

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

*August 10, 2025*



**PRELUDE**

“All Are Welcome”

Peterson & Olson

**Chorus**

All are welcome, friend and stranger  
at the banquet of the Savior  
All are welcome, all are welcome here

From the woman who comes crying  
leaving tears at Jesus feet  
To the man who knows the right way  
but cannot see  
(Chorus)

From the ones who feel forgotten  
those who sense their place is gone  
To the ones who live in hunger,  
here you belong  
(Chorus)

Go into the streets and cities  
to the farms and families  
Tell about the splendid table  
God’s mercy

**Final Chorus**

All are welcome, friend and stranger  
at the banquet of the Savior  
All are welcome, all are welcome...  
All are welcome, friend and stranger  
at the banquet of the Savior  
All are welcome, all are welcome here

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**WELCOME STATEMENT**

Draw me close to You never let me go  
I lay it all down again  
To hear You say that I'm Your friend  
You are my desire no one else will do  
'Cause nothing else could take Your place  
To feel the warmth of Your embrace  
Help me find the way bring me back to You

**Chorus**

You're all I want  
You're all I've ever needed  
You're all I want  
Help me know You are near

**Ending**

Help me know You are here

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**GREETING**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Merciful God, you free us to love others but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC****"And Can It Be"****Wesley & Campbell**

Vocal Solo Sung by Glenn Kuelczo

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, , through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14:*

*God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.*

A reading from Genesis.

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him. "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God**

## PSALM RESPONSE

*Psalm 33:12-22*

*(Assembly reads the bold font in the Congregational Response.)*

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

**The Lord looks down from heaven,  
and sees all humankind.**

God sits firmly enthroned and watches  
all who dwell on the earth.

**God fashions all their hearts  
and observes all their deeds.**

A king is not saved by the size of the army,  
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

**The horse gives vain hope for victory;  
despite its great strength it cannot save.**

Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord,  
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

**to deliver their lives from death,  
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

Our innermost being waits for you, O Lord,  
our helper and our shield.

**Surely, our heart rejoices in you,  
for in your holy name we put our trust.**

Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us,  
even as we place our hope in you.

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16*

*Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.*

A reading from Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

(Assembly stands for the gospel.)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

“Help Us, O Lord”

Dakota Road

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. Chords are indicated above the staff lines.

Staff 1: Chords D and DM7. Lyrics: Help us O Lord to hear your word

Staff 2: Chords D7 and G. Lyrics: O - pen our hearts to feel your word

Staff 3: Chords Em7, G/D, and A. Lyrics: Give us the strength to live your word each day

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**GOSPEL READING**

*Luke 12:32-40*

*Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

The gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*(The assembly stands)*

With the whole church, let us affirm our faith through the words of 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.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*After each prayer petition, please respond:* ...God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

...Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation’s grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the pow’r of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God’s own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign

**Chorus**

We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul’s reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We’ll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the pow’r to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go  
In the pow’r of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In ev’ry corner of the earth  
*(Chorus)*

By faith the mountain shall be moved  
And the pow’r of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name  
*(Chorus)*

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**OFFERING PRAYER**

**Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**THE 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.**

**PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

**HOLY****Brenton Brown**

Holy holy God Almighty  
Who was and is to come  
God of glory You’re so worthy  
All the saints bow down

Holy is Your name in all the earth  
Righteous are Your ways so merciful  
Everything You've done is just and true  
Holy holy God are You (x2)

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### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.....to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Modern Version*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as our Savior 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 forever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

### **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*All who wish to know the love of God in Jesus Christ are invited to Holy Communion. Inform a communion assistant if you need a gluten-free host. Grape juice is located in the center ring of the tray. If you are not receiving the sacrament today, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing.*

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

“On Eagle’s Wings”

ELW 787

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

And may the love of God abound in you all; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill each of your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

One day when heaven was filled with His praises  
One day when sin was as black as could be  
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin  
Dwelt among men my example is He  
The Word became flesh  
And the light shined among us  
His glory revealed

**Chorus**

Living He loved me dying He saved me  
Buried He carried my sins far away  
Rising He justified freely forever  
One day He's coming  
O glorious day (glorious day)

One day they led Him up Calv'ry's mountain  
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree  
Suffering anguish despised and rejected  
Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He  
The hand that healed nations  
Stretched out on a tree  
And took the nails for me  
(Chorus)

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer  
One day the stone rolled away from the door  
Then He arose over death He had conquered  
Now is ascended my Lord evermore  
Death could not hold Him  
The grave could not keep Him  
From rising again  
(Chorus)

**Bridge**

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming  
One day the skies with His glories will shine  
Wonderful day my beloved onebringing  
My Savior Jesus is mine  
(Chorus)

**Ending**

O glorious day glorious day  
O glorious day

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**SENDING**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE****“Jesus Paid It All”**

Alex Nifong

**Verse 1**

And I hear the Savior say  
Thy strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness watch and pray  
Find in Me thine all in all

**Chorus**

(‘Cause) Jesus paid it all  
All to Him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow

**Verse 2**

Lord now indeed I find  
Thy pow'r and Thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone  
(Chorus)

**Verse 3**

And when before the throne  
I stand in Him complete  
Jesus died my soul to save  
My lips shall still repeat  
(Chorus)

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## \*\*\*Trinity at a Glance\*\*\*

- **Bible Study resumes** this week on **Wednesdays at 1 pm** in the Education Building Lounge.
- Save the date! **Rally Day is Sunday, September 7th!**
- Come join us for our first **Summer Hymn Sing Service** - an informal worship opportunity on **Thursday, August 7th at 6:30 pm** in the Chapel, lower level. All are welcome. This is a casual event. There will be refreshments too!
- **Save the date for a 100th Birthday Celebration!** Gerald Hulslander turns 100 this year! Come to an Open House with coffee, lemonade and cookies **today, Sunday, August 10 from 2-4 pm** at Trinity Lutheran Church. Please, no gifts or flowers, but cards are welcome! Gerald's address is 505 College Ave, Room 410 Ottawa IL 61350.
- **Sept 2nd is Trinity Rose Montessori School opening day!** Spread the word. Sign up early to guarantee your child a spot! **All are invited** to a special congregational blessing of the new school on **Sunday, August 24th** (after worship).
- The **Lutherdale Quilt Auction** is **August 9th** from 9 to 3 pm. Trinity Stitches made quilts for the auction: numbers 43, 56, 65, 107, 119, 133, and 179. They can be seen online at <https://www.lutherdale.org/quilt-auction> . Voting for viewer favorites is listed there too. Voting is open now until August 8th, 9 pm.
- The **Giving Tree recipient for August will be Trinity Rose Montessori School**. Thank you for your continued Spirit of Giving to help enrich the lives of others. "It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving." - Mother Teresa.
- **Open Table Church** will offer their **free community meal today, Sunday, August 10th at noon**. Menu: sheet pan kielbasa, potatoes, green beans, salad, mini corn on the cob, dinner rolls & dessert.
- **Recent events have severely impacted people in Africa, Gaza, and other places in our world**. Millions are struggling to stay alive from starvation, the loss of available medical treatment, and more. The loss of help through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has made things worse. Help is needed now! There are a number of ways that you can help with monetary gifts. You can designate your donation on your offering envelope or through one of these websites:
  - Lutheran Disaster Response [disaster@ELCA.org](mailto:disaster@ELCA.org)
  - Lutheran World Relief [give.lwr.org](http://give.lwr.org)
  - ELCA World Hunger [elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/elca-world-hunger](http://elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/elca-world-hunger)Please contact the Mission-Outreach Committee with any questions.
- **Open Table** will be hosting our next **book club reading**. The featured book will be "Who Stole My Bible?: Reclaiming Scripture as a Handbook for Resisting Tyranny" by Jennifer Butler. Stay tuned for more information!
- **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**
  - July income = \$16,340.56 (Income YTD = \$143,031.29)
  - July expense = \$16,356.92 (Expense YTD = \$143,649.04)
  - Income Less Expense = -\$16.36 (Income Less Expense YTD = -\$617.75)
  - Loan Payment = \$2,943.30
  - Left on Loan = \$15,996.

