



August 31, 2025



Affiliation: Church of the Lutheran Confession
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WELCOME: *Good morning. The focus of today's message is God's faithfulness toward His eternal love, so that, even while we were sinners He planned and carried out His great salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ. He desires that we continue in that salvation through a living faith that both repents of sin and trusts in the Savior.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER: *We ask the Lord's blessings on our worship.*

HYMN: #4

God Himself Is Present

**God Himself is present: Let us now adore Him
And with awe appear before Him.
God is in His temple — All within keep silence,
Prostrate lie with deepest rev'rence.
Him alone God we own,
Him, our God and Savior;
Praise His name forever.**

**God himself is present: Hear the harps resounding;
See the hosts the throne surrounding!
"Holy, holy, holy" — Hear the hymn ascending,
Songs of saints and angels blending.
Bow thine ear To us here:
Hear, O Christ, the praises
That Thy Church now raises.**

**O Thou Fount of blessing, Purify my spirit,
Trusting only in Thy merit.
Like the holy angels, Who behold Thy glory,
May I ceaselessly adore Thee.
Let Thy will Ever still
Rule Thy Church terrestrial
As the hosts celestial.**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: You are dearly loved by God. So let us come near to His throne of grace with a true heart and confess our sins to Him, our heavenly Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to have mercy upon us and to forgive us.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Cong: The Maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."

Cong: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Cong: O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You, of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful unto me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: On the basis of your confession and as a called servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: Amen.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Cong: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORY TO GOD

From all that dwell below the skies

**Let the Creator's praise arise;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Thro' ev'ry land, by every tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!**

**Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends Thy Word;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!**

THE GREETING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: O Lord God, preserve us, Your Church, we pray, by your enduring mercy, and because of frailty of our human nature we could only fall without You, keep us ever by Your Holy Spirit from all things hurtful and lead us to all things beneficial to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit—one God, forever and ever.

Cong: Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE: Genesis 4:1-15

(ESV) Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." (2) And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. (3) In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, (4) and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his

flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, (5) but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. (6) The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? (7) If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it." (8) Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. (9) Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" (10) And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. (11) And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. (12) When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." (13) Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. (14) Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." (15) Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

2nd SCRIPTURE LESSON: Ephesians 2:1-10

(ESV) And you were dead in the trespasses and sins (2) in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience-- (3) among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. (4) But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, (5) even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved-- (6) and raised us up with him and

seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, (7) so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. (8) For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, (9) not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (10) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made;

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures And ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of

sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN: #373

By Grace I'm Saved

**By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Hath Scripture ever falsehood taught?
Nay; then this word must true remain;
By grace thou, too, shalt heav'n obtain.**

**By grace! Oh, mark this word of promise
When thou art by thy sins opprest,
When Satan plagues thy troubled conscience,
And when thy heart is seeking rest.
What reason cannot comprehend
God by His grace to thee doth send.**

**By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of thine own merit
That Jesus died thy soul to win?
Nay, it was grace, and grace alone,
That bro't Him from His heav'nly throne.**

**By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried--
By grace, despite all fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?**

THE SERMON: Luke 17:11-19

(ESV) On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. (12) And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance (13) and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." (14) When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. (15) Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; (16) and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. (17) Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? (18) Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" (19) And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

The “Catch and Release” of Jesus’ Word

THE OFFERTORY

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me
Cast me not away from Thy presence;
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;
And uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.**

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

GENERAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN: #421

Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake

**Come, follow Me, the Savior spake,
All in My way abiding;**

**Deny yourselves, the world forsake,
Obey My call and guiding.
Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide,
Take My example for your guide.**

**I am the Light, I light the way,
A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day,
I keep your feet from straying.
I am the Way, and well I show
How you must sojourn here below.**

**My heart bounds in lowliness,
My soul with love is glowing,
And gracious words my lips express,
With meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,
To God I yield, on Him I call.**

**4 I teach you how to shun and flee
What harms your soul's salvation,
Your heart from every guile to free,
From sin and its temptation.
I am the Refuge of the soul
And lead you to your heavenly goal. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Cong: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

Cong: It is good and right to do so.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and spiritually beneficial for us, in all places and in all circumstances, to give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, because through the instruction given to the Apostles and Evangelists by the Holy Spirit, You have ruled and protected Your holy Church and have kept it in the one true faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and give glory to Your name, evermore praising You and singing:

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us!**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us!**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God
that takest away the sin of the world,
Grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS: On the basis of the Bible's teaching about Holy Communion, we in the Lutheran Church believe that Christ gives to us His true body and blood under the bread and the wine. We also understand that, while Christ instituted this meal for the strengthening of His disciples' faith, this sacrament has the potential to bring judgment on those who do not receive it with a proper understanding of its purpose. In love, we ask that if you are not a member of Faith Lutheran Church or a sister church in the CLC, that you not come forward to receive the sacrament. If you would like more information concerning receiving Communion with us in the future, please speak with the pastor following the service.

O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee

**My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me Thy body and Thy blood.**

**Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blest am I! How good art Thou!
Amen.**

Pastor: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this special means of grace. We ask that, of Your everlasting mercy, You would strengthen us through it in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Cong: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Cong: Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Today @ 1:00 PM – Marilyn Smith

@ 5:30PM – Worship in Kansas City

Wednesday @ 10:00AM Bible Study

Friday @ 4:00PM – Wenner confirmation

Sunday @ 9:00AM – Bible Class Hour

@ 10:00 – Divine Service

@ 11:30 – Atlanta Trip

CALENDARS: Monthly calendars on the table (also in your email) in the entry way. These are to keep you informed of both the pastor's schedule but also of opportunities for you to be built up in your faith and to exercise it through the ministry of the Gospel. They are color-coded: Green pertains to Faith's ministry; Yellow to Zion's ministry; Purple to the outreach ministry in Kansas City. Look for next month's calendar on the last Sunday of the current month.

CALL NEWS: Pastor Andrew Schaller of Luther Memorial Church, Fond du Lac, WI, has received and accepted the vacancy call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI <> Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Ev. Lutheran, Spokane, WA has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has received the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. **RETIREMENT** Pastor Paul Tiefel, Jr of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has announced his retirement as of September 6-7, 2025.

INSTALLATION On Sunday, September 14, 2025, Pastor David Ude will be installed at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA.

RESIGNATION Prof. David Schaller announced the resignation of his call to ILC effective immediately. Prayers are requested as he and his family go through this brief period of uncertainty.