

14 Sunday after Pentecost
ELW Holy Communion Setting Eight
Sunday, September 14, 2025
11:00 a.m.

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Gathering

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

Confession and Forgiveness (p. 94)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

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.

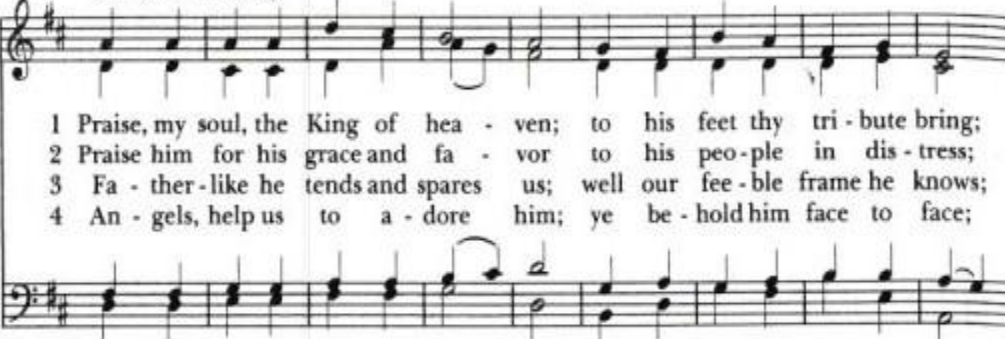
God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

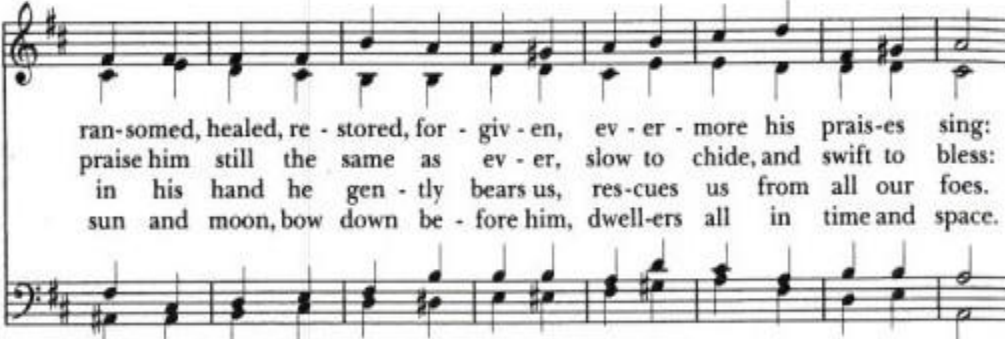
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Praise to God

Unison or harmony

1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing;
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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Music: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800-1880)

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Greeting (p. 184)

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.

Gloria S-280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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.

Word

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

First Reading:

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah (4:11-22, 22-28).

¹¹ At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow or cleanse, ¹² a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. ²² “For my people are foolish; they do not know me; they are stupid children; they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil but do not know how to do good.” ²³ I looked on the earth, and it was complete chaos, and to the heavens, and they had no light. ²⁴ I looked on the mountains, and they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. ²⁵ I looked, and there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. ²⁶ I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger. ²⁷ For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation, yet I will not make a full end. ²⁸ Because of this the earth shall mourn and the heavens above grow black, for I have spoken; I have purposed; I have not relented, nor will I turn back.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 14

The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all. (*Ps. 14:2*)

- 1 Fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.”
They are corrupt, every deed is vile; there is no one who does any good.
- 2 **The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all,
to see if there is anyone who is wise, who seeks after God.**

- 3 They have all proved faithless; all alike have turned bad;
there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 **Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers
who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the LORD?**
- 5 See how they tremble with fear,
because God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 **Your aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted,
but the LORD is their refuge.**
- 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion!
When the LORD restores the fortunes of the people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel will be glad.

The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all. (Ps. 14:2)

Second Reading:

A reading from Paul's First Letter to Timothy (1:12-17).

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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Gospel:

The Holy Gospel according to Luke (15:1-10).

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “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? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ 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.’ ⁷ 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. ⁸ “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? ⁹ 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.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“The Strength of Another Chance”

Pastor Horace King

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;
If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

The Apostles Creed (p. 189)

**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 (*from “Hear our Prayer” pg. 216*)

Patient and Gracious Lord, enter our hearts and move our desires to your glory as we say, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May your church always be a place of refuge and renewal, a place for the healing of lost and wounded souls. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remind us that Christian freedom is freedom from fear, from anxiety, from hate and embolden us in our civic lives that we might build a nation of peace, justice, and mercy. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You created us so that we might be your partners in sustaining the abundance of creation. Grant us wisdom and a sense of urgency in addressing our environmental and climate challenges. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen our parish, embolden us to share your glory in every part of our lives that the Good News of Christ might be known to all who know us. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring healing and strength to all who suffer and let us be healers and comforters to those in need. Especially we pray for Brenda, Hildegard, Brandon, Zach, Dawn, Bobby, Janice, Denise, Jason, Kelly, Nate, Lauren, Natilie, Anne, Josh, Carol, and Kaitlyn. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift up the prayers from the prayer wall, for healing for Hester, for a family member to gain custody of a child, for the Mayor family, for a parent and son to find guidance and safety from an abusive situation, for a family that lost a fiancé and son to bee stings, healing for Labia after having bells palsy, and healing for Grandma Berty’s knees. For what else shall we pray? Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Embrace the dying, usher them into your eternal care and grant us an entrance into your light and love at our last day. We remember especially Joseph, Madge, Ted, Dave, Doris, Emily, Frances, Denny, Robert, Ray, Carl, Charles, and Alice .Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Concluding Collect

You have worked from the beginning to urge us onto the path of abundant life, continue to show and guide us on the way and welcome us back whenever we stray. Through Christ our Lord who with you and the Holy Spirit live and reign forever. **Amen.**

Peace (p. 189)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offertory Hymn

“Bless The Lord, O My Soul” Taize

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God’s holy name

Bless the Lord my soul, who leads me into life.

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God’s holy name

Bless the Lord my soul, who leads me into life

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

Preface (p. 190)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table (p. 190)

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer (p. 191)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, 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.

Fraction Anthem S-154

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Invitation to Communion (p. 191)

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Communion (p. 191)

The body of Christ, given for you.
 The blood of Christ, shed for you.
 Amen.

Prayer after Communion (p. 191)

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

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

Blessing (p. 192)

Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Song

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

LEVAS II #72

(This hymn is in the public domain).

1. I am weak but thou art strong;
2. Through this world of toil and snares,
3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,

Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee,

1. Je - sus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as
2. If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den
3. Time for me will be no more; Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

Refrain: Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea, Dai - ly walk - ing close to

1. long As I walk, let me walk close to thee.
2. shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
3. o'er To Thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Refrain: thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

D.C. for Refrain

Dismissal (p. 192)

The service is done, but our work continues. Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

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