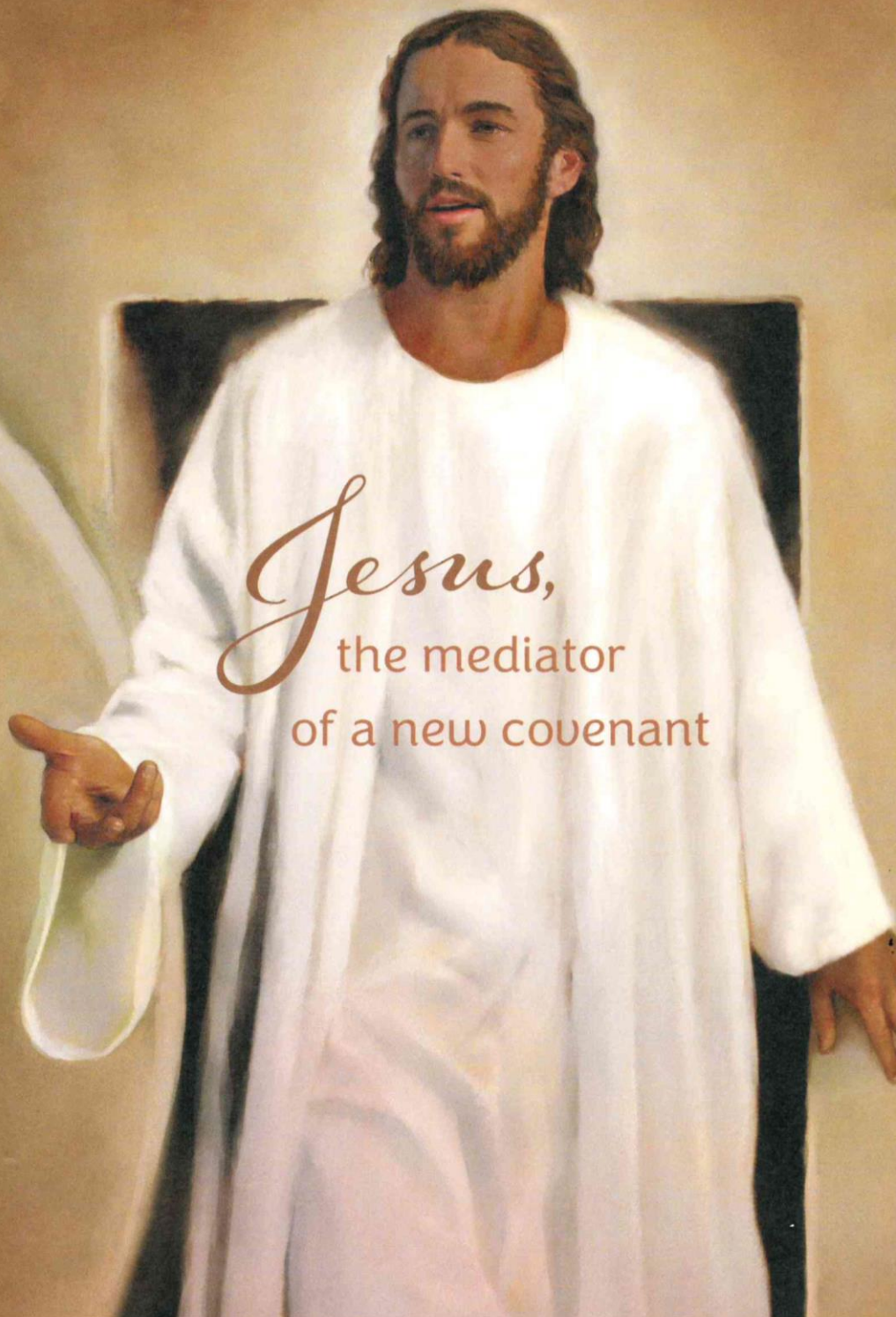


FULL SERVICE
August 24, 2025
9:00 AM
In person &
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About The Cover:
Our crucified and
risen Lord has
ascended to the
right hand of the
Father and is "the
mediator of a new
covenant." His
intercession is
perfect because He
is the perfect Son of
the Father. He
intercedes for us on
the basis of the
blood that He shed
once for all on the
cross (Hebrews
10:10). Because of
Him and Him alone,
we have confidence
that we stand
righteous before
God today and
forever.



Jesus,
the mediator
of a new covenant

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THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Theme for worship: In our Epistle lesson today from Hebrews, we are encouraged to rejoice in God's discipline. We'll explore what discipline is really all about and how it is a sign of God's love for us, training us up into righteousness.

♪ Pre-Service Music

The Ringing of The Bells

Welcome

♪ Opening Hymn: "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

---LSB 915

1 Today Your mercy calls us
To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy
Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us
And make us clean today.

3 Today our Father calls us;
His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather
Around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us
How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered,
It is our Father's home.

2 Today Your gate is open,
And all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome
And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten,
A present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised,
A glorious crown in heav'n.

4 O all-embracing Mercy,
O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You
When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us,
To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open,
One ear will hear our prayer.

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The Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence For Reflection On God's Word and For Self-examination

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 117; antiphon: Psalm 96:6a; 115:18

P Splendor and majesty are before him;

C we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

P Praise the LORD, all nations!

C Extol him, all peoples!

P For great is his steadfast love toward us,

C and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

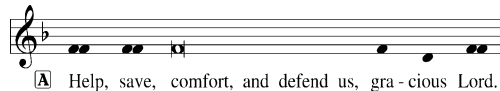
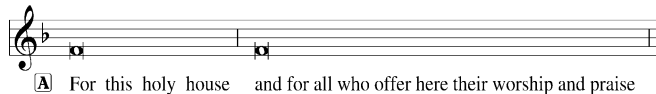
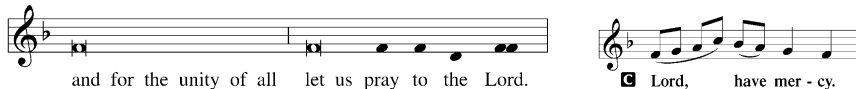
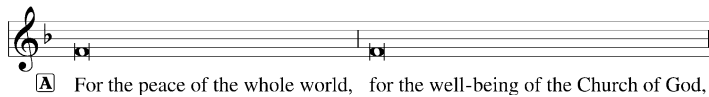
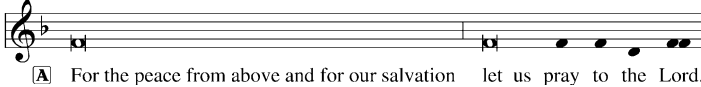
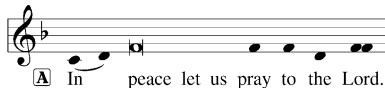
P&C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Splendor and majesty are before him;

C we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

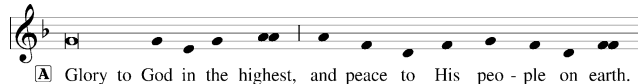
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Gloria in Excelsis

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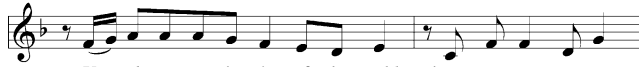
C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray

C O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Service of The Word

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 66:18-23

¹⁸“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD.

²¹And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

²²“For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain. ²³From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.

⁶For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

¹⁸For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Children's Message

Pastor Marty

Alleluia and Verse



The Holy Gospel Lesson

Luke 13:22-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord. (*Sung*)

²²[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem.

²³And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, ²⁴“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When

once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’

²⁶Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’

²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ (*sung*)

♪ Sermon Hymn: “The Law of God Is Good and Wise”

---LSB 579

- 1 The Law of God is good and wise And sets His will before our eyes,
Shows us the way of righteousness, And dooms to death when we transgress.
- 2 Its light of holiness imparts The knowledge of our sinful hearts
That we may see our lost estate And turn from sin before too late.
- 3 To those who help in Christ have found And would in works of love abound
It shows what deeds are His delight And should be done as good and right.
- 4 But those who scornfully disdain God’s Law shall then in sin remain;
Its terror in their ear resounds And keeps their wickedness in bounds.
- 5 The Law is good; but since the fall Its holiness condemns us all;
It dooms us for our sin to die And has no pow’r to justify.
- 6 To Jesus we for refuge flee, Who from the curse has set us free,
And humbly worship at His throne, Saved by His grace through faith alone.

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Sermon: “Rejoicing in Discipline”

Rev. Marty Marks

Apostles Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended
into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will
come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian
Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

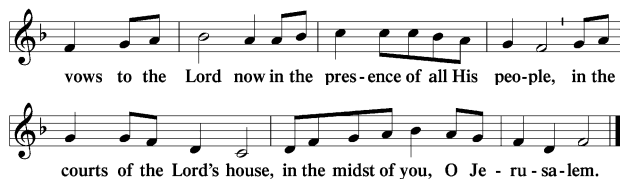
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♪ Offertory

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C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



Announcements

Installation of Preschool Staff

Prayers of the Church

The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with "Lord in your mercy" to which the congregation responds with "Hear our prayer."

The Lord's Prayer

- C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day 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.

♪ Closing Hymn: "Christ the Eternal Lord"

---LSB #829

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| <p>1 Christ the eternal Lord,
 Whose promise here we claim,
 Whose gifts of grace are freely poured
 On all who name Your name;
 With thankfulness and praise
 We stand before Your throne,
 Intent to serve You all our days
 And make Your glory known.</p> | <p>4 Christ the unfading Light
 Of everlasting day,
 Our Morning Star in splendor bright,
 The Life, the Truth, the Way;
 That light of truth You give
 To servants as to friends,
 Your way to walk, Your life to live,
 Till earth's brief journey ends.</p> |
| <p>2 Christ the unchanging Word
 To ev'ry passing age,
 Whose timeless teachings still are heard
 Set forth on Scripture's page;
 Transform our thought and mind,
 Enlighten all who read,
 Within Your Word by faith to find
 The bread of life indeed.</p> | <p>5 Christ the ascended King
 Exalted high above,
 Whose praise unending ages sing,
 Whom yet unseen we love;
 When mortal life is past
 Your voice from heaven's throne
 Shall call Your children home at last
 To know as we are known.</p> |
| <p>3 Christ the redeeming Son,
 Who shares our human birth,
 And by His death salvation won
 For ev'ry child of earth;
 Inspire our hearts, we pray,
 To tell Your love abroad,
 That all may honor Christ today
 And follow Him as Lord.</p> | |

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Benediction

Silent Prayers

Postlude

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Altar Guild: Jackie Hanson	
	9:00 a.m.
Musicians	Linda Conrad, <i>Organist</i> C-J Motisi, <i>Pianist & Soloist</i>
Pastor	Rev. Marty Marks
Children's Message	Pastor Marty
Acolyte	Virgil Walker
Lay Reader	Katie Martinez
Radio Narrator	Chris Ewald
Videographer/Sound	Doug Nelson
Slides	Nathan Allen
Ushers	Jackson Harms, Dan Lohmeier, Taylor McWilliams

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