

August 16, 2026

Welcome

The Hymn of Invocation

578 Thy Strong Word

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| 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee,
While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end! | 3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end! |
| 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation,
Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end! | 4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth
All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end! |

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This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near to God with a pure heart for “if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not with us.

But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Kyrie.....*sung to: Amazing Grace*

Have mercy on your people, Lord. Have mercy, Christ, our King;
Renew us by your mercy, Lord; Accept the prayers we bring.

(Silence for prayers of confession.)

Let us then confess all our sins to God our Father.
Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore announce the full forgiveness of all our sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise*sung to: Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Glory to God on high, and to the earth God's peace!
With thanks God's name we glorify; let gladsome praise increase!
With angel hosts we sing your holy name to bless,
Almighty Father, heav'nly King, enthroned in holiness.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray: Blessed Lord, you have caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

Old Testament

Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

"You shall have no other gods before me.

"You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

"You shall not murder.

"You shall not commit adultery.

"You shall not steal.

"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 3:19-24

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse.....*sung to: Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow*

Alleluia! Oh, praise the Lord! Forever be God's name adored!

Alleluia! God's saving Word Throughout the earth in faith be heard!

The Gospel

Matthew 22:36-40

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Object Lesson

The Hymn of the Day

579 The Law of God Is Good and Wise

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| 1 | The Law of God is good and wise
And sets His will before our eyes,
Shows us the way of righteousness,
And dooms to death when we transgress. | 3 | To those who help in Christ have found
And would in works of love abound
It shows what deeds are His delight
And should be done as good and right. |
| 2 | Its light of holiness imparts
The knowledge of our sinful hearts
That we may see our lost estate
And turn from sin before too late. | 6 | To Jesus we for refuge flee,
Who from the curse has set us free,
And humbly worship at His throne,
Saved by His grace through faith alone. |

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Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Offertorysung to: *We Give You But Your Own*

We give you but your own In any gift we bring;
All that we have is yours alone, A trust from you, our king.
May we your bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, Lord, as you bless us, To you our first-fruits give.

Our offerings help to support:

HOPE – Homeless Outreach Providing Encouragement

The Prayers [If you need information to send a card or call to someone for whom we prayed, please contact Pastor John.]

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus

And for all people according to their needs.

(After each portion of the prayer)

Lord in Your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

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.

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 him thanks and praise.

Always and everywhere praise and thanksgiving are due to you, holy Lord, God of power and might! Today we are chiefly bound to praise you for the promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ; sin is forgiven, death is defeated, life is restored both now and forevermore, therefore the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven join in their unending hymn:

The Sanctussung to: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Day and night we join to praise Your love and majesty.
You alone are holy, worthy and righteous.
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Through Jesus Christ, your beloved we give you thanks, heavenly Father for the love with which you loved the world, for the salvation you prepared for us through Jesus Christ, for the Holy Spirit sent into our hearts and into our midst, that we may receive and share our living Lord with living faith.

Amen.

Jesus' Directions for Communion

The Peace

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

The Agnus Dei*sung to: My Faith Looks up to Thee*

O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins away—Our faith increase,
Have mercy on us all, Strengthen us when we fall,
Answer our fervent call And grant us peace.

Distribution of Communion

*[If your body does not tolerate alcohol,
the back row of the individual cups is grape juice.]*

The Distribution Hymns

563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

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| 1 | Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head. | 4 | Lord, I believe, were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made. |
| 2 | Bold shall I stand in that great day,
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame. | 5 | When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me. |
| 3 | Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty,
Was also shed in love for me. | 6 | Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid. |

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580 The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

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| 1 | The Gospel shows the Father's grace,
Who sent His Son to save our race,
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died
That we might thus be justified. | 4 | It is the pow'r of God to save
From sin and Satan and the grave;
It works the faith which firmly clings
To all the treasures which it brings. |
| 2 | It sets the Lamb before our eyes,
Who made the atoning sacrifice,
And calls the souls with guilt oppressed
To come and find eternal rest. | 5 | It bears to all the tidings glad
And bids their hearts no more be sad;
The weary, burdened souls it cheers
And banishes their guilty fears. |
| 3 | It brings the Savior's righteousness
To robe our souls in royal dress;
From all our guilt it brings release
And gives the troubled conscience peace. | 6 | May we in faith its message learn
Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
May we in faith its truth confess
And praise the Lord, our righteousness. |

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921 On What Has Now Been Sown

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| 1 On what has now been sown
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow'r is Thine alone
To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,
And Thou alone shalt have the praise! | 2 To Thee our wants are known,
From Thee are all our pow'rs;
Accept what is Thine own
And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,
And to Thy Word a blessing give. |
| 3 O grant that each of us,
Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus
When Thou and Thine appear
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come! | |

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The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the faith to life everlasting. Go in peace.

Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle.....*sung to: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Thank the Lord, His praises voicing, for His promised faithfulness!
All who seek the Lord, rejoicing, tell His love, His name confess.
Praise the Father, Son and Spirit, Living God, who sets us free
By His mercy to inherit life and joy eternally!

Post-Communion Prayer

We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this good gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

The Final Hymn

584 Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing

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| 1 Faith and truth and life bestowing,
Open now the Scriptures, Lord,
Seed to life eternal sowing,
Scattered on the wind abroad.
Let not hearts, Your Word receiving,
Like a barren field be found,
Choked with thorns and unbelieving,
Shallow earth or stony ground. | 2 May the Spirit's pow'r unceasing
Bring to life the hidden grain,
Daily in our hearts increasing,
Bearing fruit that shall remain.
So in Scripture, song, and story,
Savior, may Your voice be heard.
Till our eyes behold Your glory
Give us ears to hear Your Word. |
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Server Schedule

	8/16	8/23	8/30
Altar Flowers	Prossers	Schulz	Reitz
Altar Guild	Williams/Koob	Dan/Amy	Nancy D
Counters	John Da/Vicki	John Di/Wayne	Adria/Michelle
	8:30	8:30	8:30
Elder	Herold	Bill	Dan
Reader	Bob	Edwin	Bob
PowerPoint	Rob O	Shirley	Gordon
Organ	Linda	Linda	Linda
Audio	Steve	Steve	Steve
Visuals	Greg	Amy	Preston
	10:30	10:30	10:30
Elder	Gordon	Mike	Greg
Reader	Cole	Royce	Kathy
PowerPoint	Vicki	Erik	Vicki
Audio	Hayden	Conor	Hayden
Visuals	Donovan	Conor	Donovan

Altar Flowers today are donated by Greg and Diana Williams, in honor of Greg's mother, Loretta, on her birthday, may she rest in peace.

Birthdays this Week

08/18 Cindy Burton
08/22 Millie Bennett
08/22 Morgan McBride

Anniversaries this Week

08/17 Vin & Angela Pierce
08/18 Jan & Marlene Jorgensen