



9th Sunday of Pentecost
10th August 2025

Keep your lamp burning

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the triune God, the Creator of heaven and earth and God's ownership of all things (Psalm 24:1). In God's sovereignty, God has allowed other groups to migrate to these shores. We acknowledge the cultures of our First Nations Peoples and are thankful for the community that we share together now.

Cantor: Thank you for joining our Service today, as we celebrate the 9th Sunday in the season of Pentecost. We also welcome those watching via livestream. I invite everyone to stand to sing our opening hymn.

Opening Hymn: Morning Has Broken ...

Morning has broken
like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing,
praise for the morning,
praise for them, springing
fresh from the word.

Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung from completeness
where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight;
mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play.
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's recreation
of the new day.

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Minister's Welcome

This is the day that the Lord has made, **we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Through Christ let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God,
the fruit of our lips that acknowledge His name.

The Sentence

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. (Matthew 24:42, 44)

Prayer of Approach

Assistant: Knowing the goodness of God and His generous love towards us, let us approach His throne of grace,

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

Minister:

Collect of the Day

Kindle in our hearts, Father, the same faith that impelled Abraham to set out from his home and to live as a pilgrim in a foreign land. As we, like him, look for the city that none but you can

design and build, keep us watchful for your Son's coming, that we may be found faithful stewards of all that you have entrusted to us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

The first reading is God's message spoken through the prophet Isaiah chapter 1, verse 1 then 10-20.

¹The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

¹⁰Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah! ¹¹"The multitude of your sacrifices—what are they to me?" says the Lord. "I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats. ¹²When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts? ¹³Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me. New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations—I cannot bear your worthless assemblies. ¹⁴Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals I hate with all my being. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. ¹⁵When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood! ¹⁶Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong. ¹⁷Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. ¹⁸"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. ¹⁹If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land; ²⁰but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword." For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm for today is number 50 verses 1-8 then 23.

¹O The Mighty One, God, the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to where it sets.

²**From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth.**

³Our God comes and will not be silent;
a fire devours before him, and around him a tempest rages.

⁴**He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that he may judge his people:**

⁵"Gather to me this consecrated people, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice."

⁶**And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for he is a God of justice.**

⁷"Listen, my people, and I will speak; I will testify against you, Israel: I am God, your God.

⁸**I bring no charges against you concerning your sacrifices
or concerning your burnt offerings, which are ever before me.**

²³Those who sacrifice thank offerings honour me, and to the blameless I will show my salvation."

Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
as in the beginning, so now and forever. Amen.

The second reading is from the book of Hebrews chapter 11 verses 1-3 then 8-16.

¹Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for. ³By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. ⁸By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was

enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹²And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. ¹³All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Song: Come to the Water

*Come to the water, you who are thirsty!
Though you have nothing, I bid you come
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer!
Come! Listen! Live!*

Why spend your money on what cannot fill
The emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to my word and you will enjoy
Goodness and peace in your heart!
Come to the water....

Just as the rain falls to water the earth,
Just as a seed becomes bread.
My word upon you can never return
Until my longing is filled!
Come to the water....

Just as the heavens are high above earth,
My ways and thoughts beyond you!
Call me your Father and know I am near!
I will be Father to you!

Come to the water...

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Hearing the Gospel of our Lord

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 12
verses 32-40. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵"Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. ³⁹But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Sermon: Reverend Juleen will share the reflection

Hymn: How Good, Lord, to be Here

How good, Lord, to be here!
your glory fills the night:
your face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.

How good, Lord, to be here,
your beauty to behold,
where Moses and Elijah stand,
your messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past,
promise of things to be:
we hail your body glorified,
and our redemption see.

Before we taste of death,
we see your Kingdom come;
we still would hold the vision bright,
and make this hill our home.

How good, Lord, to be here!
yet we may not remain;
but since you bid us leave the mount
come with us to the plain.

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Gifts and Offerings The minister will pray over the offerings.

The Prayer of the Week inspired by Mary Sumner

Thank you heavenly Father, for the gift of your Spirit, which stirs up faith and perseverance within us. Inspired by the ancients of old and Mary Sumner, may we never shrink back from trusting in you, but rather step out boldly in faith believing in your eternal power and transforming grace. May your Spirit quicken within us, enabling us to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayer of the Week

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech you, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers for the world and our community.

The intercessor on the roster will prepare prayers for:

A prayer for the world ... A prayer for all in authority ... A prayer for the church ...

A prayer for our community, and those on our prayer list ...

Let us pray together,

Please join me in praying,

Come, O Spirit of God, and make within us your dwelling place and home. May our darkness be dispelled by your light, and our troubles calmed by your peace; and may all evil be redeemed by your love, all pain transformed and healed through the suffering of Christ, and all dying glorified by his risen life. Amen.

Please pray with me the prayer Jesus taught his disciples:

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.

Confession

Confident of God's goodness and his willingness to forgive us, let us bring the confession of sins before him.

**God of mercy, we humbly admit that we need your help.
We have wandered from your way.
We have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and failed to do what is right. You alone can save us.
Have mercy on us, wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.
Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit
that we may live the new life to your glory.
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.**

Assistant: Please stand to hear God's promise of forgiveness.

Promise of Forgiveness

You are blessed by the Lord: your sins are forgiven, your faults have been forgotten by the Lord. The Lord will not count your sin against you, for you have confessed to him your faith in the saving work of his Son Jesus Christ. Rejoice now in the Lord and be glad, for you have been made a holy member of God's family. **Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

In baptism, God has made us one in Christ. **His Spirit is with us.**
The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Thanksgiving and Communion

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 thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator,
ever living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

By His death on the cross, and rising to new life, He offered the one true sacrifice for sin, and
obtained an eternal deliverance for His people.

As we walk by your promised Spirit, continue to fill us with power and love so we may boldly
proclaim your gospel to all peoples, and serve you as a royal priesthood.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your
great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven 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.**

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of bread and this wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks, he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

'Take, eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples saying,

'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, we do as our Saviour has commanded;
proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion

We who are many are one body, **for we all share in the one bread.**

Let us draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in our hearts with thanksgiving.

Announcements: Please refer to the church newsletter for notices.

Commitment to live out our worship of the Lord

Living God, in this holy meal you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, give us courage for our daily lives and bring us to the joys you promise.

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.

Almighty God, you have redeemed us through the resurrection of Christ, and raised us to newness of life. You brought us out of slavery into everlasting freedom. May the eternal God give you joy and peace in faith and bring you to your eternal inheritance; and the blessing of God Almighty; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you all ever more. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Peace I Give to You

Peace I give to you,
I give to you My peace;
Peace I give to you,
I give to you My peace.

*Let it flow to one another,
Let it flow, let it flow;
Let it flow to one another,
Let it flow, let it flow.*

Love I give to you,
I give to you My love;
love I give to you,
I give to you My love.

Let it flow ...

Hope I give to you,
I give to you My hope;
hope I give to you,
I give to you My hope.

Joy I give to you,
I give to you My joy;
Joy I give to you
I give to you My joy.

Let it flow ...

Let it flow

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