

Welcome to Worship for
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Sunday, September 7, 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

Rev. Ashton Roberts

PRELUDE

John Womack

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

GATHERING SONG

ELW 335

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.



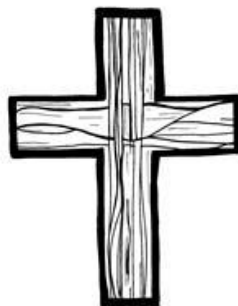
In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Rev. Ashton Roberts

The assembly kneels or is seated.

In the name of the Sovereign,
and of the ✠ Savior,
and of the Spirit.
Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

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 in body or spirit.

GREETING

Rev. Ashton Roberts

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.




KYRIE


Source & Sovereign

Rev. John Tirro


Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud




1 Source and Sove-reign, Rock and Cloud, For - tress Foun - tain, Shel - ter, Light,
2 Word and Wis - dom, Root and Vine, Shep - herd, Sa - vior, Ser - vant, Lamb,
3 Storm and Still - ness, Breath and Dove, Thun - der, Tem - pest, Whirl-wind, Fire,



Judge, De - fend - er, Mer - cy, Might, Life whose life all life en-dowed:
Well and Wa - ter, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I AM:
Com - fort, Coun - selor, Pre - sence, Love, En - er - gies that ne - ver tire:



May the church at prayer re - call that no sing - le ho - ly name



but the truth that feeds them all is the God whom we pro - claim.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Rev. Ashton Roberts

Let us pray.

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, 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: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Roger Boyer

¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to

bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Philemon 1-21

Roger Boyer

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To our beloved coworker Philemon, ² to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸ For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



The congregation stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Rev. Ashton Roberts

Refrain, Verse 3, Refrain

Listen, God Is Calling *Neno lake Mungu*

Refrain
Leader All



Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,



ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All



Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*



Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune

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GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

Rev. Ashton Roberts

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This

fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

SERMON

Rev. Ashton Roberts

Praise
the Lord

The congregation stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 798

Will You Come and Follow Me *The Summons*

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.

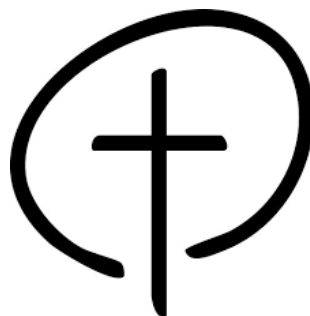
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?
pray'r in you and you in me?
mean in you and you in me?
sound in you and you in me?
grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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APOSTLES' CREED

Rev. Ashton Roberts

**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

Roger Boyer

The congregation sits or kneels.

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

A brief silence.

We pray for the church to follow in your ways, that it may be a witness to your love for all people. Help us choose all that is life-giving and confront the forces of death. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for creation, that it may be cherished and nurtured. Sustain farmlands, animals, and waters; restore places affected by calamities; and shield coastlands from rising seas. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for those in authority. Grant them wisdom to govern justly and compassion to care for the marginalized. Equip them for actions that further the common good. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for those who are sick, hungry, unhoused, or lonely. May they find healing through your love and the care of those around them. Lead us to be your hands and feet in the world.

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

Additional Intercessions

Rev. Ashton Roberts

A brief silence

- *We pray for Roy Craig; Ray; Dan; Kathryn.*
- *We pray for Cindy; Sharon; Lucy; Allison; Rita.*
- *We pray for Michelle; Carolyn; John.*

God of grace,

Receive 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 victims of earthquakes and landslides in Afghanistan and Darfur.*
- *We pray for healing and comfort for the people of Minneapolis, especially the families at Annunciation Catholic Church and School.*
- *We pray for schools everywhere, that all students and those who care for them may feel safe and free from fear.*
- *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,

Receive our prayer.

We pray for this congregation, that we may be united in love and faith. Refresh our hearts in Christ, and deepen our support of one another. We pray that our sharing of faith may transform lives. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We thank you for those who have died and now dwell with the saints. Surround them with your divine mercy, that they find peace and rest in your loving embrace. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

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

Amen.

The congregation stands in body or spirit.

PEACE (ELW p. 152)

Rev. Ashton Roberts

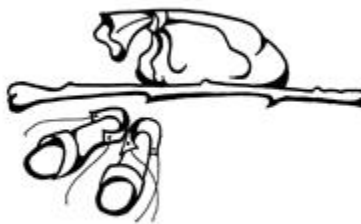
The peace of Christ be with you always.

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

Repeat twice.

Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain'. The lyrics are: 'Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of'. The second staff continues: 'liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing'. The third staff concludes: 'and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes.

OFFERING PRAYER

Roger Boyer

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Ashton Roberts

The Lord Be With You

The Lord be with you! And al-so 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.

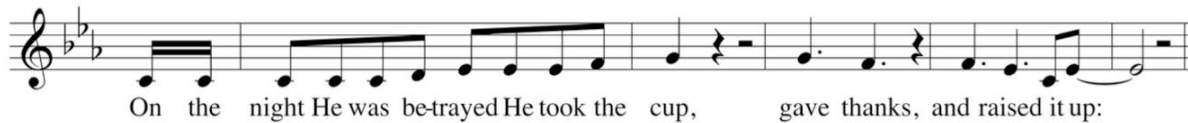
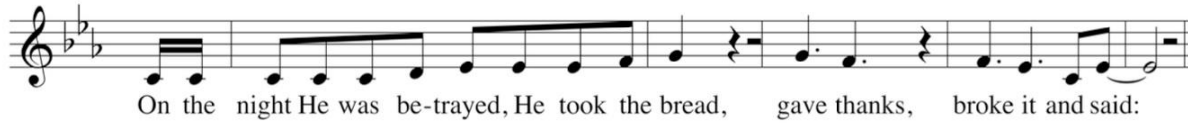
The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the lyrics: 'The Lord be with you! And al-so with you! Lift up your hearts! We lift them to the Lord!'. The second staff contains: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God! It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes.

Text: *The Book of Common Prayer*

Tune: John Tirro

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On the Night He Was Betrayed



Text: *1 Corinthians 11:22-25, Matthew 26:27*, adapt. John Tirro

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-lo-wed be Thy name. Thy
king-dom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this
day our dai-ly bread, and for - give us as we forgive our debt-ors; and
lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion, but de - li-ver us from e - vil; for
Thine is the king-dom and the po - wer and the glo - ry, for - e - ver. A - men.

Text: adapt. John Tirro

Tune: John Tirro

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The congregation is seated.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

The congregation stands.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Rev. Ashton Roberts

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace unto life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Roger Boyer

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

---SENDING---

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

BLESSING

Rev. Ashton Roberts

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

ELW 660

Lift High the Cross

The musical score for 'Lift High the Cross' is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with corresponding lyrics. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.' The second staff continues the melody. The third staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: '1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod, 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:'. The fourth staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God. bear on their brows the seal of him who died. as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee. praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!'. The word 'Refrain' is written above the fourth staff.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till
all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain
our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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The congregation is seated.

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DISMISSAL

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Thanks be to God.

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