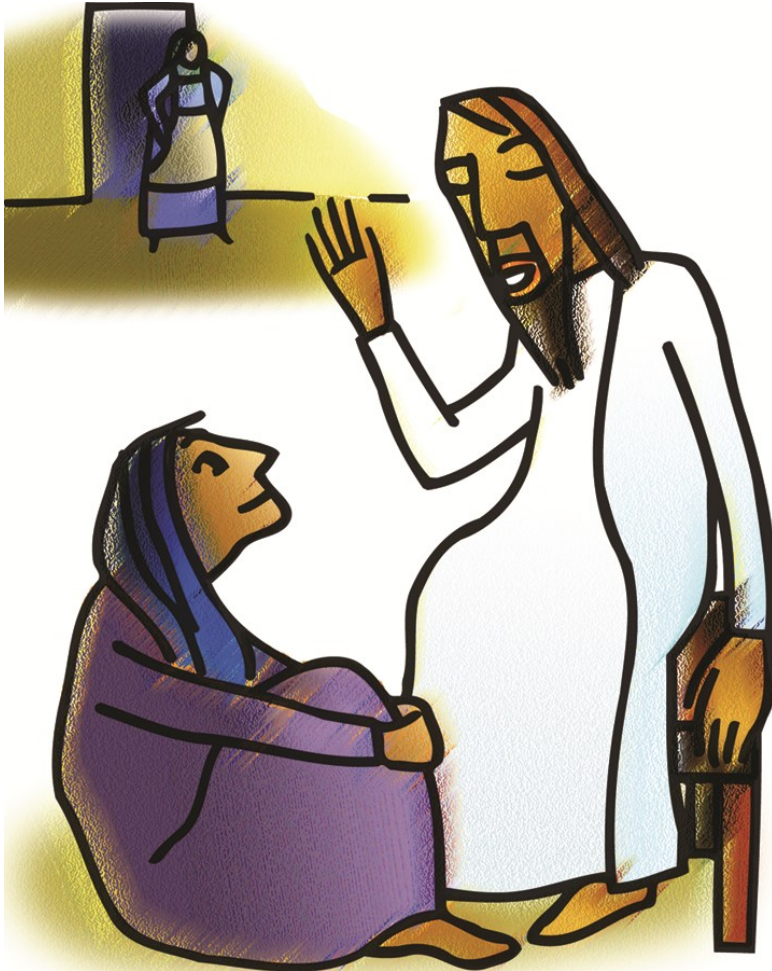


9:30 am Celebration Worship Service



Evangelical Lutheran Church

July 20, 2025



Welcome to all, especially visitors! It is no accident that you are here! We've been praying for you. We believe God has brought you here and wants to touch your life. You are among friends.



If you are visiting, please sign in on our guest sign in sheet in the Narthex Hallway.



At our 9:30 AM service: words for the hymns are projected on the screens at the front of the sanctuary.



For the hearing impaired: hearing devices are available in the Narthex outside the sanctuary.



Restrooms: To locate a restroom, exit the back of the worship area. Take two rights and proceed down the hallway. At the stairs, go left. The Women's Room is on the left, the Men's Room is straight ahead.



Holy Communion at ELC: We welcome to the Lord's Table all the baptized people of God. Gluten free options and grape juice are available.



Nursery: We have a fully staffed nursery for infants through children six years of age or children of any age with special needs. The nursery opens at 9:15 AM on Sunday morning for our 9:30 AM worship service. The nursery is equipped with a pager system to help parents feel at ease. There is also a private nursing room for those who wish you use it.



Photo Release Form: Our 9:30 AM service is live-streamed to our Facebook Page and YouTube Channel. All children coming to the front for the Children's Message or Holy Communion will be visible on the live-feed. If you do not want your child's image online, please do not send them up to the front. If you are ok with it, please fill out a Photo Release Form located on the sign-up table in the Narthex and put it in the offering box.



Reserved Seating: Please keep the reserved seats open for people with disabilities and their family members. Thank you!



Background Checks: Mandatory background checks have been completed for all of our Nursery & Children's Ministry Volunteers.

Sunday, July 20th 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Perhaps the church, at its best, is “all ears.” God urges the faithful, again and again, to “listen up!”—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

TEMPLE TALK

Karen Walker

Please stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C Amen.

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

C 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.

P 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.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Open the Eyes of My Heart

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

Colossians 1:15-28

This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is “Christ in you.” Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

¹⁵ [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



GOSPEL:

Luke 10:38-42

During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th Chapter

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kim Erwin

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP - *All children ages 3 through 3rd grade are welcome*

After the children's message, the children are welcome to be a part of the Children's Worship that takes place in our Sunday School Room #108. Children return from Children's Worship during the sharing of the peace.

SERMON

Pastor D

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

Give Me Jesus

ELW 770

THE 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 to the dead. 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 INTERCESSION



Members of Our Congregation: Don Cool, Mary Heefner, Bill Hine, Fred Kahl, Karla Oller, Betty Petrie, Amy Pitts, Gary & Pat Radtke, Carolyn & Lamar Sease, Marjorie Tressler, Pam Wagaman, and Nancy & Harry Watson.

Friends of the Congregation: Rosanna Biesecker, Evelyn & Norman Bouffard, Windsor Bovey, Barbara Bowersox, Kevin Carey, Darcy Clever, David Elonen, Annette Fillmore, Elijah Ford, Jim Gleason, Dana Keefer, David Martin, Debbie Monette, Dan Rovelstad, Susan Sees, Spahnolgtli family, Sherry Toomey, Lubomira Uhliarova, Joe Vance, and those affected by flash floods in Texas and other disasters around the country and world.

*(Names will be posted for a month.
If you would like to have them on longer, please contact the church office.)*

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated

SPECIAL MUSIC

Oceans
Karen Walker, solo

arr. H. Sorenson

Please stand

MEAL

OFFERING

Thank you for your continuous support of ELC ministries. Your generosity is making a difference. Please place your offering in one of the boxes at the entrance to the Sanctuary. You are a blessing!

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. 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.

C Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Please be seated

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God

Please stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. 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.

C Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Goodness of God

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.






C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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*In memory of
Ellie Bauerle's husband, Robert,
& her sister, Mary Plaumann,
on their birthdays, by Ellie*



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