

Welcome to Worship for
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



Sunday, August 10, 2025

All Saints Lutheran Church

722 Rockbridge Road ♦ Lilburn, GA 30047

Rev. Ashton Roberts, Pastor
John Womack, Director of Music



Welcome to worship! We are so glad that you are here. Please feel free to utilize this QR code using your smart phone to access our website, Facebook & Instagram pages, and to give online. Your generosity for God's church and presence is making a difference, both here in this ministry and throughout the community. Thank you!

---GATHERING---

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

Deacon Sue Tyler

PRELUDE

John Womack

During this time of meditation the assembly is asked to remain silent.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Deacon Sue Tyler

The congregation stands.

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.

GATHERING SONG

In the Midst of Earthly Life

1 In the midst of earth - ly life fear and death be - set us;
2 In the midst of death's dark vale, shade and still af - fright us;
3 In the midst of deep de - spair, bane and bat - tle taunt us;

who at - tends and hears our cry, who does not for - get us?
who will light us through the pale, com - fort us and guide us?
is there not a ref - uge, where ter - ror can - not haunt us?

You on - ly, God, you on - ly. In you our fore - bears put their trust,
You on - ly, God, you on - ly. To you our fore - bears cried in need;
In you, O Christ, you on - ly, with glo - ry from God's lov - ing face,

hoped in you and were not crushed. Ho - ly and righ - teous God!
you, God, were their light in - deed. Ho - ly and righ - teous God!
and the Spir - it's peace - ful ways. Ho - ly and righ - teous God!

Ho - ly and might - y God! Ho - ly and all - mer - ci - ful
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Sav - ior! Ev - er - last - ing God! Though death would tor - ment us,
Sav - ior! Ev - er - last - ing God! Though de - spair would smite us,
Sav - ior! Ev - er - last - ing God! Though the grave would daunt us,

let us not sink in the dust. Lord, have mer - cy.
let us not its shad - ow heed. Lord, have mer - cy.
safe we shel - ter in your gaze. Lord, have mer - cy.

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GREETING

Deacon Sue Tyler

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Deacon Sue Tyler

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts
to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation is seated.

---WORD---

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

Mary Yale

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵ He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Mary Yale

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah’s involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

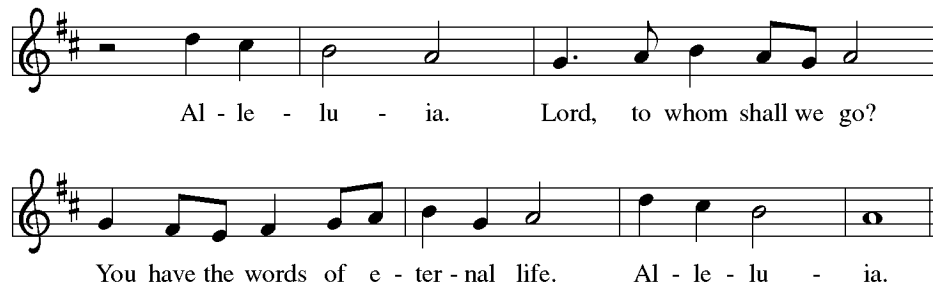
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



The congregation stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

Deacon Sue Tyler

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

SERMON

Deacon Sue Tyler



Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - ti - ence bear our cross.
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy;
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high,
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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APOSTLES' CREED

Deacon Sue Tyler

**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

Mary Yale

The congregation sits or kneels.

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

A brief silence.

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth where life and habitats are threatened, especially areas where wildfires and flooding are occurring. Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be on those in need. Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure.

We offer to you now the concerns of our hearts, either silently or aloud.

Additional Intercessions

Deacon Sue Tyler

A brief silence

- *We pray for the family and friends of Rosemary Rivers, on her passing.*
- *We pray for Lucy; Allison; Ann; Mark.*
- *We pray for Richard; Rick; Carolyn; Peggy.*
- *We pray for Rita; Michelle; Mark; Ann; John.*

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

- *We pray for all people of the world impacted by ongoing war, conflict, and violence, especially those caught between Ukraine and Russia; between Israel and Hamas; in Thailand; Cambodia; Colombia; South Sudan; Myanmar; and Ethiopia.*
- *We pray for swift and accessible aid to those suffering starvation in Gaza, and for those who work to provide aid and relief.*
- *We pray for favorable conditions that aid in controlling wildfires and for those suffering the effects of poor air quality.*
- *We pray for schools everywhere, that all within may feel safe and productive.*
- *We pray for justice around the world and here at home, that God may delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion, and peace.*

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Global Refuge and other means of support and advocacy. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen. 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.

PEACE (ELW p. 152)

Deacon Sue Tyler

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

If you are joining us online, reach out by phone, text, email, or social media this week to share the Peace of Christ.



OFFERING

We have several ways to receive your offering. There is a basket on the table by the sanctuary doors, or you can utilize the QR code on the front of your bulletin to submit your offering online. Mailing your offering to the church is also an option.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

ELW 182

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Mary Yale

Let us pray.
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.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Deacon Sue Tyler

Holy God, our Maker, our Healer, our Teacher,
your magnificent creation springs forth from your Word.
All that has life and breath praises your name.
For your Word that sustains the earth, we thank you, O God.
We thank you, O God.

You sent us Jesus, your Word, to renew the world.
He healed the sick, fed the hungry,
preached your mercy, and called us to faith.
For your Word in our Lord Christ, we praise you, O God.
We praise you, O God.

Nourish us with the Spirit of your Word,
that we may grow in grace, bearing the fruits of redemption,
and sharing your strength and beauty with all the world.
For your Word in our lives, we entreat you, O God.
We entreat you, O God.

Accept our thanksgiving and receive our prayer,
for the sake of your living Word, Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

+LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

---SENDING---

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Deacon Sue Tyler

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.

SENDING SONG

ELW 632

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

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The congregation is seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kelly Kraus

DISMISSAL

Deacon Sue Tyler

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Thanks be to God.

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