



THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 10, 2025 | 8:00 AND 10:30 AM
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH; CONCORDIA, MO

ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP

More than sunlight streams through the windows of our sanctuary. The images in the stained-glass give us a picture of God's grace for us in Jesus. Throughout this series, we will review the symbols in our stained-glass windows and see in them the Good News of God's love and our salvation.

P Pastor **C** Congregation/All

✠ All may make the sign of the cross to remember their baptism.



Led by the Holy Spirit, we gather for worship.
We are prepared for worship through Confession and Absolution.

PRELUDE & WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 809 *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS *Psalm 124:8; 32:5*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT | Entrance *Psalm 147:8–11; antiphon: v. 7*

- P** Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
C **make melody to our God on the lyre!**
P He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth;
C **he makes grass grow on the hills.**
P He gives to the beasts their food,
C **and to the young ravens that cry.**
P His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
C **nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,**
P but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
C **in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

GLORIA PATRI | Glory to the Father *For text and tune, see page 186.*

- C** (sung) **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

KYRIE | Lord, Have Mercy *Mark 10:47*

For text and tune, see page 186.

- C** (sung) **Lord, have mercy upon us**
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS | Glory to God in the Highest *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

For text and tune, see pages 187–189.

- P** (sung) **Glory be to God on high:**
C **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

For text and tune, see page 189.

- P** (sung) **The Lord be with you.**
C **And with thy spirit.**

P Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

VERSE OF THE MONTH *Psalm 98:4*

C Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.



We hear God's Word read and proclaimed,
and we respond with our prayers and praise, tithes and offerings.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 8:6–22*

After the great flood waters recede, Noah sends out a dove from the ark. The dove brings back an olive leaf indicating it was safe to leave the ark.

⁶At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made ⁷and sent forth a raven. It went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. ⁸Then he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground. ⁹But the dove found no place to set her foot, and she returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her and brought her into the ark with him. ¹⁰He waited another seven days, and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark. ¹¹And the dove came back to him in the evening, and behold, in her mouth was a freshly plucked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. ¹²Then he waited another seven days and sent forth the dove, and she did not return to him anymore.

¹³In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried from off the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the

ark and looked, and behold, the face of the ground was dry. ¹⁴In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth had dried out. ¹⁵Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶“Go out from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. ¹⁷Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—that they may swarm on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.” ¹⁸So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives with him. ¹⁹Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by families from the ark.

²⁰Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, “I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man’s

heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. ²²While the

earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Hebrews 11:1–16*

The author of Hebrews illustrates how “faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” by sharing examples of faith from the Old Testament.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to

receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return.

¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *For text with music, see page 190.*

G (sung) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 12:22–34*

God, who feeds the birds and provides for the lilies in the field, will provide for His people. Trusting God's provision, we have no need to fear.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is

alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith!

²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³²“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

CREED *See the inside back cover of the hymnal.*

SERMON HYMN 696 “O God, My Faithful God”

SERMON *Windows into God’s Grace: “The Dove”*

OFFERTORY *Psalm 51:10–12; for text and tune, see page 192.*

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

All may sign the friendship register found in each pew.

Music during the offering:

SOLO “Bless the Lord, O My Soul (10,000 Reasons) by J. Myrin and M. Redman

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

*The 8:00 am service concludes with the Lord’s Prayer, Benediction,
and Closing Hymn 924, “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing.”*



We receive God’s gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation
as we share the Sacrament of the Altar.

The 10:30 am service continues with the Preface on page 194 in the hymnal.

We believe that in the Lord’s Supper our Lord gives to us His true body and blood with the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of our sins. We recognize the charge that St. Paul offers in 1 Corinthians 11:27–28 that those who come to receive the Lord’s Supper ought to examine themselves so that they do not eat and drink in an unworthy manner. Therefore, out of concern for those who have not been instructed in the faith or who hold to a different confession, we ask that only members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations receive the Sacrament. If you would like to learn more about what our congregation teaches, to inquire about becoming a member or have questions about our practice, please speak to one of the pastors. Adults and children who have not yet been baptized or instructed in the Christian faith are invited to come forward and receive a spoken blessing at the altar rail; please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

For those who require it, diluted wine is found in the purple glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups; gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Music during distribution:

HYMN 733 *“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

HYMN 566 *“By Grace I’m Saved”*

HYMN 689 *“Let Me Be Thine Forever”*



Even as this time of worship ends, we go out of the church into the worship of our everyday lives, ready to be God’s witnesses and do His will.

The service concludes with the Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving, Salutation and Bendicamus, and Benediction on pages 199–202.

CLOSING HYMN 924 *“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, SENDING & POSTLUDE

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

This week’s takeaway: The dove holding an olive branch has become a universal symbol of peace—and for good reason. In Genesis 8, the dove returns to Noah with an olive leaf, signaling the end of the devastating flood that had violently disrupted the peace of creation. Yet, the symbolism of the dove goes far deeper than a generic notion of peace. It points to the One who provides true and eternal peace: the God who remembered Noah, his family, and every living creature with him. This same God remembers us through Jesus Christ and brings us the life He won on the cross by His own Holy Spirit—who is, notably, revealed in the form of a dove.

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SERVING IN THIS SERVICE

Rev. Andrew Lehenbauer, *Liturgist & Preacher*

Katie Drefs, *Organist*

Elaina Rankin, *Soloist (8:00 am)*; Sarah Kirchhoff, *Soloist (10:30 am)*

Cody Hass, Evan Rankin, *Acolytes (8:00 am)*

Benjamin Kuecker, Cooper Steinkuhler, *Acolytes (10:30 am)*

Gerald & Wendy Dittmer, *Greeters (8:00 am)*

Ann Wolters, *Greeter (10:30 am)*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please contact the church office to keep our prayer list up-to-date.

Our pastor "on call" number in case of emergency is (660) 580-5483.

New: Ricky Flandermeyer, Ron Roepe, Joyce Kroll, Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, Gary Inman, Barbie Cowherd, Diane Heimsoth, James Hemme, Baby Felix, Rev. Dr. Les Mitkos, Gene Virus, Susan Reeves, Les Bruns

Ongoing: Robert Pottschmidt, Harry Rehkop, Nolan Kirby, Jon Spells, Hudson Kloos, Joe Connell, Ron Cordes, Beth Maggert, Roger Kammeyer, Ledrue Brandt, Alyssa Pfannkuch, Alice Hildebrand, Donnie Fiene, Rev. Perry Copus, Darla Wolters, Vickie Greene, Amy Gerdts, Tim Bergman, Amy Backus, David Rehmsmeyer, Dannie Griffit, Lari Huntze, Johnny Cowherd, Kelly Meyer, Shirley Kimball

Celebration: Roger & Carolyn Flandermeyer, 60th wedding anniversary

Nation and World: the people of Norway

Partners in Mission: Campus Lutheran Church; Columbia, MO and Rev. Rev. Dr. Kent Pierce; LCMS – Missouri District

Birthdays: (8/10) Betty Dedeke; (8/11) Tylan Thomas; (8/12) Tim Denk, Donald Fiene, Andrew Heimsoth, Travis Moore; (8/13) Gena Brackman Karon Meineka; (8/14) Cassady Close, Dale Dieckhoff Alessandra Oetting, Jeremy Sayre, Troy Steinkuhler; (8/15) Amy Gerdts, Michael Hiens, Lydia Kirchhoff, Nathan Meyer, Bruce Strobel; (8/16) Wyatt Finley, Peyton Moore

Anniversaries: (8/10) Matthew & Katherine Drefs, Gene & Judy Rittman; (8/12) Jeremy & Blair Sayre; (8/13) Jonathan & Becky Haase; (8/14) Ty & Gloria Flandermeyer, Troy & Stacey Steinkuhler

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP

Jeremiah 23:16–29; Colossians 1:15–20; Luke 12:49–56

Hymns (*Lutheran Service Book*): 700, 829, 533, 680, 538, 540

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