

# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

## **THE HOLY EUCHARIST**



**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
10:00AM  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2025**

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# **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Prelude:** Pastorale ~ Lau

**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:** 374 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

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1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

His the sceptre, his the throne;

alleluia! his the triumph,

his the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion

thunder like a mighty flood;

Jesus, out of every nation,

hath redeemed us by his blood.

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans

are we left in sorrow now;

alleluia! he is near us,

faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received him,

when the forty days were o'er,

shall our hearts forget his promise,

"I am with you evermore"?

3 Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,

thou on earth our food, our stay:  
alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own:  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great high priest:  
thou on earth both priest and victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation,  
hath redeemed us by his blood.

### **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**

**Our loving God, you call us into your service.  
Draw forth our wisdom and resourcefulness.  
Make us children of the light who continue  
your work in this world with untiring concern  
for integrity and justice for all Earth's**

interdependent communities of life.

We ask this through Jesus, the Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 (Els Salisbury)

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her? ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm:** 79:1-9

*Setting: Gordon Johnston*



O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;  
they have profaned your holy temple;  
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air,  
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field. **R**

They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem  
and there was no one to bury them.

We have become a reproach to our neighbours,  
an object of scorn and derision to those around us. **R**

How long will you be angry, O Lord? will your fury blaze like fire forever?  
Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you and upon  
the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.

For they have devoured Jacob and made his dwelling a ruin. **R**

Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us;  
for we have been brought very low.

Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name;  
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake. **R**

**Epistle:** 1 Timothy 2:1-7 (Babs Dunstan)

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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## **Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia (Moosonee Service)**

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Alleluia, alleluia!

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## **The Holy Gospel: Luke 16:1-13**

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.**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave

will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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 (Joy Mighty)**

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

### **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:** 419 Let All Creation Bless the Lord

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1 Let all creation bless the Lord,  
Till Heaven with praise is ringing.  
Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord,  
Stir up the angels' singing.  
Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet!  
Make music, day, night, cold, and heat:  
Exalt the God who made you.

2 All living things upon earth,  
Green fertile hills and mountains,  
Sing to the God who gave you birth;  
Be joyful, springs and fountains.  
Lithe water life, bright airborne birds,  
Wild roving beasts, tame flocks and herds:  
Exalt the God who made you.

3 O men and women everywhere,  
Lift up a hymn of glory;  
All you who know God's steadfast care,  
Tell out salvation's story.  
No tongue be silent; sing your part,  
You humble souls and meek of heart;  
Exalt the God who made you.

## **The Prayer over the Gifts**

Our loving God,  
we bring you these gifts of bread and wine,  
nourishing signs of your faithful care for our needs  
through the rich diversity and bounty of Earth.  
Through these gifts, we offer you our true wealth:  
our lives, our talents, our commitment to serve you  
through our loving service to each other and to your Creation.  
Transform our gifts and our energies into your  
true Bread of Life for our world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus and in the  
power of your Holy Spirit where we live now and forever.  
**Amen.**

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

May God be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to God our Creator.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, Lover of creation,  
we give you thanks and praise  
for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us  
and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.  
When we turn from your love and defile the earth,  
you do not abandon us.  
Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah,  
through prophets, sages, and saints in every age,  
to confront our sin  
and reveal the vision of your new creation.  
Joining in the song of the universe  
we proclaim your glory singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Gracious God,  
in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ  
to share our fragile humanity.  
Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection  
you open the path from brokenness to health,  
from fear to trust, from pride and conceit  
to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world  
that could not bear the Gospel of life,  
Jesus knew death was near.  
His head anointed for burial  
by an unknown woman,  
Jesus gathered together those who loved him.  
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it  
and gave it to his friends,  
saying, "Take and eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,  
gave you thanks,  
and said "Drink this all of you,  
this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table  
in response to his commandment,  
to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love,  
and to proclaim our faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Breathe your Holy Spirit,  
the wisdom of the universe,  
upon these gifts that we bring to you:  
this bread, this cup,  
ourselves, our souls and bodies,  
that we may be signs of your love for all the world  
and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, Creator of all,  
and we bless your holy name 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 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,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and 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**

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**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: 455 Dear God, Compassionate and Kind**

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1 Dear God, compassionate and kind,  
forgive our foolish ways.  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise,  
in deeper reverence, praise.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,

beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word,  
rise up and follow thee,  
rise up and follow thee!

3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity  
interpreted by love,  
interpreted by love!

4 Drop thy still dew of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace,  
the beauty of thy peace.

5 Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm,  
O still, small voice of calm.

**Anthem:** Peaceful River - Mary Donnelly & George L.O. Strid

### **Prayer after Communion**

O God, our life, our strength, our food,  
we give you thanks for sustaining us  
with the body and blood of your Son.  
By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world,  
so that more and more we will give you praise

and serve your earth and its many peoples,  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

## **THE SENDING OF THE COMMUNITY**

### **Children's Talk**

### **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: 438 O Jesus, I Have Promised**

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1 O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me,  
my Master and my Friend.  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

2 O let me feel thee near me:  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,



the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer  
and shield my soul from sin.

3 O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end!  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.

4 O let me see thy footmarks  
and in them plant mine own:  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone.  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.

### **Dismissal**

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

**Postlude:** Postlude in F ~ Thygerson

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

**Presider/Preacher:** Rev Maria Nightingale

**Greeter:** Marilyn Tough

**Reader/Intercessor:** Andrea Teekasingh

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

**Presider/ Preacher:** Rev Maria Nightingale

**Duty Warden:** Jim Doherty

**Server:** Ryan Benjamin

**Sidespersons:** Howard Foster, Patricia Simon

**Reader:** Els Salisbury, Babs Dunstan

**Intercessor:** Joy Mighty

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