



SEPTEMBER 14, 2025



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. Thanks be to God.

PRELUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King

Piano Arrangement by Dan Musselman

Bill Nunes, Solo Piano

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

Come Now Is The Time To Worship

Words & Music by Brian Doerksen

Chorus

Verse 1

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now

Chorus

Verse 2

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives
Willingly our knees will bow
With all our heart soul mind and strength
We gladly choose You now

Chorus / Ending

Chorus

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come

Ending

Come ... come
just as you are
come ... come

ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

A: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C: Amen.

A: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence For Reflection

A: Merciful and loving God,

C: we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Ame

A: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C: Amen.

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together,

C: O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

We receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace. You may greet one another and say "peace be with you" or similar words.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THE WORD

This Little Light of Mine

Verse 1

This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Verse 2

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

A READING FROM

EXODUS 32:7-14

While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people, and boldly asks for mercy for them.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

A READING FROM

PSALM 51:1-10

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. (Ps. 51:1)

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

C: Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

L: For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

C: Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

L: Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

C: Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.

L: Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

C: Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.

L: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Thy Word Is A Lamp

(W&P 144—Refrain only)

♩ = 70 F C/E F B \flat /D C F

Thy Word is a lamp un - to my feet and a light un - to my path.

5 C/E F B \flat /D C F *Fine*

Thy Word is a lamp un - to my feet and a light un - to my path.

Detailed description: The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 70. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The melody is written on a treble clef staff. Chords are indicated above the staff: F, C/E, F, Bb/D, C, and F. The lyrics 'Thy Word is a lamp un - to my feet and a light un - to my path.' are written below the staff. The second staff starts with a measure rest marked '5', followed by the same melody and lyrics. Chords C/E, F, Bb/D, C, and F are indicated. The staff ends with a double bar line and the word 'Fine'.

THE GOSPEL READING

LUKE 15:1-10

(Congregation standing)

L: The Holy Gospel of St. Luke, beginning in the fifteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

”Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

PREACHING OF THE GOOD NEWS

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION ON THE GOOD NEWS





1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and a prom-ised grace made good;
 3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our mind;
 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je-sus; it is some-thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice which is more than lib-er-ty.
 there is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in his blood.
 and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.
 great-er good be-cause of e-vil, larg-er mer-cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
 There is grace e-nough for thou-sands of new worlds as great as this;
 But we make this love too nar-row by false lim-its of our own;
 Make our love, O God, more faith-ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment giv'n.
 there is room for fresh cre-a-tions in that up-per home of bliss.
 and we mag-ni-fy its strict-ness with a zeal God will not own.
 and our lives will be thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

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 into hell. 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 THE PEOPLE

A: Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

Each petition shall conclude with:

A: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The Prayers conclude:

A: We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

C: Amen.

THE MEAL

THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

There Is a Fountain

Traditional American melody

Arranged by Lily Topolski

Bill Nunes, Solo Piano

THE OFFERTORY

We Are An Offering

Words & Music by Dwight Liles

♩ = 60

CHORUS 1

G7 C Dm7 C/E F C/E

We lift our voice - es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an

4 Dm7 G7sus G7 C Dm7 C/E

of - fer - ing. Lord, use our voice - es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our

F C/E Dm7 G7sus G/F Em7 Asus A7 Dm7 G7sus G7

BRIDGE

7 lives, they are Yours, we are an of - fer - ing. All that we have, all that we are,

11 Esus D/F# E/G# Am F C/E Bb/C A/C# Dm7 G7sus G7

all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You. We lift our

15 **CHORUS 2**

C Dm7 C/E F C/E Dm7 G7sus

voi - ces, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an of - fer - ing, we are an

19 C G7sus G7 C

of - fer - ing. We lift our of - fer - ing.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray,

C: 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts!

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

We practice "Open Communion," acknowledging that Jesus welcomes all persons, sinners and saints alike, to the table. All means ALL. Please come forward by the center aisle and receive the Sacrament in a continuous line, exiting by the side aisles.

Communion is by intinction. We offer a chalice of wine and a chalice of white grape juice in which you may dip the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask for them at the altar, if needed. The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen.

Infants who are not yet ready to receive food will receive a blessing. Parents who have questions about the practice of open communion may instruct their children to receive just a blessing.

Communion can be served to those who are not physically able to join us for worship. Please speak with an usher if you know of someone who would desire communion from Sunday's table brought to them.

COMMUNION MUSIC

I Received the Living God (ELW477)

Refrain



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



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1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



Refrain

you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace until life everlasting.

C: Amen.

THE SENDING

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ , and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SONG OF THE DAY

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

Chris Tomlin | Jason Ingram | Pat Barrett

Verse 1

It all comes down to this
What you require of me
Love my neighbor as myself
And You above all things

Chorus

Verse 2

It all comes down to this
To be Your hands and feet
Good news to all the world
The truth will set us free

Chorus

Bridge (2x)

Verse 3

Years from now we'll see
The fruit our hands have sown
Faith just like a seed
The only way it grows

Chorus

Chorus

Act justly love mercy walk humbly
With You God
In all things in all ways walk humbly
With You God

Bridge

It's beauty for ashes
It's mourning to dancing
It's closer and closer
The Kingdom of heaven

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSED AND SENT TO SERVE

A: This little light of mine...

C: I'm gonna let it shine!

A: Even though the world can seem bleak at times, there is still good out there. There are reasons to rejoice and God continues to do good things in our world, sometimes even through us. Yes, there are times to weep, mourn and shake our fists at the injustice in the world, but we also need to see the good. We may even need to search for it sometimes. For those who feel like the weight of the world is overwhelming, may we help them find the joy and the reasons for rejoicing. We do this until...

C: Everyone knows that God loves them!

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



If you are worshipping with us at 9:00 am we kindly ask that you leave your bulletin on the back table on your way out for those that are worshipping at 11:00 am if you did not make notes. We wish to be good stewards of our environment and resources.

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EPIPHANY

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am & 11:00 am (in-person and online)

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Pastor: Chris Hermansen

Minister of Youth: Kris Perkola

Director of Worship and Music:

Worship Production: Steve Belfield

Worship Accompanist: Anna Keiserman, Ph. D.

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Name Lord, Revive Us

There Is a Fountain

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