# **September 21, 2025**

# **Prelude & Announcements**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or sits. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

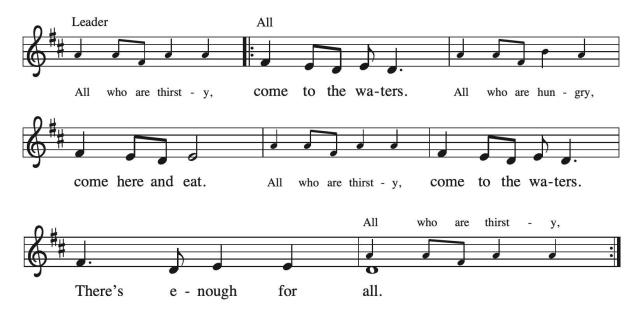
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The assembly stands.

# GATHERING SONG All Who Are Thirsty (repeat 3x) ACS 981

# All Who Are Thirsty



Text: Brian Wentzel, b. 1979

Music: ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY, Brian Wentzel

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#### **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.** 

# **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, like Jacob, you have promised to be with us and keep us wherever we go. Through us, keep your promise bless the families of the earth, north and south, east and west.

Amen.

# CHILDREN'S BIBLE STORY/CHILDREN'S HANDBELLS

**FIRST READING** Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

<sup>1</sup>When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, "My son," and he answered, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup> He said, "See, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. <sup>3</sup> Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me. <sup>4</sup> Then prepare for me savory food, such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die."

<sup>15</sup> Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob, <sup>16</sup> and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. <sup>17</sup> Then she handed the savory food and the bread that she had prepared to her son Jacob.

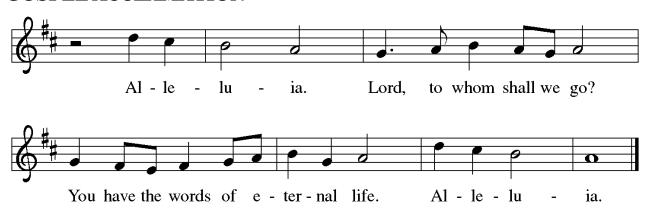
<sup>18</sup> So he went in to his father and said, "My father," and he said, "Here I am; who are you, my son?" <sup>19</sup> Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me." <sup>20</sup> But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the Lord your God granted me success." <sup>21</sup> Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not." <sup>22</sup> So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." <sup>23</sup> He did not recognize him because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands, so he blessed him.

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. 12 And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, 14 and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. 15 Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." 16 Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" 17 And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

After the reading concludes: Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.** 

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



The gospel is announced. The holy gospel according to John the first chapter **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

# **GOSPEL** John 1:50-51

<sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

#### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart vv 1,3-4 ELW 800



Text: George Croly, 1780–1860 Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–189

### 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

L: God of grace, C: receive our prayer.

#### **PEACE**

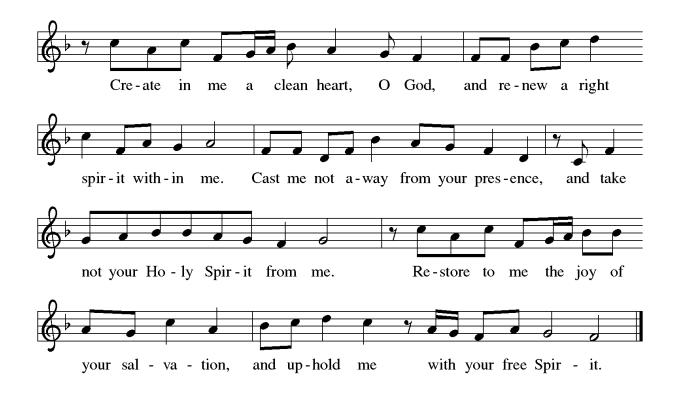
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** 

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

#### **OFFERING**

# **OFFERING SONG**

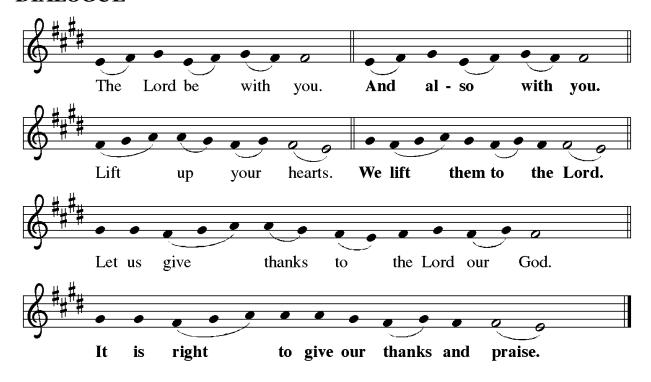


#### OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

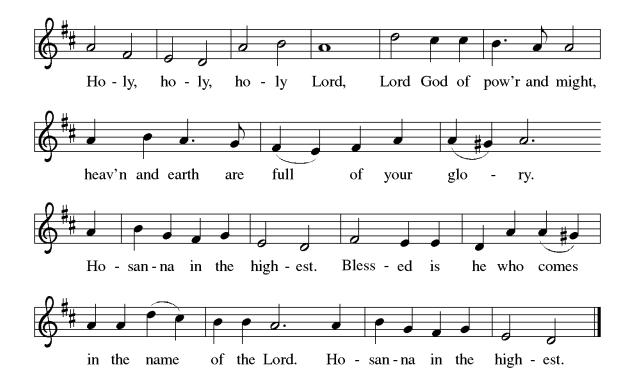
# **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

# **DIALOGUE**



*The Thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day; the assembly responds:* 

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The presiding minister gives thanks and proclaims Christ's words instituting the Lord's Supper.

#### 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.

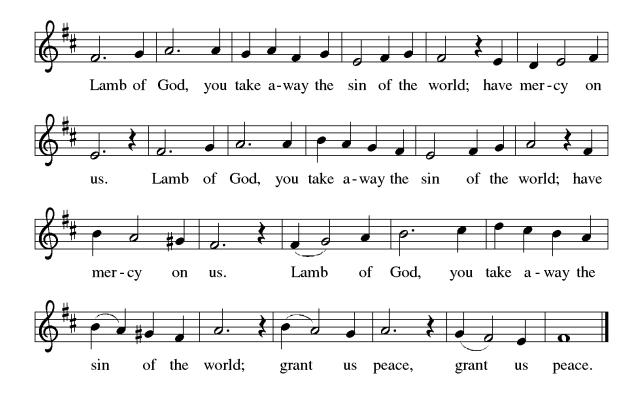
#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is Christ's table and Christ welcomes each and every single one of you. Those of you communion at home, please join us.

#### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

All who desire the Lord's Supper are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion. Following the usher's invitation, come forward along the side aisle and remain standing as you gather around the altar railing. When everyone has gathered at the railing, you may kneel or remain standing. Receive the wafer of bread in your hands. You may also request a gluten-free wafer. Then take a small cup from the tray: white grape juice is in the center and red wine is around the edge. Deposit your cup in the basket when you are finished and return to your seat down the center aisle. We invite children and those not receiving the bread and wine to come forward to receive a blessing at the altar railing.

#### **COMMUNION SONG**



#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us and called us to serve.

Send us to do good and to share ourselves with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you
May the Lord look upon you with favor
And give you + peace. **Amen.** 

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### Serving our congregation this morning:

Acolytes – Brent Jennings and Blake Gobrecht

Altar Guild – Janice Fruchey and Tom Fruchey

Fellowship Hour - Vicky & Tim Smith w/donations from Jackie

Lampkowski and Julie Gimesky

Liturgical Minister – Tim Smith

Media – Kelsey Creguer

Organist - Ray Smith

Special Music – Children's Handbells play My Jesus I Love Thee

Ushers - Dick Leonard, Head Usher; Leonard Fox, Dave Fritz, Gary Miller

### **Schedule:**

Sunday: Holy Communion - 9:00 AM

Children's Handbells

Fellowship Hour – 10:00 AM Sunday School – 10:15 AM

6-8h Grade Milestone Class – 10:15 AM

Tuesday: Adult Bible Study – 9:30 AM

AA - 7:00 PM

Wednesday: Mid-Week Service – 7:00 PM Thursday: Hedge Trimming – 9:00 AM

Pickleball – 6:00 PM

#### **Coming Soon**

Sun., Sept. 28 – Bible Presentation to Catechism Students

Sun., Sept. 28 – Home Communion Training – 11 AM

Sun., Sept. 28 – Charge Event Registration Deadline

Wed., Oct. 01 – Oktoberfest Dinner Church – 6 PM

Sun., Oct. 12 – Youth Outing Kreps Apple Barn – 11:15 AM

Sat., Oct. 25 – Trunk or Treat – 5:30 PM

Sat., Oct. 25 – Halloween Youth Night 6-8th Grade 5:30-10 PM

Halloween Youth Night 9-12th grade 5:30 PM-11 AM Oct 26

Sun., Nov. 02 – All Saints Sunday

# **Support God's Ministry at Prince of Peace**

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Our **Children's Handbells** will **play** this morning during our worship service, after the Children's Bible Story. The **kids do not** have to know how to **read music.** They ring (and sometimes shake!) their colored bells when the matching color flash cards are displayed. **All** ages are **welcome** to join in.

The Holy Grounds crew will be completing the **annual "Big Trim"** on Thursday Sept. 25 @ 9 AM. We invite all who can join us. This involves the big **evergreen hedge** on the **east wall** of the sanctuary. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Our next **Adopt-a-Road Clean-Up** date is **Sat.**, **Sept. 27**. We'll meet in The Gathering Place at **9 AM** and head out to pick up litter on Dunbar Road between Lewis Ave. & Geiger Rd. If you are willing to organize the next pick up, contact the church office.

Home communion training is next Sun., Sept. 28 @ 11 AM. Bring the Bread of Life to those who cannot attend worship service.

**Oktoberfest Dinner Church** is on Wed., Oct. 01. Please sign up in the narthex and help as you are able.

**Ushers** are needed for the month of October. Families, friends, individuals are encouraged to volunteer to **welcome** people, **handout** bulletins, help **collect** the offering, etc. There's a clipboard in the narthex with **room** for **your name**!

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Don Stadler, who passed away on Sept. 16, Arrangements are pending.











