OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “We Give Thee but Thine Own” (v. 1) ELW. #686

Holy Communion

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today 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.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION:

“His Name is Wonderful” *see insert*
“Break Thou the Bread of Life ” *see insert*
“He’s Able” *see insert*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” ELW, #545

CORPORATE PRAYER:
“Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church.”

GO IN PEACE

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Worship Team for today:
Presider: Pastor Cindy Josephson
Pianist: Mila Khmeleva **Hymnists:** Laina Kelley-Walker and Sheila Kelley
Reader: Richard Richmond **Greeter:** **Usher:** Marv & Ev Kelley
Communion Asst.: Sean Gordon & Leighton Harrison **Screen/Sound:** Travis Kleven
Video FaceBook: Ron Freund **YouTube:** Tom Lenahan

Altar Flowers were given by Jamie and Joe Villante in celebration of their 9th wedding anniversary.

Sunday Worship Service

Image: Church Art Online

Holy Cross Day

September 14, 2025

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
September 14, 2025
9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE: Mila Khmeleva

GATHERING: "Holy, Holy" *see insert*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORPORATE PRAYER:
"Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church."

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS ELW, pp. 94–96

OPENING HYMN: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" ELW, #324

GREETING

KYRIE ELW, p. 184, vv. 1–2

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC "How Can I Keep From Singing" Choir

1ST READING: Numbers 21:4b–9

2ND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18–24

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 188

GOSPEL: John 3:13–17

CHILDREN'S SERMON Kathy Harrison
The children will leave for Sunday School and return for Communion.

HYMN: "God Loved the World" (vv. 1, 2, 5) ELW, #323

SERMON Pastor Cindy Josephson

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 CHURCH
John & Casey Howshar Delores Rasmussen & Dan Rasmussen
Eyes: Marvin Bohrer & Bonnie Frank
Patti Schoenfeld – Mike Lemke – Susan Riley (Lorraine Chambers' friend) – Ashlyn (daughter of friend Wade and Lynn Hampton) – Alicia Jerrup (Mary Katherine Smith's friend) – Gary (Andrea Newport's brother-in-law) – Scott Petrock (Carol Einertson's son-in-law) – Tammy Hawley (Sheila Kelly's boss) – Linda Hardy – Andrew Carpenter (Alexa Weaver's friend) – Rodney Steggs and his mother Rita Johnson (Hamptons' friends) – Peggy Russell (Eddie & Pat Garcia's friend) – Linda Kirkegaard – Wendy (Kim Evancho's friend) – Sara Teller (Kim Evancho's friend) – Connie Lovell (Deloris DeLapp's friend) – Lola Wertz – Bob Bliss – Patrick Stephenson – Pastor Steve Ruechel – Fred Borcherding (father of Debbie Diedrich's friend) – Marv Kelley – Mike S. (Gypsie's friend) – Summer Stephens (Doris Freund's niece) – Heather and Heidi Mortenson (Lynn Hampton's friends)
Ray Johnson Danny Cowan
Kaylee, friend of Hamptons Bill Schmidt (kidney health)
Gerald Kelley, Carol Smith's significant other (Alzheimer's)
Sylvia Cowan (leg and heart health) Frank Ruhs, Ev Kelley's brother (heart health)
Caroline Hailey-Kesler, Linda Hailey's granddaughter (rare kidney disease)
Scott Crosby (recovery from infection) Cheryl Gednalske (leg infection)
Wardria Carman, Sylvia Cowan's friend (car accident injuries)
Glatis Hoffman (regain strength, leg infection recovery)
Donna Arntson, Lynn Hampton's sister-in-law (stroke)
Raymond Telles, nephew of Kim Evancho's boss (car accident recovery)
Matthew Zenn, Bob's grandson (heart health)
Kim, Kim Evancho's friend (heart surgery recovery)
Craig Mortenson, Lynn Hampton's friend (health)
Mary Lemke, Pastor Mike's mother (heart health)
Pastor Barb (surgery and pneumonia recovery)
Mark Craig and his wife Susan, Pr. Barb's cousin (car accident recovery)
Bonnie Frank and family of Cindy Price, Bonnie's cousin
Family of Robert Meredith, former member

Homebound members: Wil Wertz – Jim Craig – Josh Carter

Thanksgiving for Families:
Ralph Westadt
Mary Sellinger
Jodi Byrnes-Klaus & Ken Klaus, Grace, Katherine

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Welcome!

We welcome all who gather for worship on this day and pray God's blessing on our time together!

Guests are invited to record their visit by signing the Guest Book located at the entrance to the worship space.
All worshippers are invited to sign the red attendance folder in the pew and pass it on to their neighbor to sign.

Upcoming Events

God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday – *Today* After worship we will be compiling Hygiene and Health kits for homeless, as well as tying quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Please plan to help with these outreach efforts.

"The Chosen" Bible Study – Our "The Chosen" Bible Study groups have started meeting again. Options include:
-Sundays after church,
-Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
-Wednesdays at 6 p.m. via Zoom
-Thursdays at 1 p.m. at the church .
We would love to have you join us..

Choir – Choir rehearsals resume today and will be held every Sunday at 8:15 a.m. We will also be practicing for the upcoming Cantata. ***All are welcome! Please join us in the fun of making beautiful music together!***

Missions for September – We are collecting monetary donations for Lutheran World Relief /Lutheran World Hunger as September's Missions focus. Please mark your checks as Missions in the note field.

CROP Hunger Walk Fundraiser – *Thursday, September 18 at Bubba's 33*. Flyers are available on long table in the Narthex.

This Week at Bethel
September 14–21, 2025

Sun		**God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday**
	8:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	GWOH Activity
	3:00 p.m.	Tongans
Mon	6:00 p.m.	TOPS
Tue	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study *(Zoom)*
Wed	11:30 a.m.	Senior Luncheon at Mama Alvino's
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study *(Zoom)*
Thu	11:00 a.m.	Prayer Team
	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study *(in-person)*
Fri	6:00 p.m.	Tongans
Sat	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Group *(in-person)*
	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Movie Night
Sun	8:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	~10:45 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
	11 a.m.	Bible Study
	11 a.m.	SLT Meeting
	3 p.m.	Tongans

Fellowship Movie Night – *Saturday, September 20, 6 p.m. start* We will be showing the movie *Inside Out II;* Popcorn and s'mores will be available. Please bring your lawn chairs and/or blankets. ***Invite your friends and family.***

Quick Congregational Meeting – *Sunday, September* 21 Please plan to participate in a short meeting to discuss sewer system work at the parsonage.

Holy, Holy

Verse 1
Holy, holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty;
And we lift our hearts before You as a token
of our love,
Holy, holy, holy, holy.

Verse 2
Gracious Father, gracious Father,
We're so blessed to be Your children,
gracious Father;
And we lift our heads before You as a token
of our love,
Gracious Father, gracious Father.

Verse 3
Precious Jesus, precious Jesus,
We're so glad that You've redeemed us,
Precious Jesus;
And we lift our hands before You as a token
of our love,
Precious Jesus, precious Jesus.

Verse 4
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,
Come and fill our hearts anew, Holy Spirit;
And we lift our voice before You as a token
of our love,
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit.

Verse 5
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, hallelujah;
And we lift our hearts before You as a token
of our love,
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

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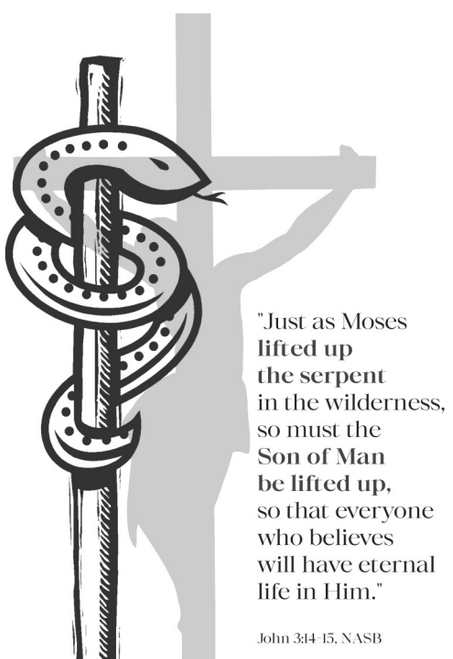

His Name is Wonderful

His name is Wonderful,
His name is Wonderful.
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.
He is the mighty King, Master of ev'rything,
His name is Wonderful Jesus, my Lord.
He's the Great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages,
Almighty God is He.
Bow down before Him, love and adore Him,
His name is Wonderful Jesus, my Lord.

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Break Thou the Bread of Life

Verse 1
Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word.

Verse 2
Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
as Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

Verse 3
Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me,
Thy holy Word the truth that saveth me;
Give me to eat and live with Thee above;
Teach me to love Thy truth, for Thou art love.

Verse 4
O send Thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me,
that He may touch mine eyes, and make me
see;
Show me the truth concealed within Thy
Word,
and in Thy Book revealed I see Thee, Lord.

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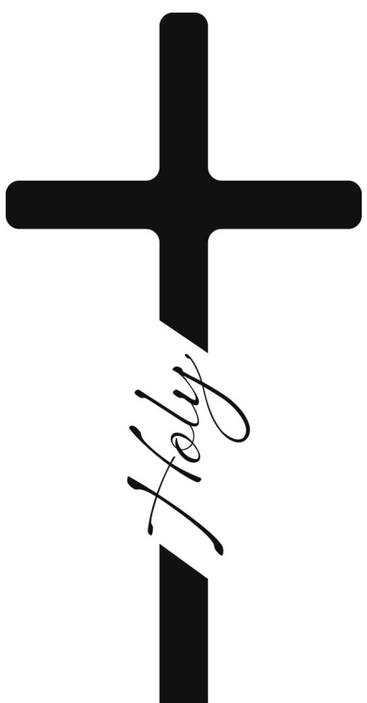
He's Able

Chorus: *(sing 2 times)*
He's able, He's able,
I know He's able
I know my Lord is able
to carry me through.

Verse
He heals the brokenhearted
And sets the captive free
He makes the lame to walk again
And He causes the blind to see.

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