



Feast of Victory Lutheran Church
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Sunday, July 26, 2026
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Communion

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK – PAUL FRETHEIM

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,

and I will give you rest.”
In the name of God,
Creator, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
May you rest in God’s love.
Amen.

**GATHERING HYMN:
LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS, ELW 765**



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

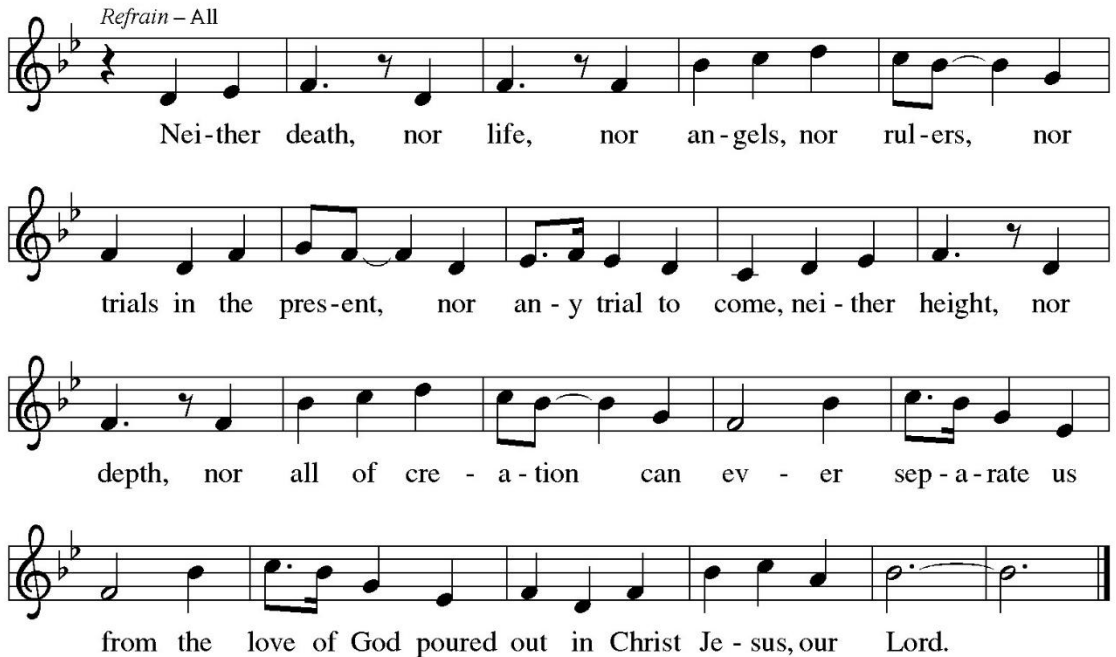
Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

NEITHER DEATH NOR LIFE, ELW 622

Congregation sings refrain, leader sings the verses.

Refrain – All



Nei-ther death, nor life, nor an-gels, nor rul-ers, nor
trials in the pres-ent, nor an-y trial to come, nei-ther height, nor
depth, nor all of cre - a - tion can ev - er sep - a - rate us
from the love of God poured out in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

- 1 Dwell in the one who raised Christ from the dead;
though your body shall die, in Christ you shall rise
through the Spirit who brings you to life. **Refrain**
- 2 All who are led by the Spirit shall live
as children of God, and heirs with Christ Jesus,
God's adopted and chosen and loved. **Refrain**
- 3 All of the suffering we now must endure
is nothing to the glory so soon to be revealed
when creation itself is set free. **Refrain**
- 4 All of creation awaits the new birth,
the fullness of redemption, through labor pains of love,
and so we wait in patience and hope. **Refrain**
- 5 Who can separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship or distress, persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword? **Refrain**

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

NOISY OFFERING

The Noisy Offering supports the Community Needs Fund and we collect Pennies from Heaven for ELCA World Hunger; these are collected in bread pans often by our children serving in worship.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The gospel for The Ninth Sunday of Pentecost is from the gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and

bought it.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – Christy Pawloski

July 26, 2026
1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The Kingdom of Heaven is Always Worth It

There's something incredibly therapeutic for me about baking bread, the kneading and working a dough with my hands, pushing and pulling it along a floured countertop until it resembles an almost satin-like texture on the surface. There's always a moment before the mixing and kneading where I open the magical little packet of yeast and worry creeps in – is the water for activating the yeast too hot? Too cold? Did I add enough sugar to feed the yeast? Is my kitchen too cold? The worry continues as the dough rises, hidden by a kitchen towel. It's not until the hour runs out and I check it, and there it is. The yeast did its job, hidden away amidst the flour. It just took a little time, patience, and trust.

You see, yeast is a funny little thing. It's just little granules in a packet or a jar, but when you add it to warm water and give it a little sugar to eat, it becomes alive and gives bread the quality that most of us crave – a risen, fluffy, scrumptious loaf of goodness. And it does all its work hidden away from sight.

Baking bread helps Jesus' parable about the yeast make sense to me. Maybe there's a different parable from our Gospel that resonates with you. Maybe you have a mind for gardening, and you understand that even the smallest, most underestimated seed can grow hidden in the ground into a robust bush or tree. Perhaps you have an appreciation for beautiful things and the parable of the pearl made sense to you, how one could be driven to give everything up for that one perfect pearl. Maybe fishing is more your speed and you know what it's like to pop a line in the water, waiting to haul in a catch.

Those people listening to Jesus' parables in person were the same way – not every parable made sense to each person, so Jesus threw out very strategic examples to hopefully make sense to a wide range of listeners. Each example was designed to convey the same message – the kingdom of heaven is often working when hidden and always worth everything.

God longs for us to have a kingdom-of-heaven life, but what does that look like? A kingdom life isn't easy – God never promised that, but He did promise that it's always worth it. In verse 44 of our Gospel, Jesus says the man who found the treasure in the field goes "in joy" to sell all he owns in order to buy the field. Parting with everything he owns is a big sacrifice, but the treasure waiting for the man is worth it. The kingdom of heaven is always worth it. The kingdom of heaven is always worth it even when we feel uneasy about giving something up or changing something in our lives. We might be hesitant to give up familiarity and comfort for something foreign and uncomfortable. But Jesus calls us to focus on what we gain through the sacrifice and then reassures us that His yoke is easy and His burden is light.

Paul expands on this in our second lesson: "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." All things. The hard stuff. The challenges and struggles. The times when we just want to give up. The times when we miss the familiar and comfortable. God works all things together both for the good of the kingdom and for the good of those who love Him. God intercedes for us in the midst of the hard stuff life throws at us. He doesn't cause the hard stuff, but God uses what happens as a byproduct of the human experience to grow us as individuals and the kingdom at large. There's a short video I've seen on Facebook a few times. The title on the screen is something like "Trying to understand God's plan for my life". It's a scene with Sheldon from The Big Bang Theory, shifting through a paper frantically, "Why? Why? Why? Oh, that's why." Sound at all familiar to your own life? Has there ever been a difficult or painful situation that you've gone through, only to look back on it with 20/20 vision to see

God's hand moving through it? Has something you've gone through made you more compassionate to those in similar circumstances? Has a door remained closed in your life, only for you to find that going through the window was the right choice for you? Through the Spirit, God is constantly interceding for us, bringing His will for us and the kingdom to fruition.

Paul digs even deeper into the value of the kingdom of heaven and the game-changer for those who carry it within themselves even in the midst of trouble: "If God is for us, who is against us?" We have the ultimate supporter in our corner. The God who predestined us for this kingdom life calls and justifies us. Paul goes on to preach to us this truth that still applies in 2026: "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." When Christ is in us and we are yoked with Him, there is nothing in all of creation that can separate us. The gentle yoke of the kingdom of heaven is eternal.

When we gain this understanding about the kingdom of heaven and it lives within us, it changes things for us. Take Solomon in our first lesson from 1st Kings. God gives him a genie-in-a-bottle opportunity: "Ask what I should give you," God says. Because Solomon is of a kingdom-of-heaven heart and mind, he doesn't ask for himself – he asks for the people God has given him to govern. He asks for wisdom, for discernment. And God not only delivers the wisdom Solomon asked for, but in His pleasure at Solomon's request, He throws in a long life, riches, and greatness of Solomon's rule, just beyond our lesson in verses 13 and 14. In his commentary on The Message translation of our first lesson, Eugene Peterson writes, "But even more impressive than Solomon's request was God's response, illustrating that there's no end to what he will give us when our hearts are fixed on him." Buried within our hearts, the kingdom of heaven will cause beautiful change – the bread will rise, the tree will grow strong, the treasure will be found, the pearl will be perfect, the nets will be full.

Our passage today from Psalm 119 is a beautiful prayer of a kingdom heart offered to our Lord. I'd like to read a portion of The Message translation now:

“Every word you give me is a miracle word-
How could I help but obey?
Break open your words, let the light shine out,
Let ordinary people see the meaning.
Mouth open and panting,
I wanted your commands more than anything.
Turn my way, look kindly on me,
As you always do to those who personally love you.”

THAT'S what a kingdom-of-heaven heart and mind look like! Thirsting for God's word, wanting nothing more than for the light of God's word and love to shine upon us and others, acknowledging that God has been and will be kind and merciful in His love for us. The kingdom of heaven causes us to look at each person we see, looking for the face of Jesus. The kingdom of heaven moves us to ask: “How can I help?” when someone is going through a rough time. The kingdom of heaven finds us lifting up our enemies in prayer. The kingdom of heaven causes us to welcome those the world ignores. The kingdom of heaven brings us together in faithful listening and dialogue to talk about hard issues. The kingdom of heaven heart is confident in the knowledge that we are loved by God, so loved that there is nothing in this world that can ever separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. The kingdom of heaven heart is how we respond and show up in the world around us because of that knowledge.

So now I wonder...what does the kingdom of heaven look like in each of us? Because the truth is – it's already in you. This isn't a program we have to sign up for. God has claimed you already - the seed is planted and growing, the yeast is working hidden away, the pearl is being formed. Another layer of Jesus' parables can help shed some light. Take the pearl parable for example – the formation of a pearl starts as the mollusk reacts to an irritant or outside particle, like

a piece of shell getting stuck in its soft tissue. Could this possibly represent the uneasiness we sometimes feel with change when we make room for God? Is it sometimes uncomfortable to be a disciple of Jesus? Absolutely. But then, look at the result – when God’s word works itself into Your heart it becomes something so beautiful and valuable. Or what about the yeast, which needs sugar to feed and activate it – could that mean that we need to feed our hearts a steady diet of God’s word, to keep the kingdom active and alive inside us? What about the mustard seed? Does it become a majestic tree or bush overnight? Of course not, meaning that these things take time and patience. And the best part is, we don’t have to grow alone. God promises to wrap Himself around us as we grow, pruning us when necessary to give us optimal growth. And the growth that we experience with a kingdom-of-heaven heart is more valuable than the buried treasure in the field, and that growth shows up as the fruits of the Spirit from Galatians 5 that we’ve been hearing about lately: “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”

Our hymn of the day, like the Psalm, is a beautiful prayer to God, one that offers our very selves: “Take My Life That I May Be”. It’s a song about how the kingdom of heaven looks when it resides in our hearts and minds, and all the wonderful ways God uses us to better the kingdom as we show up in the world. I pray that you can feel the kingdom of heaven alive inside your heart – hidden, active, and always worth it.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY:
TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE, ELW 685

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.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition, the congregation responds by saying **"Receive our prayer."**

SHARING THE PEACE

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

THE OFFERING

Weekly giving may be placed in the round collection plate that is distributed by our ushers. Thank you for your faithful giving that supports the ministry we share.

OFFERING MUSIC

**OFFERTORY:
LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL, ELW 184**

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are: 'Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of'. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: 'bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that'. The third staff has lyrics: 'we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of'. The fourth staff has lyrics: 'all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble'. The fifth staff concludes the piece with lyrics: 'with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.' The music ends with a double bar line.

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

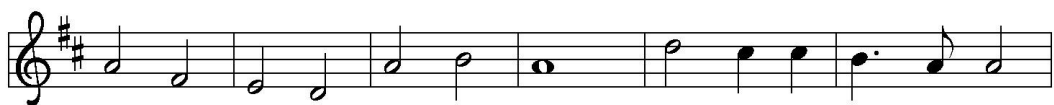
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

SANCTUS: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!

DISTRIBUTION

There is a place for you at the table where we receive Christ's Real Presence. Please follow the directions of ushers and pastor for coming to the altar. If coming forward is a challenge, please let an usher know so that we can meet you where you are with Communion. If you wish to receive a blessing in place of bread, please cross your arms over your chest so the pastor will know. Gluten-free wafers are available, and you may indicate your preference to the pastor when you come forward. Red wine and white grape juice are in the individual cups. As you return to your seat, you will find a small basket on the table in which to place your empty cup.

LAMB OF GOD



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

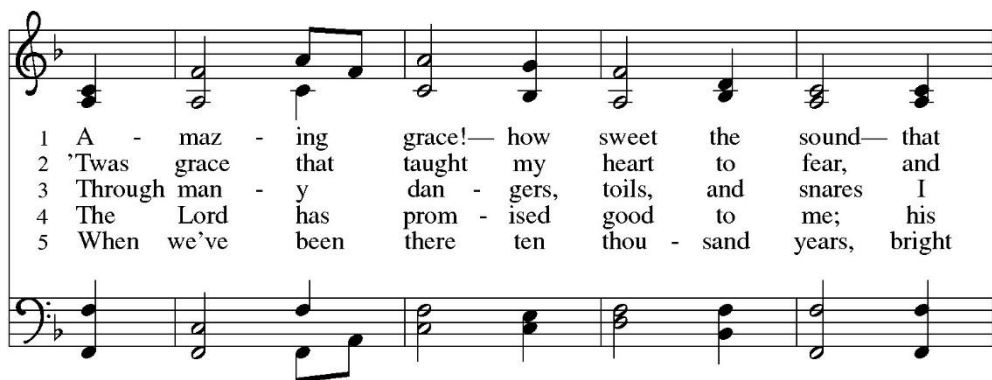


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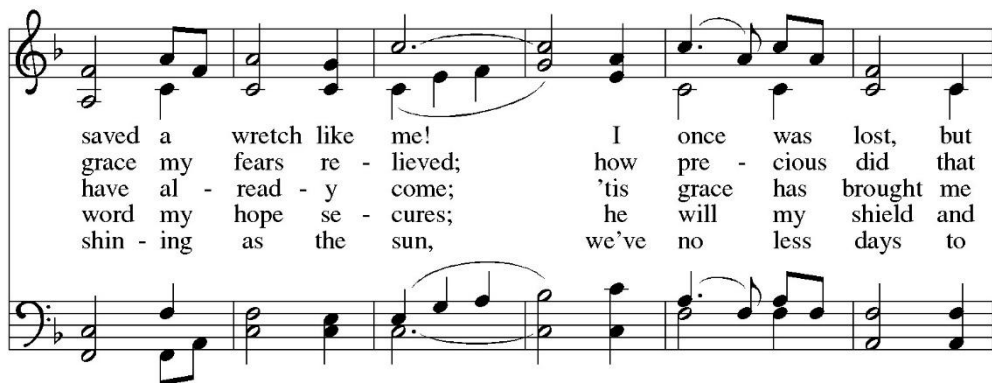


sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

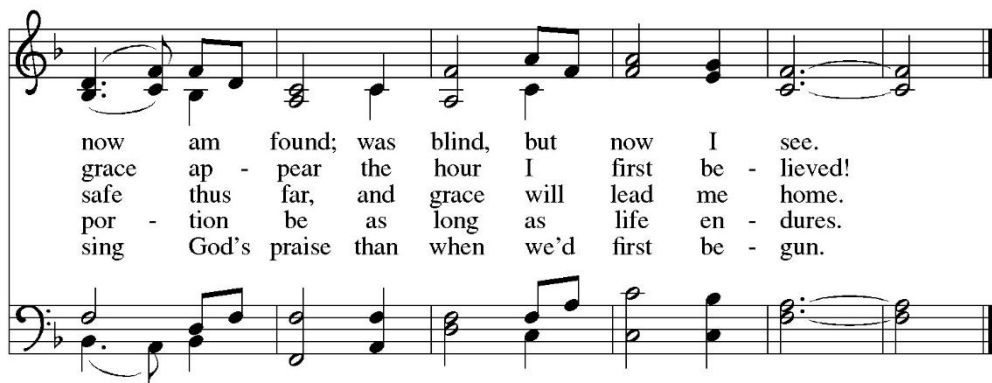
COMMUNION HYMN: AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND, ELW 779



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE:

THANKFUL HEARTS AND VOICES RAISE, ELW 207



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN: BE THOU MY VISION, ELW 793



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.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO FEAST OF VICTORY: If you are a guest, we invite you to please sign your name and some form of contact info in our Guest Book, located on the wall desk near the office door entrance, and join us for our fellowship time after our worship service so that we can get to know one another. We are glad that you are worshipping with us today either in person or on Zoom. If you would like to speak with our Pastor, schedule a home visit, unite with our congregation, or receive Holy Communion, please contact Pastor Haley Vay in our church office (231-938-1070).

PRAYER REQUESTS AND WELCOME CARDS: As Jesus welcomes us and prays for us, so we also welcome and pray for one another. There are Prayer Request and Welcome Cards located on the table to the left as you enter the front doors of the building. If you have a prayer request, please fill out a card and give it to the Assisting Minister or Pastor if you would like your prayer read aloud in worship, or to Pastor if your request is confidential. If you are visiting...*welcome!* Please consider filling out a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate or give it to our Pastor, so that we may stay connected.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated each Sunday. We believe that Jesus is really present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. It is Jesus who serves us, bringing us forgiveness of sins, faith and new life, and hope for eternal life. All are welcome to receive the gift of faith and forgiveness that Jesus offers. Please let the Pastor know if you would prefer gluten-free bread, and if you prefer white grape juice instead of wine.

WAYS TO GIVE: We are thankful for the financial support we receive to carry out God's mission and ministry in the life of our congregation and the wider church. If you are able and would like to contribute, we welcome and encourage you to do so by using any of the following ways to give:

1. Go to www.feastofvictory.org/give, or visit our website and click the "Give" button to set up a one-time or recurring gift either by credit or debit card or by electronic transfer from your checking account.
 2. Mail a check to Feast of Victory Lutheran Church.
 3. Place your offering in the round plates distributed by our ushers.
- We give thanks to God for your gifts that support the ministry we share.

FELLOWSHIP AFTER OUR WORSHIP SERVICE: Special time has been set aside each Sunday following worship for refreshments and conversation. We welcome and encourage you to stay and connect in faith community.

NURSERY AVAILABLE: We have a nursery available for parents and small children. It is located in the last room on the right of the main hallway.

STAY CONNECTED on Facebook @FeastOfVictoryELCA and check out what's happening, ways to get involved, and watch recordings of worship on our website: www.feastofvictory.org. You may also pick up a copy of our Church Newsletter, "Feast Your Eyes" at the welcome table.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School for children takes place during worship after the Children's message. Teachers will lead children to our fellowship hall for a lesson and activity, then return to the sanctuary for Communion. Please be mindful that children age 3 and under, or those not yet toilet trained, will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

HEARING ASSIST: If using a hearing assistance device would make worship more accessible for you, please visit our AV room located just outside the sanctuary and we will gladly help you get connected.



Presiding Minister: Pastor Haley Vay Beaman
Preaching Minister: Christy Pawloski
Assisting Minister: Caylyn Moglia
Acolyte: Rena Rudkin
Musician: Margaret VanDenBerge
Reader: Christy Pawloski
Greeter: Mike Nickels
Usher: Matt Pawloski
Communion: Nancy Bordine
AV Operator: Doug Satow
Coffee Host: Doug & Julie Satow & Dale Claudepierre & Melynda Bagley

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