

# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

## **THE HOLY EUCHARIST**



**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**10:00AM**

**AUGUST 24, 2025**

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# **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome**

## **Land Acknowledgement**

Dear friends, we gather on traditional Anishinaabe Algonquin territory.

**May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.**

May we always seek to respect the histories, spiritualities and cultures of First Nations, Metis and Inuit.

**May we walk together the path of reconciliation and right relations.**

## **Opening Hymn: 434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us (vs 1&4)**

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1 The love of Jesus calls us our joyous praise to sing;  
our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring,  
for all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received,  
and for the generations who faithfully believed.

4 The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days,  
to be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways;  
that God with men and women may so transform the earth,  
that love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.

## **Apostolic Greeting**

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

**And also with you.**

### **Collect for Purity**

Almighty God,  
to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God,

we are taught by your word  
that all our doings without love are worth nothing.  
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts  
that most excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtue;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** Hebrews 12:18-29 (Andrea Teekasingh)

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken - that is, created things - so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be

shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation: (#712)**

*Refrain:*

Alleluia, alleluia!

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**The Holy Gospel: Luke 13:10-17**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

Let us confess the faith of our baptism,  
as we say,

**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 the People (Jim Doherty)**

Hear us, O God, **for your mercy is great.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;

he welcomes sinners  
and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **The Peace**

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

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **The Preparation of the Gifts**

## **Hymn: 430 Will You Come and Follow Me (vs 1,4&5)**

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1 Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

4 Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

5 Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## **The Prayer over the Gifts**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.  
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:  
our selves, our time and our possessions.  
Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love,  
through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and  
Lord. **Amen.**

*(Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.)*

## **The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer 1)**

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.**

It is indeed right that we should praise you,

gracious God,  
for you created all things.  
You formed us in your own image:  
male and female you created us.

When we turned away from you in sin,  
you did not cease to care for us,  
but opened a path of salvation for all people.  
You made a covenant with Israel,  
and through your servants Abraham and Sarah  
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.  
Through Moses you led your people  
from bondage into freedom;  
through the prophets  
you renewed your promise of salvation.  
Therefore, with them, and with all your saints  
who have served you in every age,  
we give thanks and raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, source of life and goodness,  
all creation rightly gives you praise.  
In the fullness of time,  
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,  
to share our human nature,  
to live and die as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,

the God and Father of all.

He healed the sick  
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;  
he opened the eyes of the blind  
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom  
to the poor and to those in need.  
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,  
and said, " Take, eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them,  
and said, " Drink this, all of you:  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me."

Gracious God,  
his perfect sacrifice  
destroys the power of sin and death;  
by raising him to life  
you give us life for evermore.  
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**

## **Christ will come again.**

Recalling his death,  
proclaiming his resurrection,  
and looking for his coming again in glory,  
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts,  
that all who eat and drink at this table  
may be one body and one holy people,  
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, almighty Father,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Rejoicing in God's new creation  
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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 for ever. Amen**

## **The Breaking of the Bread #2**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**We, being many, are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

The gifts of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Lamb of God**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

## **Holy Communion**

*Gluten Free wafers are available*

## **Communion Hymn: 450 You Call Us Lord to Be**

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1 You call us, Lord, to be  
a people set apart,  
to feel with thoughtful mind  
and think with tender heart.  
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask  
for faith in your unfailing grace  
to make us equal to the task.

2 You call us, Lord, to care  
for self and neighbour too,  
to take the risk, and dare  
to show what love can do.

Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask  
for faith in your unfailing grace  
to make us equal to the task.

3 You call us, Lord, to be  
good stewards of the earth;  
to tend it as a place  
of blessedness and worth.  
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask  
for faith in your unfailing grace  
to make us equal to the task.

4 You call us, Lord, to serve:  
to die that we may live,  
to know we best receive  
when joyfully we give.  
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask  
for faith in your unfailing grace  
to make us equal to the task.

### **Prayer after Communion**

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have  
united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
so that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.  
*(Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.)*

## **THE SENDING OF THE COMMUNITY**

### **Announcements**

### **Doxology**

Glory to God,  
**whose power, working in us,**

**can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

### **Closing Hymn: 564 Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us (vs1&3)**

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1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.

3 Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

## **Dismissal**

Go forth into the world,  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

## **8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST**

**Presider/Preacher:** Rev Maria Nightingale

**Greeter:** Marilyn Tough

**Reader/Intercessor:** Linda Thom

## **10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST (BOOK OF ALTERNATIVE SERVICES)**

**Presider/ Preacher:** Rev Maria Nightingale

**Duty Warden:** Serge Choquette

**Server:** Kirk Michaelis

**Sidespersons:** Debbie Danson, Sue Huddlestone

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