

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

- Welcome to worship! Welcome to all those joining us via our Live Stream, welcome to those joining us through our Listen to Church service.
- If you are joining us from home, I invite you to gather some bread and wine/juice so you can join us in celebrating Holy Communion this morning.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
**you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.**

Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✠ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

All Are Welcome (641 vs. 1, 3, 5)

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees
us: *Refrain*

5 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and
claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
Refrain

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GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Let us pray... O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us
free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Galatians 3:23-29

*For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers.
Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of
race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.*

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be
revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified
by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ
Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have

clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Luke 8:26-39

Jesus' mission includes foreigners, and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord

²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee.

²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.)

³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The

man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Faith’s Courage”

Pastor Keith Ruehlow

HYMN OF THE DAY

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**Callahan Ryan McQuillan****SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy, send us in love. Strengthen the faith and witness of Christians across the planet and Christians in our community. Give courage to *Callahan* as you send him out to be a disciple of Jesus.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for creation. Deliver the earth from disaster, bring forth life amid uncertainty, inspire wonder at all you have made. Sustain all people who delight in the well-being of your creation: farmers, agricultural workers, gardeners, birdwatchers, conservationists, scientists, advocates, and policy makers.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations. Pave a way to justice, drown the forces of oppression, bring peace on earth. Give leaders the will to turn from war and violence. We pray especially for the latest outbreak of war between Israel and Iran. When people must flee their homes, guide them to safety.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for people in need. Satisfy all who are poor, soothe those in pain, accompany all who are sick *especially Lori Lemke; Andrew Haefner, Bud Light, Ed Olson, Amy Schneider, Jan Krueger, Johnny Foster, Char Ovren and Erica Peterson*. Comfort those who mourn especially the Palmer family on the death of Jennifer's grandfather, *Jerry Evan*. Give perseverance to each of us living with mental illness, and shield us from discrimination due to race, class, gender, or any other human distinction.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for this assembly. Listen to our cries, come to our aid, make us one. Weave among us the fabric of belonging so that we rejoice in each person gathered here and enliven our proclamation of how much you have done for us.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith, *especially Jerry*. Keep them in your peace, comfort us in sorrow, raise us to new life. As we remember their faith and witness, may we trust your promise that we are yours forever.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

MINISTRY MATTERS

Jeff Vick & Mark Kalscheur

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS

MEAL

OFFERING

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

Eleanor Enyeart

OFFERTORY *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* (712)

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should 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:

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*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.*

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *Lamb of God*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

***Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* (843)**

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| <p>1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,</p> | <p>healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.</p> |
| <p>2 Praise the One who blessed the children</p> | |

with a strong yet gentle word;
 praise the One who drove out demons
 with a piercing, two-edged sword.
 Praise the One who brings cool water
 to the desert's burning sand;
 from this well comes living water
 quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3 Praise the one true love incarnate:
 Christ, who suffered in our place;
 Jesus died and rose for many
 that we may know God by grace.
 Let us sing for joy and gladness,
 seeing what our God has done.
 Praise the one redeeming glory;
 praise the One who makes us one.

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God, Whose Almighty Word (673)

1 God, whose almighty word
 chaos and darkness heard
 and took their flight:
 hear us, we humbly pray,
 and where the gospel day
 sheds not its glorious ray,
 let there be light.

life-giving, holy dove,
 speed forth your flight;
 move on the water's face
 bearing the lamp of grace,
 and in earth's darkest place
 let there be light.

2 Christ, who once came to bring,
 on your redeeming wing,
 healing and sight;
 health to the troubled mind,
 sight where illusions blind;
 oh, now to humankind
 let there be light.

4 Holy and blessed three,
 glorious Trinity,
 Wisdom, Love, Might:
 boundless as ocean's tide,
 rolling in fullest pride,
 through the earth, far and wide,
 let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

3 Spirit of truth and love,

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

**The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
 Amen.**

**Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by
 your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
 Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

**The love of God abound in you;
 the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
 and the life of the Spirit**

✠ bless you and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing (543)

1 “Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you
are my own.

In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own.”

2 “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at
peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love
you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at
peace and pure.”

3 “Go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.

Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free.”

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Use the
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for giving:



FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Mar - May	MAY
Income	\$96,205.47	\$24,335.58
Expenses	\$81,923.74	\$27,519.61
Over/short	\$14,281.73	(\$3,184.03)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Lori Lemke; Andrew Haefner (grandson of Vicki & Rich Jaeger); Bud Light (Kristin Hildebrand-Light's husband); Ed Olson; Amy Schneider; Jan Krueger (Dan Krueger's mother); Johnny Foster (Brittany Cisneros's brother); Char Ovren; Erica Peterson (Cheryl Merrill's granddaughter)

BAPTIZED IN HIS NAME

Callahan Ryan McQuillan, son of Daniel & Alyssa McQuillan

SYMPATHY

To the Palmer family on the death of Jennifer's grandfather, Jerry Evan

IN SUPPORT

Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke, missionaries in Japan

Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish

THIS WEEK AT OSL

Sun., June 22	Worship w/baptism of Callahan Ryan McQuillan, 9am Adult Education Forum, 10:15am Coffee Fellowship, 10:15am Faithful Fiber Friends, 10:15am
Mon., June 23	Quilters/Crafters, 9am
Tues., June 24	Neighbors of Dunn County Communion service, 3:30pm

Thank you to RuthAnn Ledgerwood for serving as our keyboardist and to Eleanor Enyeart for providing special music this morning!

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped prepare the ADRC meals. We made 228 meals!

Thank you to all who helped make the Pie Social a success. We raised over \$1,200!

TODAY

**Adult Education Forum:
How Church Instruments Work**

Join Dr. Nathan Miller following worship in the sanctuary to learn a little bit of the science behind how our church instruments work. We'll explore the organ, piano, guitar, and bells, as well as, other instruments.

VBS July 28-31, 2025

We are co-hosting VBS again this year at Christ Lutheran Church and are looking for volunteers, attendees and donations. Links to sign up are in the Messenger. See Denise for details.

CaringBridge for Bud Light

For health updates on Bud, go to [CaringBridge.org](https://www.CaringBridge.org) and search for "Bud Light". (Bud is the husband of Kristin Hildebrand-Light, former OSL youth director).

Little Church

Money collected in the Little Church for the month of June will go to ReconcilingWorks.