner Family & friends of Craig Mowrer Family & friends of Chan Ros

Family & friends of Barbara Johnson Family & friends of Sheila Johnson Family & friends of David Larson

Family & friends of Gerda Fjogreen Peterson

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