

# *15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

September 21, 2025 9:30AM



**Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church**

*As a community called by Christ,  
we live our faith by loving and serving all creation*

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## Prelude Announcements Welcome

*Please stand as you are able*

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

### Confession and Forgiveness

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

Merciful and loving God,

**We are your stiff-necked people.**

**We trample on the needy.**

**We grumble about your grace to others.**

**We turn away from the poor.**

**Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost  
and have been found. Amen.**

...your sins are forgiven!

**Amen.**

### Gathering Hymn

**"Take My Life, That I May Be"**

**#583**

### 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.**

### Canticle of Praise

**This is the Feast**

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Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia (repeat)

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his.

Refrain.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Refrain.

### Prayer

. . . our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

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

### First Reading

**Amos 8:4-7**

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Holy wisdom. Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God!**

### Anthem

**My Lord**

**Choir**

Holy wisdom. Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Children's Message**

*Please stand as you are able*

**Gospel**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Matthew 5:14-16**

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**Response to Gospel**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**

**"Two Thoughts"**

**Pr Larry Froemming**

**Silence for Meditation** *We pause in contemplation of God's word, preparing to respond with song.*

*Please stand as you are able*

**Message Response**

**"Let Justice Flow like Streams"**

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**Apostles' Creed**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**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**

**Prayers of Intercession**

Petition Response: **receive our prayer**

. . . in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

**Amen.**

**Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

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

**Offerings** Place offerings in the plate at the sanctuary entrance, mail to the church, or give through our website or Tithe.ly App. Thanks you for your financial support of our ministry.

### **Presentation of Gifts**

**"Take My Life, That I May Be" vs 1 & 4**

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Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

### **Offering Prayer**

Lord of the harvest,

**we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

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.**

. . .and join their unending hymn:

### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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.

### **Words of Promise**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**Communion** *All are welcome at God's table. Communion is by intinction. You will receive the wafer and then dip it into the wine. Gluten-Free wafers are available by request.*

### **Communion Hymns**

**Lamb of God**

**"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"**

**"Be Thou My Vision"**

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*Please stand as you are able*

### **Post Communion Blessing**

. . .keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

**Post Communion Prayer**

. . . We ask this in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

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

**Blessing**

**Bell Toll**

**Sending Hymn**

**"Rise Up, O Saints of God"**

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**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**Worship Leaders**

Marilyn Peterson & Maureen Shull — Ushers/greeters

Hattie Erickson & Jettie Morelock — Acolytes

Chris Vance — Reader

Steve Mentele — Choir Director

Robin Hoefer — Pianist

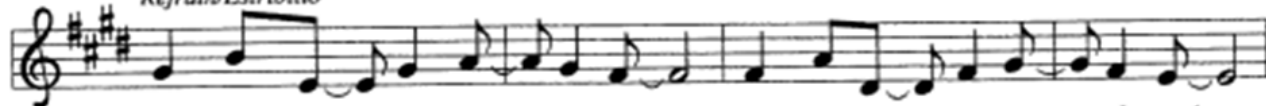
Linda Tolson—Worship Assistant

Larry Froemming — Pastor

# Take My Life, That I May Be

Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad

Refrain/Estrillo



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na - da más;  
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;



to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón y tu tro - no en él ten - drás.  
take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.

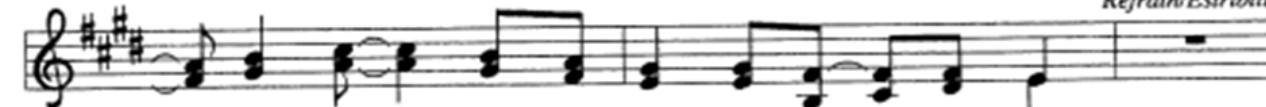


1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té con - sa - gra -  
1 Take my hands and let them move at the im -  
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on -  
4 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be



da a ti, Se - ñor; que a mis ma - nos pue -  
pulse of thy love; take my feet and let  
would I with - hold; take my in - tel - lect  
ly for my King; take my lips and let  
no lon - ger mine; take my heart, it is

Refrain/Estrillo

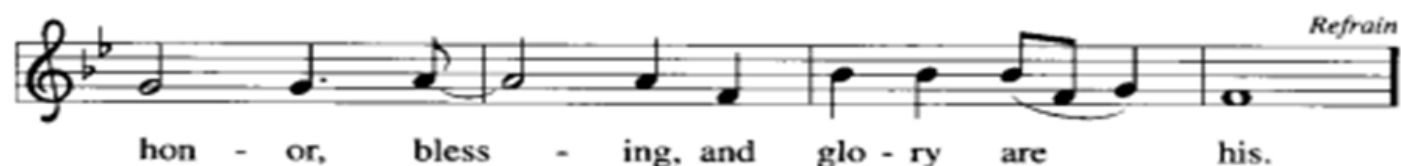


da guiar el im - pul - so de tu a - mor.  
them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.

2 Que mis pies tan sólo en pos  
de lo santo puedan ir,  
y que a ti, Señor, mi voz,  
se complazca en bendecir. Estrillo

3 Que mis labios al hablar  
hablen sólo de tu amor;  
que mis bienes dedicar  
yo los quiera a ti, Señor. Estrillo

4 Que mi tiempo todo esté  
consagrado a tu loor;  
que mi mente y su poder  
sean usados en tu honor. Estrillo



*Refrain*

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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



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## Let Justice Flow like Streams

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,  
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with three verses of text.

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Music: Aaron Williams, 1731-1776  
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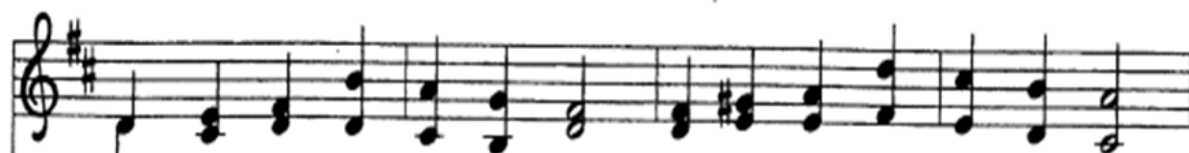
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en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.  
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.  
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

This block contains the continuation of the musical score. It features two staves, treble and bass, in the same key signature as the previous section. The lyrics continue below the treble staff, concluding the piece with a final double bar line.

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## Take My Life, That I May Be



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



- take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

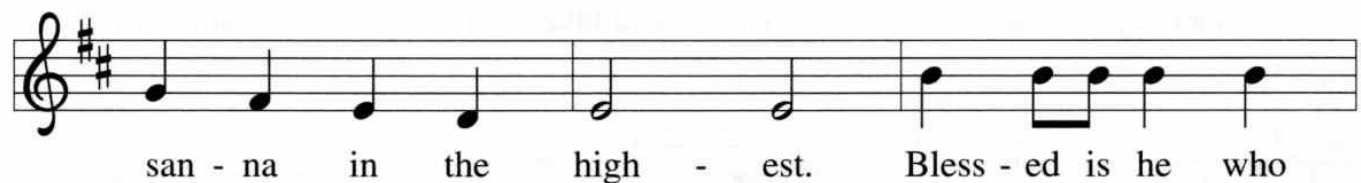
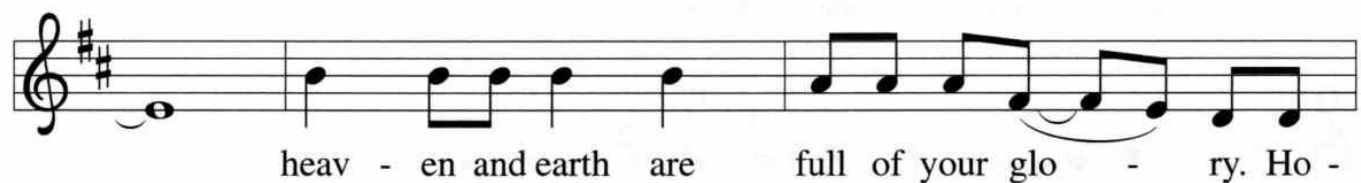


- 5 Take my will and make it thine;  
 it shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 it shall be thy royal throne.

- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure store;  
 take myself, and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.  
 Music: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

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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.

## Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly  
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of  
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,  
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er  
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

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## Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

# Rise Up, O Saints of God!

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The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains five verses of lyrics, and the second system contains a concluding line of lyrics. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The score ends with a double bar line.

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;  
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;  
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;  
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936  
Music: William H. Walter, 1825-1893  
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## Announcements for September 21, 2025

**Welcome!** We are happy to have you worship with us today!

- **Large Print Bulletins and Hymns** are available in the narthex in a red binder. Ask the ushers!
- **Activity Bags for young children** to use during worship are available in the narthex.
- **Visitors: Sign the Visitor's Book** and pick up a visitor's bag located on the table in the Connecting Room.

**Keep in prayer:** June Bates, Mary Carlson, Judy Clark (sister-in-law of Bill Clark), Dean Erickson, Barb Grenawalt, Brad Pfaff (son-in-law of Mary Jane Tracy), Ron Torkilson, Lynn Tracy, and Mary Jane Tracy. **Please contact the office with any changes in requests.**

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup> the Call Committee will report to the Congregation, September 27<sup>th</sup> tentative Meet and Greet, September 28<sup>th</sup> Special Congregational Meeting to potentially vote on a call.**

**Emergency Pastoral Care:** will now be provided by Pastor JoAnna from Faith Lutheran in So Beloit. She will be "on-call" for emergencies (815)298-9951 or email: [PastorJoAnna@me.com](mailto:PastorJoAnna@me.com)

The most recent **JPLC Directory** is already outdated. It is important that the office has your correct contact information including your preferred method of contact. Please update your information by October 5<sup>th</sup> with the office. [jplc@sharontelephone.com](mailto:jplc@sharontelephone.com) or 815-292-3226 We wouldn't want you to miss out on some witty and exceptionally funny message!

**Altar Flowers:** The cost is \$25. Sign up on the chart in the narthex and pay Linda Tolson directly (check or cash) and she will get the flowers. The flowers will be used for two weeks and then you may take them home.

**Sunday School:** We will meet in the Chapel directly after worship. The youth will have snacks and fellowship within their groups.

Jefferson Prairie will host a **Thanksgiving dinner** on Wednesday, November 26. There will be many opportunities to help in the coming weeks; in the near term, though, we most need folks to help plan! If you want to help plan Thanksgiving dinner, please be in contact with the church office or with Carrie Morelock.

**CEMETERY** Please remove any decorations you'd like to save prior to Fall Clean-Up (to be determined). If members are willing and able, you may weed-eat/weed-whip/weed-whack around stones in either cemetery as you see the need and have time. It was recently done but see Connie Johnson or the office if you have questions or are interested.

**Veteran Grave Wreaths:** Wreaths Across America is coming to JP on December 13<sup>th</sup>. We will honor the Veteran's in both cemeteries with balsam wreaths. You can "sponsor" a specific grave by signing up in the Connecting Room OR give a non-specified donation. Visit [www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org) to learn about the program. See John Clint or the Office with questions.

**Sharing Your Offering: Giving statements are available for pick-up in the Narthex.** Thank you for your generosity that supports our ministry here at Jefferson Prairie and our mission partners. There are multiple options for sharing your offering.

- **Offering plates** are located on stands by the entrance to the sanctuary.
- **Give online** at [www.jplchurch.org](http://www.jplchurch.org). Click on the GIVE tab at the top to be directed to Tithe.ly.
- **Use the Tithe.ly App.** Click on GIVE on our website [www.jplchurch.org](http://www.jplchurch.org), download the Tithe.ly App at the bottom of the screen. Once installed, search for Jefferson Prairie and start giving using the App.
- **Mail** your check to church: 23184 Bergen Rd. Poplar Grove, IL 61065

**Online worship** available at: <https://www.facebook.com/jeffersonprairie/live/> and [www.jplchurch.org](http://www.jplchurch.org) homepage. Click on Sermons on the website to watch previous worship services. The bulletin is under Sermon Notes.

**NOTE:** This worship service is being livestreamed.

### This Week's Calendar

Sunday, September 21	9:30am	Worship
		Special Congregational Meeting/Sunday School/Fellowship
Tuesday, September 23	9:00am	Quilting
Wednesday, September 17	6:30pm	Bible Study
	6:30pm	Confirmation
Saturday, September 27	?	Meet and Greet
Sunday, September 28	9:30am	Worship
		Special Congregational Meeting/Sunday School/Fellowship