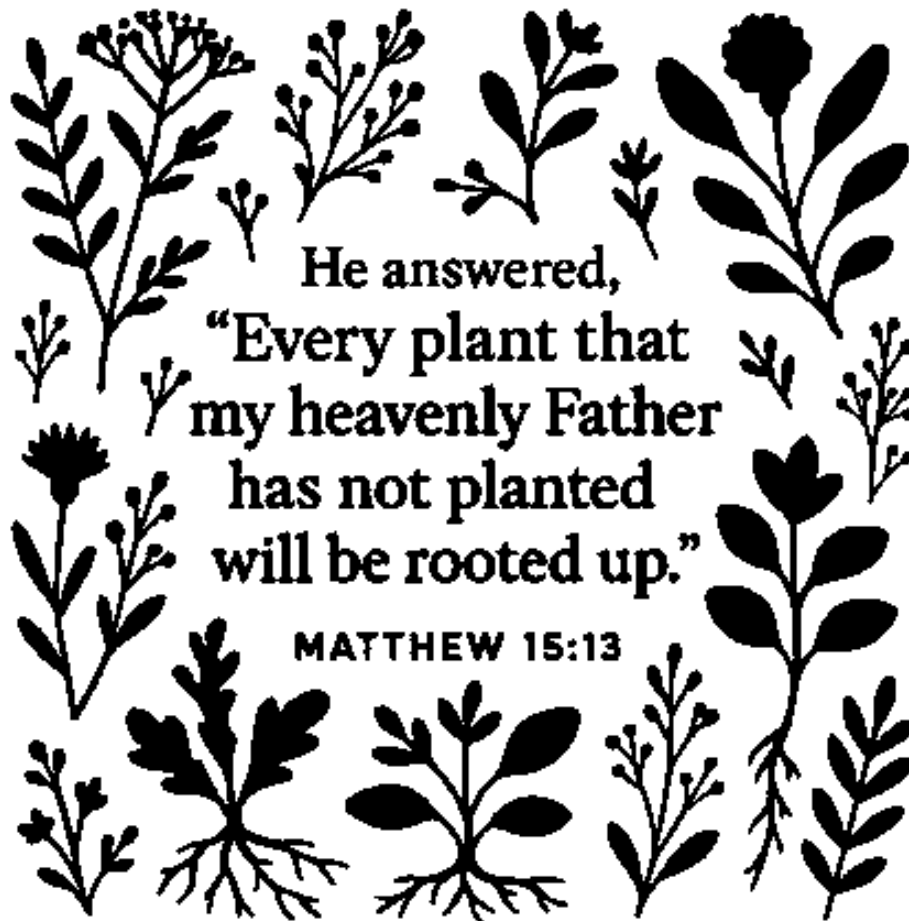


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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

12 PENTECOST

AUGUST 16, 2026 ✂ 9:30 AM

**PREACHING TODAY:
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WELCOME TO ALL who join us today for worship!

Most everything you need is printed in this bulletin. Hymns are found in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) hymnal.

- **Rest room facilities** are located in the hallway south of the Atrium.
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*** The congregation please stand as you are able.**

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August 16, 2026

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Prelude in C major from Well-Tempered Clavier

J.S. Bach

Day by Day - Rachel Trelstad Porter

Barbara Hoffman, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Vespers on the Nile - Edgar Russell Carver

Patti Faux, piano

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed by the Holy Trinity ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Brief silence

P Most merciful God,

C **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have neglected to nurture the new growth you cause to sprout among us. We have failed to protect those tender and vulnerable in faith from the choking weeds of our indifference and inflexibility. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, rededicate us, and compel us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

*** GATHERING HYMN**

All Are Welcome - ELW # 641

* GREETING

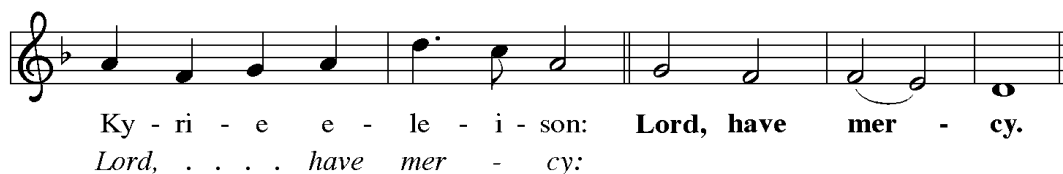
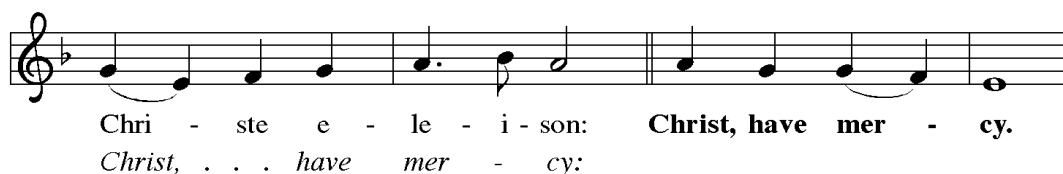
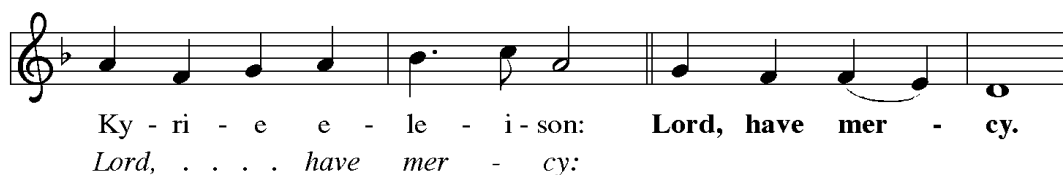
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

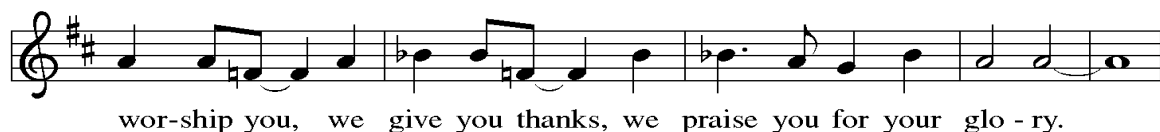
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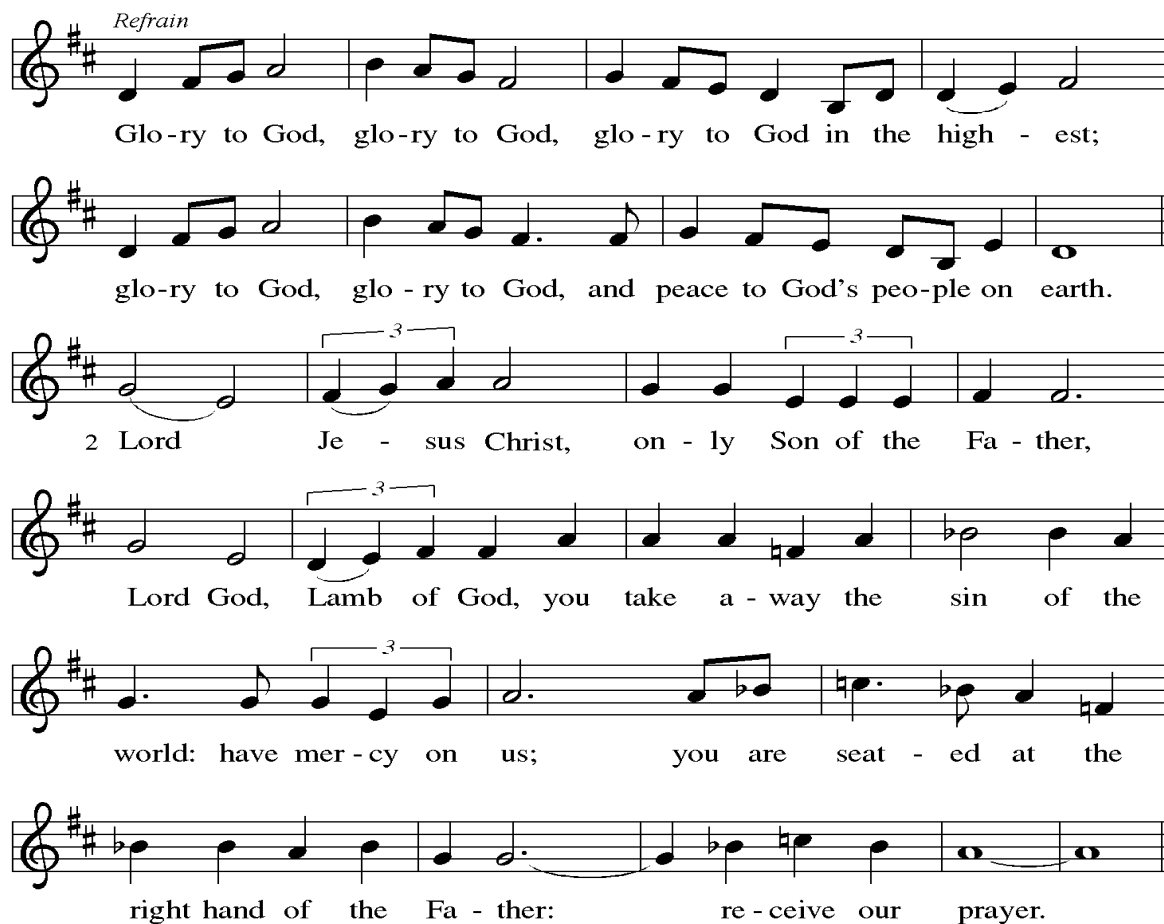
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* HYMN OF PRAISE



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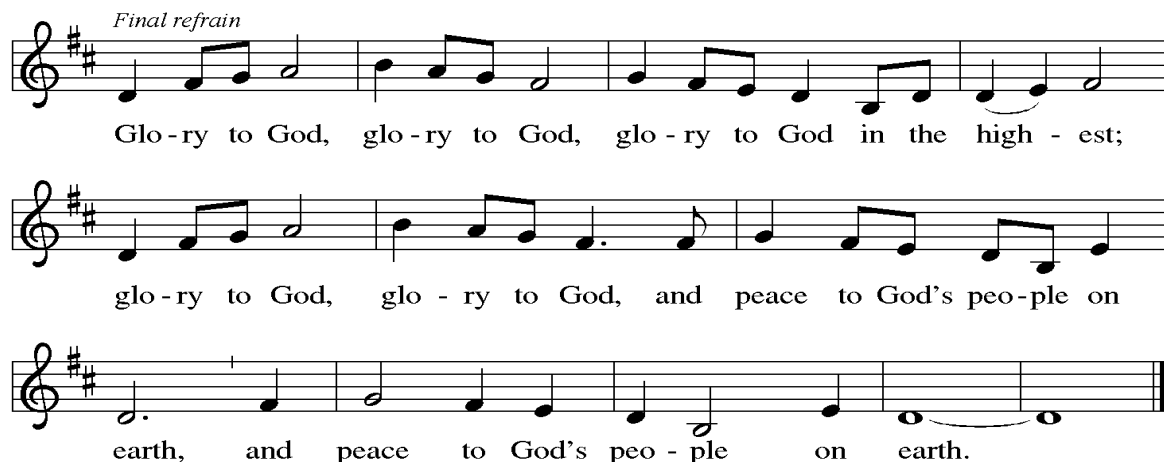


Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
 3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹ Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
 for soon my salvation will come
 and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
 to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
 and to be his servants,
 all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
 and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
 and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
 their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
 will be accepted on my altar,
 for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

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

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Paul writes: ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

WOV p. 31

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -

lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*** THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 15:10-28**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifteenth chapter:

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁰ Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.”

¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

The Rev. Justin Lingenfelter

*** HYMN OF THE DAY**

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy - ELW # 588

*** THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

P Living together in trust and hope with believers around the world, we confess our common faith:

C **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 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 THE PEOPLE**

A With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

P For believers around the world who stream to your holy mountain, that all be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your church on earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heavenly kingdom. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness and destruction. Safeguard endangered species and their habitats. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

P For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

A For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind especially those we name aloud or in our hearts (*brief pause*). Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

P For this congregation, for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A For the saints before us whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

P Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

(Worshippers are encouraged to share the greeting "Peace be with you" with one another.)

OFFERTORY INTERLUDE

Barbara Hoffman, piano

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* DOXOLOGY

WOV p. 35

Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share
freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the
name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
- C Amen.

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P 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:

* SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

WOV p. 36

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

- P Jesus was always the guest. In the homes of Peter and Jairus, Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna, he was always the guest. At the meal tables of the wealthy where he pled the case of the poor, he was always the guest. Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people, welcoming the stranger, he was always the guest.
- P But here, at this table, he is the host. Those who wish to serve him must first be served by him. Those who want to follow him must first be fed by him. For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished. This is the table where we who are broken are made whole. So, come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world. Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at his.
- P 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.
- P 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.
- P So now we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and wine, the produce of the earth and fruit of human labor. In these, Jesus has promised to be present; through these, Christ can make us whole. We ask, merciful God, that you send, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. Let that same Spirit rest on us, call us from the folly of this world, until in wisdom, we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.
- P All this we ask through your son, Jesus Christ. By him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, All honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us saying:

C **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

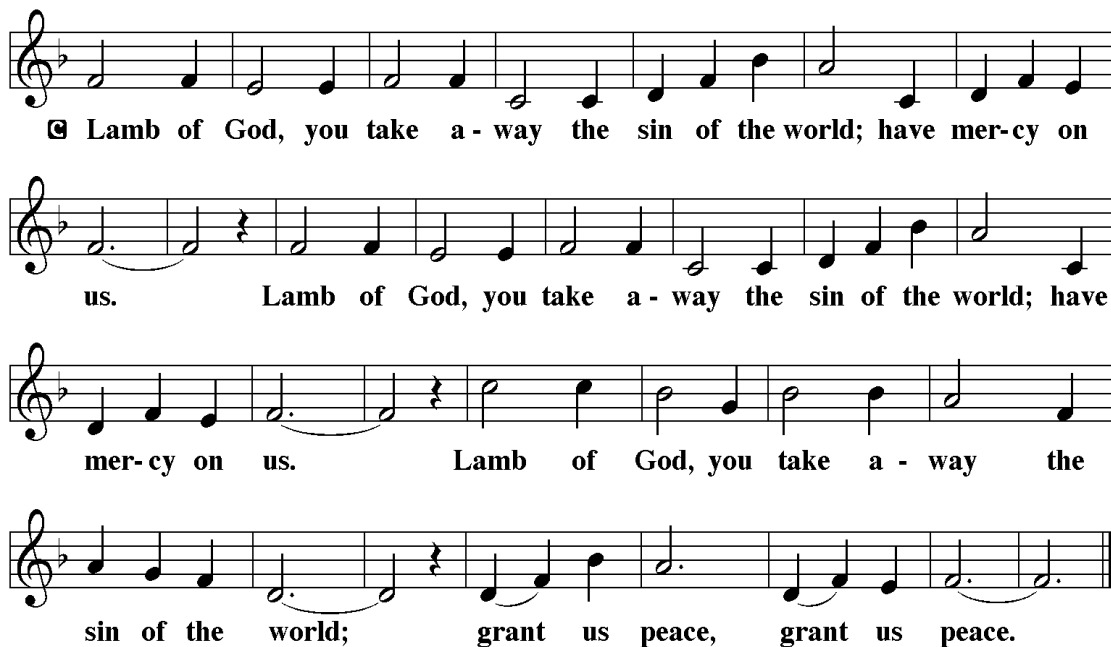
P Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

C **Thanks be to God.**

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

WOV p. 39



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
French, arr. Biery, Carlson
Barbara Hoffman, piano

COMMUNION HYMN

One Bread, One Body - ELW # 496

*** POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

*** POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*** BENEDICTION**

P Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God the creator, strengthen us; Jesus the beloved fill us; and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✠ keep us in peace.

C **Amen.**

*** SENDING HYMN**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee - ELW # 759

*** DISMISSAL**

P Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C **Thanks be to God.**

*** POSTLUDE**

Prelude in G major from Well-Tempered Clavier - J.S. Bach
Barbara Hoffman, piano

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THANKS to Patti Faux, pianist, for providing today's prelude.

THANKS to Barbara Hoffman, guest pianist for accompanying today's worship service.

August 16 - 23, 2026

Sunday, Aug. 16 / 12 Pentecost Pastor Justin preaching	9:30am Holy Communion 1:00pm –4:00pm Annual Church Picnic @ Kelly Crossroads Comm. Park
Monday, Aug. 17 Sept. newsletter info due	6:00pm –9:00pm Transitions Meeting-Parlor 7:00pm –8:00pm Al-Anon-YR
Tuesday, Aug. 18	2:00pm –4:00pm Transitions - LCH
Wednesday, Aug. 19	9:00am Holy Sew 'N' Sews-LCH 6:00pm Theology on Tap - Rusty Rail
Thursday, Aug. 20	6:00pm Men's Bible Study - Parlor
Friday, Aug. 21	
Saturday, Aug. 22	
Sunday, Aug. 23 / 13 Pentecost Pastor Katy preaching	9:30am Holy Communion 10:45am Kunkel/Finance

ATTENDANCE: 9:30am: August 9, 2026: 103

OFFERINGS: August 2 & 9, 2026: \$5,047.50

EXPENDITURES & CONTRIBUTIONS ANALYSIS

	<u>Month of July 2026</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Contributions Made	\$ 19,404	\$ 160,518
Actual Expenses	<u>29,638</u>	<u>191,920</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	\$ (10,234)	\$ (31,402)
Actual Expenses	\$ 29,638	\$ 191,920
Budgeted Expenses	<u>30,476</u>	<u>197,713</u>
Expenses Over (Under) Budget	<u>\$ (838)</u>	<u>\$ (5,792)</u>