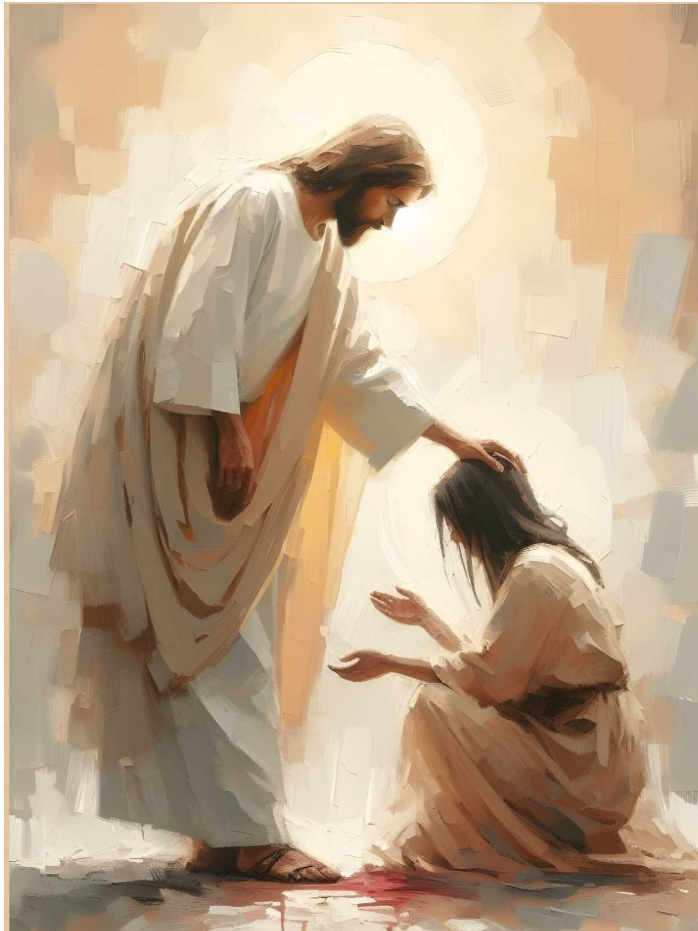


# *9:30 am Celebration Worship Service*



*Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
*August 24, 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, August 24, 2025***

***11th Sunday after Pentecost***

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

## ***GATHERING***

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING**

*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**

*Blessed Be Your Name*

## 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. O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated*

## WORD

### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 58:9b-14**

*God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.*

- <sup>9b</sup> If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
<sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually  
and satisfy your needs in parched places  
and make your bones strong,  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water  
whose waters never fail.  
<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

<sup>13</sup> If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,  
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;  
if you call the Sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;  
if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;  
<sup>14</sup> then you shall take delight in the LORD,  
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING

**Psalm 103:1-8**

We will sing the Psalm responsively.

<sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, | O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.  
<sup>2</sup> **Bless the LORD, | O my soul,**  
**and forget not | all God's benefits—**  
<sup>3</sup> who forgives | all your sins  
and heals all | your diseases;  
<sup>4</sup> **who redeems your life | from the grave**  
**and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;**  
<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires | with good things  
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.  
<sup>6</sup> **O LORD, you provide | vindication**  
**and justice for all who | are oppressed.**  
<sup>7</sup> You made known your | ways to Moses  
and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.  
<sup>8</sup> **LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,**  
**slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

*Please Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## GOSPEL:

**Luke 13:10-17**

*Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding “sabbath work” to include setting people free from bondage.*

**P** The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th Chapter

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>10</sup> Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the

Sabbath day?"<sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Bobbi Blubaugh

**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**

*Glorious Things of You Are Spoken*

**ELW 647**

## **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, Bill Hine, Fred Kahl, Karla Oller, Betty Petrie, Gary & Pat Radtke, Carolyn & Lamar Sease, Marjorie Tressler, Nancy & Harry Watson, and the family of Verna Lutz.

**Friends of the Congregation:** Anna Batson, Rosanna Biesecker, Kevin Carey, Annette Fillmore, Elijah Ford, Jim Gleason, Juli Miller, Dan Rovelstad, Susan Sees, Spahnolgtli family, Sherry Toomey, Lubomira Uhliarova, and Joe Vance

*(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

The Water is Wide  
*Alicia Shemon—Flute*

**Brant Adams**

*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**

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

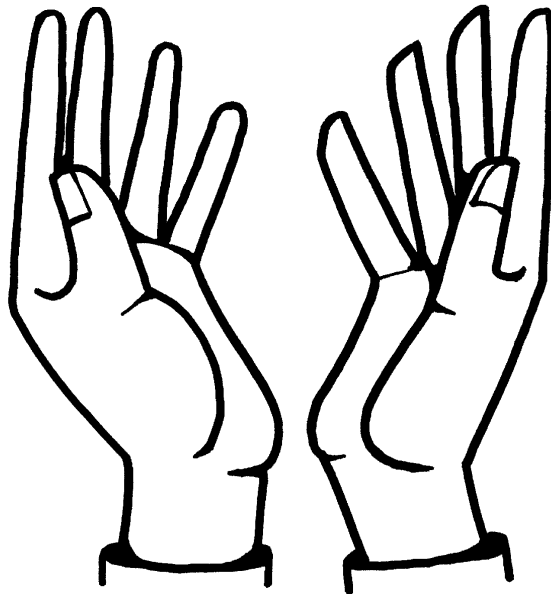
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## **DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**



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<b>Children's Worship</b>	Bobbi Blubaugh
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*In memory of Robert Stoops on his  
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