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## Sunday, August 3rd, 2025 Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Confession

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

**Amen.**

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.**

## A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall  
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives  
 3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the  
 4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the  
 5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
 stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith-ful fol-l'wers  
 sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav-ior!" thus they  
 sky." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall  
 cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.  
 see their Lord as-cend in maj - es - ty.  
 say, "this is his glo-rious tri-umph day!" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -  
 see re - turn-ing in great maj - es - ty."  
 run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

## Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Hymn of the Month: The Family of God

# The Family Of God

Words by  
William J. Gaither and Gloria Gaither

Music by  
William J. Gaither

## CHORUS

Musical notation for the Chorus, measures 1-11. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written on a single staff. Chords are indicated above the staff: D, E9, C#m/E, E7, A7, G/A, A, A9, D, E9, C#m/E, E7.

I'm so glad I'm a part of the fam - 'ly of God; I've been washed in the

foun - tain, cleansed by His blood! Joint heirs with Je - sus as we trav - el this

12 
 Musical notation for the Chorus, measures 12-15. Chords: A7, Last time to Coda, A9, A13, A7, D, G/D, D.

sod, for I'm part of the fam - 'ly, the fam - 'ly of God. 1. You will  
2. From the

## VERSE

Musical notation for the Verse, measures 16-27. Chords: D, A/D, D, A7, G/A.

no - tice we say "broth - er" and "sis - ter" 'round here; It's be - cause we're a  
door of an orph - 'nage to the house of the King; No long - er an

23 
 Musical notation for the Verse, measures 23-27. Chords: A7, G/A, A7, D, G/D, D.

fam - 'ly and these folks are so near; When one has a heart - ache we  
out - cast, a new song I sing; From rags un - to rich - es, from the

28 
 Musical notation for the Verse, measures 28-31. Chords: G/D, D, A/D, D, A7, A9, A13, A7, D, G/D.

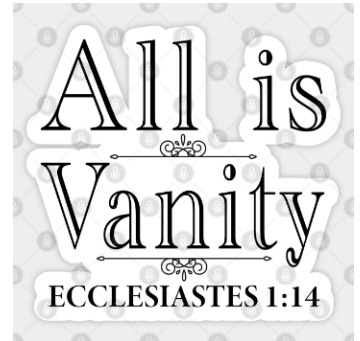
all share the tears, and re - joice in each vic - t'ry in this fam - 'ly so dear.  
weak to the strong; I'm not wor - thy to be here, but praise God, I belong

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

<sup>2</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup> I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. <sup>14</sup> I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup> I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, <sup>19</sup> and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup> So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup> because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup> What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup> For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.



Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalms: Psalm 49:1-12**

<sup>1</sup> Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

<sup>2</sup> **you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**

<sup>3</sup> My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

<sup>4</sup> **I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

<sup>5</sup> Why should I be afraid in evil days,  
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

<sup>6</sup> **the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,  
and boast of their great riches?**

<sup>7</sup> One can never redeem another,  
or give to God the ransom for another's life;

<sup>8</sup> **for the ransom of a life is so great  
that there would never be enough to pay it,**

<sup>9</sup> in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

<sup>10</sup> **For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish  
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

<sup>11</sup> Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation,  
though they had named lands after themselves.

<sup>12</sup> **Even though honored, they cannot live forever;  
they are like the beasts that perish.**

## Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

<sup>1</sup> So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup> But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all.

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### Gospel Acclamation



### Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

The holy gospel according to Luke, **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup> Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’

<sup>20</sup> But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children’s Message

Sermon

Pastor Kathleen Shuck

Hymn of the Day: Faith Begins by Letting Go

No. 1004

### Faith Begins By Letting Go



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,  
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's roots a - live  
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:  
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,  
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.  
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.  
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

## 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

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places. Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals, the gifts that make life possible on this planet. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Clothe all people in your image, and establish equity and peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear (*especially*). Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters. Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding; make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our thanks for the lives of your saints who now rest from their labors. Give us wisdom through their witness and encourage us in love as we continue our lives in the world. 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.**

Offertory (Usher please bring the offering to the altar)

Offertory Song: The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

No. 538

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

*Enviado soy de Dios*

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with Spanish and English versions provided for each line. The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The final line of the score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá  
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,  
pa - ra cons-truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.  
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.  
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar  
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain  
un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;  
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;  
me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.  
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.  
A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.  
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

Offertory 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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

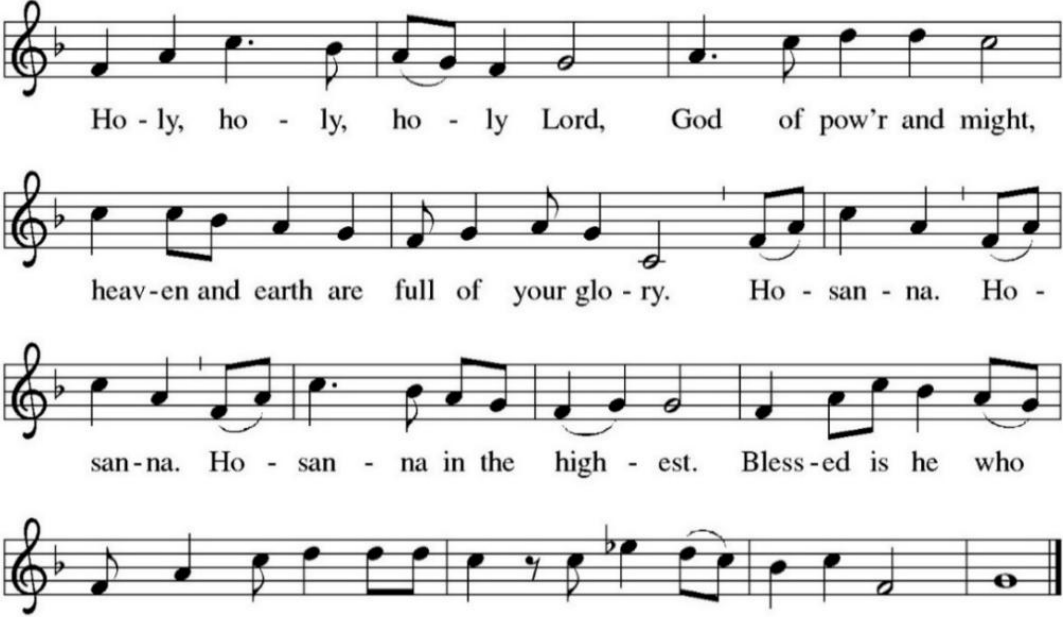
Let us give thanks to the lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:

beyond the stars; beneath the sea;

within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water; by night and day;  
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup  
is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the  
forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal;  
among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,  
through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit, in your church,  
without end. **Amen.**  
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach 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.**

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

## 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 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Communion Hymn: Let Us Break Bread Together

No. 471

### Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;  
let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing  
sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

## Table Blessing

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

Mothering God,  
you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## Blessing

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

## Closing Hymn: Sent Forth By God's Blessing

No. 547



## Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,

the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

**Dismissal.**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

## AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Carrie Wiedenheft
Communion Assistant:	Sally Warner
Usher:	Rex & Brad Stierhoff
Acolyte:	Tyler Wiedenheft

At 10:30...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Natalie Thompson
Usher:	Charles Howard & Bill Bertsch

August Altar Care:	Cathy Wobser & Candy Beatty
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## PRAYER CONCERNS

To all affected by flooding Texas and New Mexico; FAITH members, including, Patsy Troike; the people and pastors of our companion synods in Tanzania, Servia & Montenegro; the law enforcement officers of greater Sandusky.

**Pastor Jen can be contacted at 419-822-7630 or [jen.herrmann@gmail.com](mailto:jen.herrmann@gmail.com)**

**THE MEMORIAL FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Greg & Cindy Norman in memory of their dear friend, Louise Birkhold, who entered her rest in Christ nine years ago on August 9, 2016.

**OFFERING PLATES** are in both entryways by the bulletins. If you forgot to put your offering as you came in, an usher or pastor can help you find the plates after service.

## This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Communion Service	8:00 am & 10:30 am
WEDNESDAY	AA/NA Women Only	9:00 am
	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	7:00 pm
SATURDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Service of Word & Prayer	8:00 am & 10:30 am



**Happy August!** Please join us in the upstairs gathering room for cookies courtesy of Pat Wiedenheft. Let's get through the dog days of summer with a sweet treat!

Are you or your child getting ready for a new job, college or technical school, or school? Come and get your backpack, briefcase, or bag blessed on **Sunday, August 24th** during both services. You've done your work with your relationship to Jesus and now it's time for your own work to be blessed!

Grace Lutheran Church's monthly community meal is **August 13<sup>th</sup>** from 5-6pm. The menu is grilled brats, macaroni salad, chips, fresh veggies & dessert. Delivery is available for shut-ins, call 419-357-3672 to schedule.

The goal has been met for combs (133) and toothbrushes (113) for the Lutheran World Relief kits. The collection goes through **August 31<sup>st</sup>**. Towels (dark colors, lightweight, 20" x 52"); 3 soap bars; and fingernail clippers are still needed. Check Wal-mart or Dollar General for economical pricing. Also, your help is needed on **September 7<sup>th</sup>** to assemble kits!

