

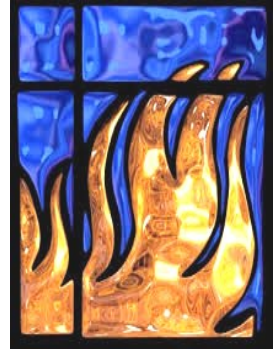


## Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Worship Team



### Introduction to the Day

*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."*

**Announcements:** This week's activities can be found on page 15

*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.*

**We know that our selfishness and thoughtlessness has failed You and hurt others. We are truly sorry and want to live lives that praise You. We ask for Your forgiveness; knowing that You are a God of love and compassion. Transform our thoughts and lead us from guilt to grace. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

We are accountable for our sin, but Jesus broke the power of sin over us. He has forgiven us so we will know Him and experience the freedom of His grace, to live as people of hope and joy. **Amen**

**GATHERING HYMN**

“This Is the Day That The Lord Has Made”

Song By: Fred Hammond

♩ = 100  
C

Em Dm G7add2 G7

This is the day This is the day that the Lord has made that the Lord has made.

5 G E7 Am A♭aug

We will rejoice We will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

9 F F#dim Em Am7 F F#dim Em Am7 A♭at

This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

13 C F G G7(-9) Csus2 C

This is the day This is the day that the Lord has made.

**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,

**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**

*Please be seated.*

**WORD** - 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.*

<sup>23</sup> Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup> Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. <sup>25</sup> I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" <sup>26</sup> How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup> They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup> Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup> Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 82**

<sup>1</sup> God stands to charge the divine council assembled,  
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:  
<sup>2</sup> **"How long will you judge unjustly,  
and show favor to the wicked?**  
<sup>3</sup> Save the weak and the orphan;  
defend the humble and needy;  
<sup>4</sup> **rescue the weak and the poor;  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**  
<sup>5</sup> They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.  
<sup>6</sup> **Now I say to you, 'You are gods,  
and all of you children of the Most High;**  
<sup>7</sup> nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,  
and fall like any prince.'"  
<sup>8</sup> **Arise, O God, and rule the earth,  
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

**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.*

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56**

The holy gospel according to 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.*

[Jesus said:]<sup>49</sup> "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze!<sup>50</sup> I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed!<sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!<sup>52</sup> From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three;<sup>53</sup> they will be divided:

father against son and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

<sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens.<sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens.<sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

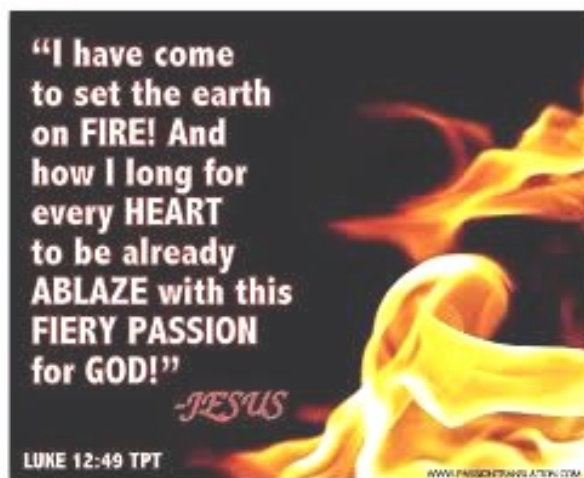
The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## **SERMON**

**Jay Carroll**



HYMN OF THE DAY

“Spirit Song!”

*Please rise in body or spirit.*



1. O let the Son of God en - fold you with his  
2. O come and sing this song with glad - ness as your



Spir - it and his love, let Him fill your life and  
hearts are filled with joy, lift your hands in sweet sur -



sat - is - fy your soul. O let him  
ren - der to his name. O give him



have the things that hold you and his Spir - it, like a  
all your tears and sad - ness, give him all your years of



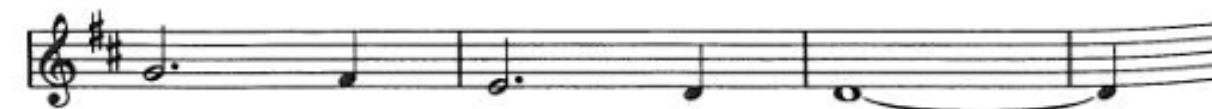
dove, will des - cend up - on your life and make you  
pain and you'll en - ter in - to life in Je - sus'



whole.  
name. Je - sus, O Je - sus, come and



fill your lambs. Je - sus O Je - sus,



come and fill your lambs.

*Words and Music by  
John Wimber*

## **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, "Hear us, O God", the congregation will respond, "Your mercy is great."*

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

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.**

### **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**

“We Are An Offering”

ELW Hymn 692

*We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to you:  
We are an offering  
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,  
Lord use our lives, they are yours;  
We are an offering  
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,  
We give to you,  
We give to you.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you  
We are an offering,  
We are an offering*

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together,

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.

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**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.**

*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 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.

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 is risen. Christ will come again. Amen!**

## **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

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*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. If you desire a blessing, come forward and keep hands folded together. Come forward at the direction of the usher. Pick up a clean cup from the right side of the altar. The empty cups can be placed in the tray on the left side of the altar. Please indicate if you prefer grape juice or a gluten-free alternative.*

## SONGS DURING COMMUNION

### "I Love You Lord"

Laurie Klein

Laurie Klein-Tune, I LOVE YOU LORD

♩ = 110

1.1

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a tempo of 110. It consists of a treble and bass clef staff. The treble staff begins with a C4 quarter note, followed by a half note chord of G4 and B4, and then a quarter note chord of C5 and E5. The bass staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note chord of C3 and G2, and then a quarter note chord of C3 and G2.

9

love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to wor - ship You; Oh, my soul, re-  
praise You, Lord, and I lift my voice to hon - or You; Oh, my soul, re-

The second system of music continues from the first. It includes the lyrics: "love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to wor - ship You; Oh, my soul, re- praise You, Lord, and I lift my voice to hon - or You; Oh, my soul, re-". The melody in the treble staff is a simple line of notes, and the bass staff provides a steady accompaniment.

16

joice! Take joy, my King, in what you hear; May it be a sweet, sweet  
joice!

The third system of music continues with the lyrics: "joice! Take joy, my King, in what you hear; May it be a sweet, sweet joice!". The melody in the treble staff is a simple line of notes, and the bass staff provides a steady accompaniment.

22

sound in Your ear. 2.1 ear.

1. 2.

The fourth system of music concludes the piece. It includes the lyrics: "sound in Your ear. 2.1 ear.". The melody in the treble staff is a simple line of notes, and the bass staff provides a steady accompaniment. The system ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign, with first and second endings indicated by "1." and "2." above the staff.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

“You Are My Hiding Place”

Michael Ledner

Michael Ledner

*♩ = 100* *mp*

You are my hid - ing place;

This system contains the first five measures of the piece. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 100. The first three measures are marked with dynamics *ff*, *f*, and *mf*. The last two measures are marked *mp* and contain the lyrics 'You are my hid - ing place;'.

6

You al - ways fill my heart with songs of de - liv - er - ance; When ev - er I am a -

This system contains measures 6 through 10. The lyrics are 'You al - ways fill my heart with songs of de - liv - er - ance; When ev - er I am a -'.

11

*mf* *f* *mf*

fraid, I will trust in You... I will trust in You. Let the weak say "I am

This system contains measures 11 through 15. The lyrics are 'fraid, I will trust in You... I will trust in You. Let the weak say "I am'.

17

strong in the strength of the Lord!" *mf* You are my hid - ing place... You al - ways

This system contains measures 17 through 21. The lyrics are 'strong in the strength of the Lord!" *mf* You are my hid - ing place... You al - ways'.

23

fill my heart with songs of de - liv - er - ance; When ev - er I am a -

This system contains measures 23 through 26. The lyrics are 'fill my heart with songs of de - liv - er - ance; When ev - er I am a -'.

27

fraid, *ff* I will trust *fff* in You.

This system contains measures 27 through 30. The lyrics are 'fraid, *ff* I will trust *fff* in You.'

**SONGS DURING COMMUNION**

**“We Will Glorify”**

♩ = 100  
11 Mar 2006

**Intro**

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**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN**

“Allelu! Allelu!”

Ray Repp

A Chorus D A E D

A - lle - lu A - lle - lu Ev-'ry-bo-dy sing a - lle - lu for the Lord has ri - sen,

Bm A E7 A A Verse D A

it is true ev-'ry-bo-dy sing a - lle - lu

1. God said He would send His son,  
 2. Christ was born in Beth - le - hem,  
 3. Thir - ty years He walked the land,  
 4. On the hard wood of the cross,  
 5. On the third day He did rise,  
 6. Now we too can live a - new,

E D Bm F#m D EsusE7

a - lle - lu, a - lle - lu! And sal - va - tion would be won, a - lle - lu - ia!  
 a - lle - lu, a - lle - lu! So that men would live a - gain, a - lle - lu - ia!  
 a - lle - lu, a - lle - lu! To,all in need He lent His hand, a - lle - lu - ia!  
 a - lle - lu, a - lle - lu! He,suf - fered and He died for us, a - lle - lu - ia!  
 a - lle - lu, a - lle - lu! Now He lives no more to die, a - lle - lu - ia!  
 a - lle - lu, a - lle - lu! Live in Him need all we do, a - lle - lu - ia!

## DISMISSAL

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

### **Will hardship, or distress, or persecution?**

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come.

**Nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God, in Jesus Christ our Lord!**

Amen

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK:**

- Today Faith, Fitness, & Fellowship, 2:00
- Tuesday Worship & Music Meeting, Noon
- Thursday Ladies Lunch, 11:45, Tailgaters, Selah  
Men's Pizza Night, 6:00, Abby's
- Saturday Yakima Valley Quilter's Guild Trunk Sale, 8 –2
- Meal with the Pear Place Vets, 12:00

Counters for August: Sue Stewart & Darold Larson

Altar Guild for next Sunday: Laura Larson & Holly Hall

“God’s Work. Our Hands” project this year is to gather school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. Assembly will be on Sunday, September 7th.

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, Jane Peterson, Mel & Joan Jangard, Kikue Lugo, Shirley Taylor, Marah, Ben Van Corbach, Richardo, Mara, Laura, Lilly, Christaan, Michael Gellar, Del, Wes Wilson, Bryon Van Arsdale, Lee Gap, Mark, Lloyd Crabtree, Brian Hatheway, Victoria Hall, Carol Murphy, Jill, Sandy Peterson, Audrey Richter, Bradley’s sister, and the Baffell family at the loss of their daughter.

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