

# *9:30 am Celebration Worship Service*



*Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*August 31, 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 31, 2025***

***12th Sunday after Pentecost***

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God’s grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ’s banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

## ***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**

*Cornerstone*

## 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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** Amen.

*Please be seated*

## WORD

### FIRST READING

**Proverbs 25:6-7a**

*The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.*

<sup>6</sup> Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great,  
<sup>7a</sup> for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

**L:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

### SECOND READING

**Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

*The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup> Let mutual affection continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

**L:** The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Repeat alleluia*



## **GOSPEL:**

**Luke 14:1, 7-14**

*Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.*

**P:** The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th Chapter

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

<sup>1</sup> On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Debbie Zacher*

## **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 hymn of the day.*

## **SERMON**

*Pastor D*

*Please stand*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

**ELW 461**

## **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, Carolyn & Lamar Sease, Pauline Stoops, Marjorie Tressler and Nancy & Harry Watson.

***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

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus  
*Debbie Zacher, piano*

**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**

*O Living Bread from Heaven*

**ELW 542**

## **DISMISSAL**

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**



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*In the spirit of thankfulness  
for Christ's love,  
by Marjorie & Roy Tressler*



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