

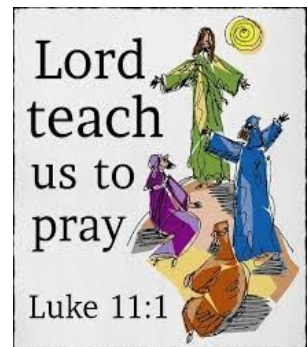


5th Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 2025

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Setting 8



## Introduction to the Day

*Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."*

**Announcements:** This week's activities can be found on page 14

*Congregation participation in **bold print**.*

*Please rise in body or spirit .*

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

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
Who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen**

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Forgive us almighty God, when we choose any other way but yours. We spend our time on trivial things rather than eternal ones. Save us from accepting what is false and show us what is true. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus said: Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. God abounds in love and mercy and welcomes our return, for in Christ, God came to us that we might have abundant life. Jesus forgives us.

**Amen**

<sup>1</sup>



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

<sup>2</sup>



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

\* May be sung in canon.

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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 eleison, on our world and on our way,***

***Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.***

*For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;*

*for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,*

*let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord*

***Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,***

***Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.***

*That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;*

*that we may live out truth and justice and grace,*

*let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord*

***Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,***

***Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.***

*For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;*

*for life and for love, for our work and our play,*

*let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord*

***Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,***

***Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.***

*For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;*

*that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,*

*let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord*

***Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,***

***Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.***

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

*Please be seated.*

**WORD-** God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

## FIRST READING Genesis 18:20-32

*In today’s reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God’s justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham’s nephew, Lot.*

<sup>20</sup> Then the LORD said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup> I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know.”

<sup>22</sup> So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup> Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who

are in it? <sup>25</sup> Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup> And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup> Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup> Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup> Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup> Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup> He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup> Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm 138**

- <sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- <sup>2</sup> **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**
- <sup>3</sup> When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.
- <sup>4</sup> **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**
- <sup>5</sup> They will sing of the ways of the LORD,  
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- <sup>6</sup> **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty from afar.**
- <sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
- <sup>8</sup> **You will make good your purpose for me;  
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

### **SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]**

*The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.*

<sup>6</sup> As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup> Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup> when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

[ <sup>16</sup> Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. <sup>17</sup> These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup> Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup> and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.]

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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*Please rise in body or spirit*

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.*

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."<sup>2</sup> So he said to them,

"When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ <sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup> “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **SERMON**

**Deacon Kathy Sebree**

*Please rise in body or spirit*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“We Will Glorify”

Worship & Praise Hymn 154

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using 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.**

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*After each petition, the Worship Assistant will say, "God of grace," The congregation will respond, "hear our prayer".*

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.....

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Please take a few moments to greet those around you as you feel comfortable, keeping in mind that not everyone is comfortable shaking hands or hugging.*

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

## OFFERING

### OFFERING SONG

"Goodness is Stronger Than Evil

ELW Hymn 721



Good -ness is stron - ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;



light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is



ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is



ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

Text: From *An African Prayer Book*, Desmond Tutu, b. 1931

Music: GOODNESS IS STRONGER, John L. Bell, b. 1949

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*Please rise in body or spirit.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,

Holy God, **gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**



**DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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**

ELW pg 190

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night on 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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 today 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.**

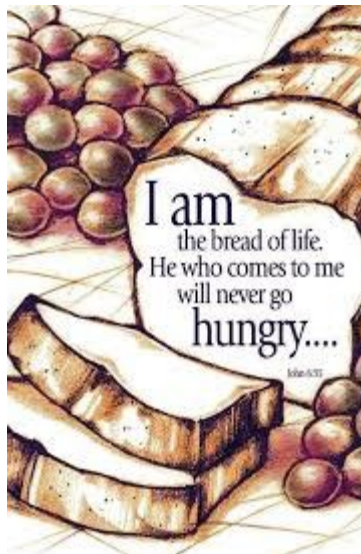
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Now let us feast on Christ, the bread of heaven.

*Please be seated.*

*We believe that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine. All those who are baptized and have received formal teaching about The Lord's Supper are invited forward to commune. Come forward at the direction of the usher. Pick up a clean cup from the right side of the altar. The used cups are placed in the tray on the left side as you leave the altar. Please indicate if you prefer grape juice instead of wine or a gluten-free alternative rather than bread. If you desire a blessing, come forward and keep hands folded together.*





1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



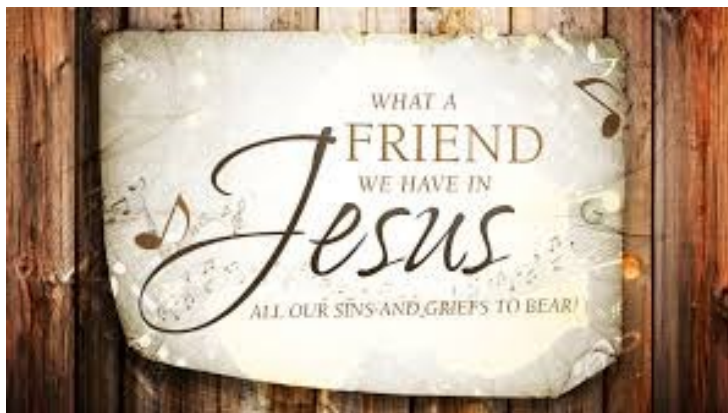
Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?  
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886

Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918





*Refrain*



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen-tle-ness, blow through the wil-der-ness




call-ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest-less-ness,




stir me from plac-id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an-cient schemes.




then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis-pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

*Refrain*



"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo-ple a - rise.

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*Please rise in body or spirit.*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy and compassionate God,  
**in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous.**  
**May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might**  
**speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ,**  
**our rock and our redeemer. Amen**

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

### Announcements:

- Monday: Book Study, 11:00
- Saturday: Finn Bond Birthday Party, 2:00-4:00
- Next Sunday: Christian Outreach Meeting, 11:00
- Next Tuesday: National Night Out Party, 6—8 p.m.

Altar Guild: Terry Campbell & Angie Karn

### BLESSING

**Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

ELW Hymn 866

*We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.*

*We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)  
we are marching in the light of God.*

*Additional stanzas ad lib:*

*We are dancing . . .  
We are praying . . .  
We are singing . . .*

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**Amen**

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week: Jill Brown, Jeannie Hannon, Hayden, Natalie, Trent Taylor, Mike Tobin, Sana Kibler, Karen Northup, Senia Lund, Jane DeBlassio, Darlene Picatti, Steve, Baby Cale, Sandy Casper, Rob Seel, Irene, Spike Adams, Jane Peterson, Mel & Joan Jangard, Kikue Lugo, Shirley Taylor, Marah, Ben Van Corbach, Richardo, Mara, the Peterson Family, Laura, Jenny Frank, Lilly, Matt & Aliana Sauer, Christaan, Michael Gellar, Del, Wes Wilson, Bryon Van Arsdale, Lee Gap, Steve Eling, Mark, and Lloyd Crabtree.



“God’s Work. Our Hands” is Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Our project this year is to gather school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. A kit consists of:

**70 sheet notebooks – ruler with both inches & centimeters – pencil sharpener – safety scissors – unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers – black or blue ballpoint pens – box of either 16 or 24 crayons – 2-1/2 eraser – 14”x17” drawstring backpack style cloth bag.**

There is a box in the narthex for your supplies. Thank you.



**Christ Lutheran Church welcomes all on August 5th  
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Food, games, crafts and fun for the whole family!  
Be our guests! It’s all free!**

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