

ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 14, 2025

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion



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. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

P. Loving God, you have searched for us in the lost places,
in the lonely places, in the darkness.

C. You have found us, and brought us home, into the light, into one another's company. You have set a celebration of joy, and invited us all.

P. We come, to give thanks and to celebrate!

C. Come, Holy Spirit and transform us by your grace

*Confession & Forgiveness

P. In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

P. 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.

C. Amen

P. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P. Most merciful God,

C. we confess that we are in bondage 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

P. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

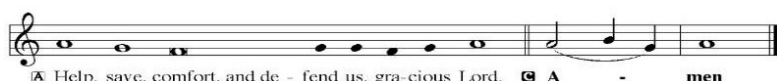
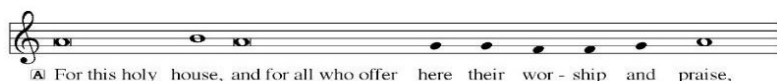
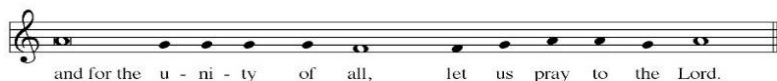
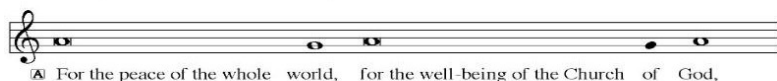
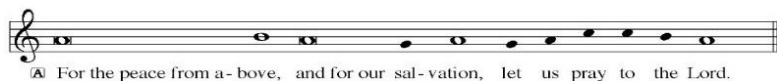
***Gathering Hymn Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing LBW 499**

*Apostolic Greeting

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.

*Kyrie



*Hymn of Praise

A Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo- ple on earth.

B Lord God, heav- en- ly king, al- might- y God and Fa- ther:

We wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo- ry.

Lord Je- sus Christ, on- ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a- way the sin of the world; have mer- cy on us.

You are seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther; re- ceive our prayer.

For you a- lone are the Ho- ly One, you a- lone are the Lord,

you a- lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho- ly Spir- it,

in the glo- ry of God the Fa- ther. A - men

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Let us pray:

*Prayer of the day (Celebrate)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching & song

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

L. The word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God

Psalm Reading: Psalm 51:1-10

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

L. The word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.



P. The Holy gospel according to St. Luke 15:1-10



The reading of the Holy Gospel

P. The gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

The Rev. Angela Hammer

Hymn of the Day Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling WOV 734

* Apostles' Creed

P. United by the Holy Spirit, let us confess our faith

C. 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again 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 Church

*Sharing of Peace

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

C. And also with you.

The Offering

*Offertory

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 dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*Communion Prayer

P. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

***Great Thanksgiving**

P. The Lord be with you:

C. **And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts:

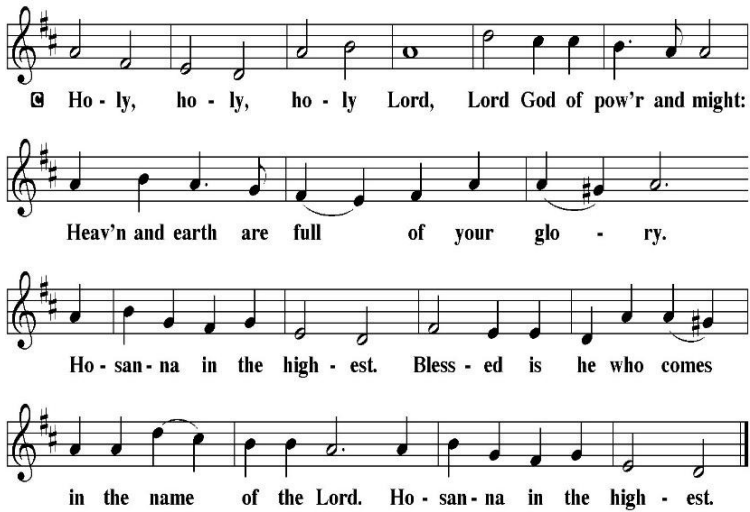
C. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

C. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

***Preface for Pentecost**

P. 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. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



***Eucharistic Prayer**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

C. Amen.

P. God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

* Invitation to Communion

*Lamb of God

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Music Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup WOV 706

***Communion Blessing**

P. The body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C. Amen.

***Prayer After Communion**

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

SENDING

God sends us boldly into the world to share the good news

***Blessing**

P. 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.

C. Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

Amazing Grace

LBW 448

***Dismissal**

P. Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C. Thanks be to God!

Postlude

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Ministers:	St. Luke Community
The Pastor:	The Rev. Angela Hammer
Music:	JP Welliver
Lay Reader:	Donna Moyer
Worship Assistant:	Betsy Rights
