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*
“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”	ELW, #494
“What Feast of Love”	ELW, #487

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “To Be Your Presence” ELW, #546

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:
Liturgist Leader: Jon Lohmer **Presider:** Pastor Cindy Josephson
Pianist: Cindy Josephson **Hymnists:** Grace Flows Down
Reader: Laina Kelley-Walker **Greeter:** **Usher:** Richard Richmond & Marv Kelley
Communion Asst.: Sean Gordon & **Screen/Sound:** Travis Kleven
Video FaceBook: Ron Freund **YouTube:** Tom Lenahan

Sunday Worship Service

Image: Church Art Online

15th Sunday After Pentecost

September 21, 2025

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
September 21, 2025
9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE: Cindy Josephson

GATHERING: "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" (v. 1 & chorus) *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: "All Creatures, Worship God Most High" (vv. 1, 4, 6) ELW, #835

GREETING

KYRIE ELW, p. 184, vv. 3–4

PRAYER OF THE DAY

1ST READING: Amos 8:4–7

PSALM: Psalm 113

2ND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1–7

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 188

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1–13

CHILDREN'S SERMON Kathy Harrison
Children leave for Sunday School afterwards, and will return for Communion.
Feel free to "pick them up" in the Fellowship Hall if you want them sooner.

HYMN: "For the Fruit of All Creation" ELW, #679

SERMON Kathy Harrison

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)
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)
Mark Sellinger, Mary Sellinger's son (continued stroke recovery)
Lisa Pruitt, Andrea French's friend (congestive heart failure)

Homebound members: Wil Wertz – Jim Craig – Josh Carter

Thanksgiving for Families:
Vernon & Laura Thompson Paula Tveit Reggie & Pam Usher with Bailey & Peyton

OFFERING

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Chorus:

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.

Verse

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God,
One day every knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now.

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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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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

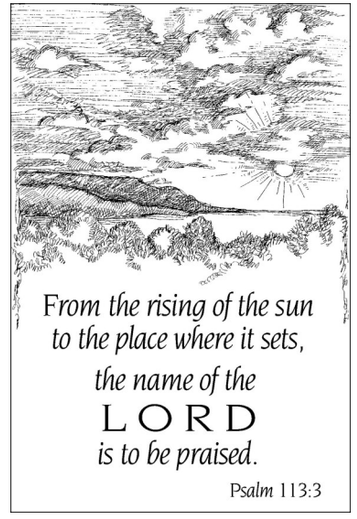
Quick Congregational Meeting – *Today*
Please plan to participate in a short meeting to discuss sewer system work at the parsonage.

"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!***

Worship Helpers Needed – Please see sign-up sheets outside the entry to the sanctuary. We are especially in need of greeters, ushers, and communion assistants.

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.

This Week at Bethel
September 21–28, 2025

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
	3:00 p.m.	Tongans
Mon	6:00 p.m.	TOPS
Tue	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study *(Zoom)*
Wed	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		
Sun	8:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	Bible Study
	3 p.m.	Tongans