

*10:45 AM Celebration  
Worship Service*



*September 20, 2026*



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 10:45 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. ELC now has a wifi enabled Assist System. This will allow you to follow along with the service using your personal hearing aids. If your hearing aids are paired to your smartphone, please scan the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store QR code to download the waveCast app. Please see the tech team if you need any assistance.



**Google Play Store**



**Wifi ELC Hears**



**Apple App Store**



**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 10:15 AM on Sunday morning for our 10:45 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 to use it.



**Photo Release Form:** Our 10:45 am 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.

***September 20, 2026***

***The 17th Sunday After Pentecost***

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

## ***GATHERING***

### **PRELUDE**

*Once the prelude starts, we ask you to take an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart, helping to create a reverent and welcoming atmosphere for worship.*

### **WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING**

*Please stand*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
who pours love into our hearts  
and healing upon the earth.

**C Amen.**

**P** Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Compassionate God,

**C** we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness  
in the world and in our own hearts.

**Creation groans from overuse.**

**Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.**

**Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.**

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.**

**Turn our hearts back to you.**

**Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.**

**Renew us to live as your holy people,  
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

**P** Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✙ Jesus Christ,  
in whom there is no condemnation,  
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.  
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

**C Amen.**

## 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.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated*

## WORD

## FIRST READING

**Jonah 3:10—4:11**

*After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?*

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

<sup>4:1</sup> But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup> He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. <sup>3</sup> And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." <sup>4</sup> And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" <sup>5</sup> Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup> The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup> But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup> When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

<sup>9</sup> But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” <sup>10</sup> Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup> And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?”

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING

## Philippians 1:21-30

*Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.*

<sup>21</sup> For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. <sup>23</sup> I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, <sup>24</sup> but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup> Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup> so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

<sup>27</sup> Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel <sup>28</sup> and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. <sup>29</sup> For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, <sup>30</sup> since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*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

**Matthew 20:1-16**

*Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.*

**P** The holy gospel according to Matthew the 20th Chapter.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. <sup>6</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. <sup>7</sup>And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>8</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>9</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ <sup>10</sup>When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>12</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>13</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>14</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ <sup>15</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>16</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>17</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

SERMON

Pastor Rosalie

*Please stand*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*As Saints of Old*

ELW 695

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:*** Gary & Bobbi Biesecker, Jeff Cecco, Shirley Clapsaddle, Don Cool, Ellen Hess, Bill Kipe, Carol McLaughlin, Karla Oller, Paula Kline, Misty Lucenete, Art Koenig, Lena Rowe, and Joyce Van Breemen.

***Friends of the Congregation:*** Hilda Carey, Kevin Carey, Ron Cordell Sr., Barbara Dutton, Donna Green, Terry L'Heureux, Jordan Kefauver, Myles Kiser, Debra Lensbower, Jerry Lindsay, Jonathan Mensch, Diana Miner, Jeff Sirk, the Spahnolgtli family, Mary Starliper, Clayton Summers, Sherry Toomey, and Jim & Marsha Uber.

*\*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*

*Please stand*

## MEAL

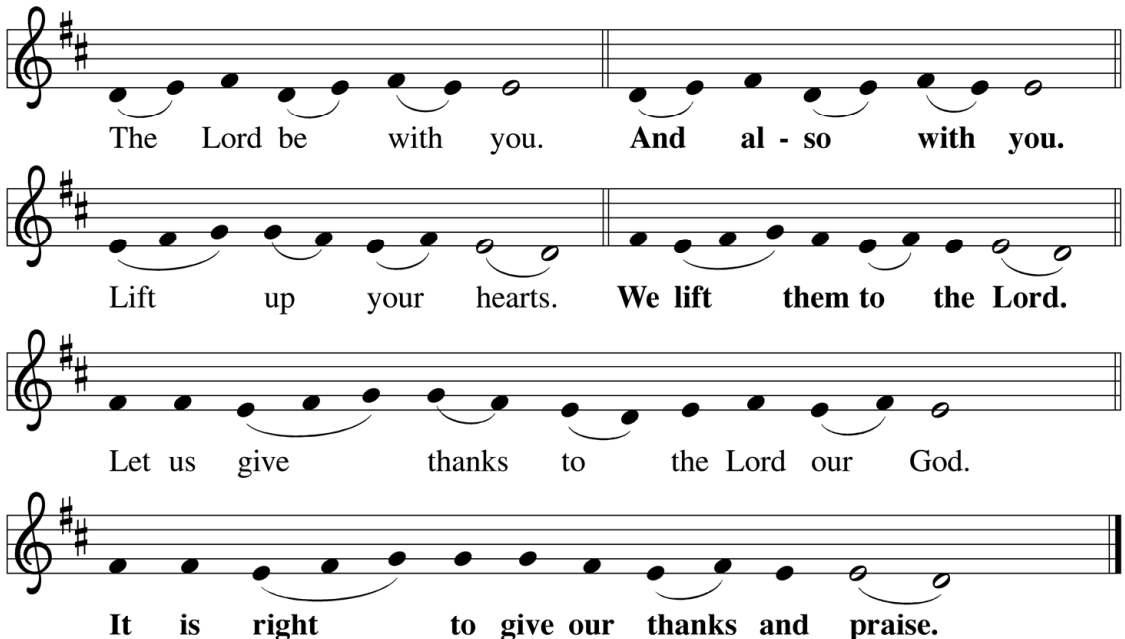
### OFFERING PRAYER

**P** Let us pray. God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

**C** Amen.

*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!*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The notes are simple, mostly quarter and half notes, with some slurs. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

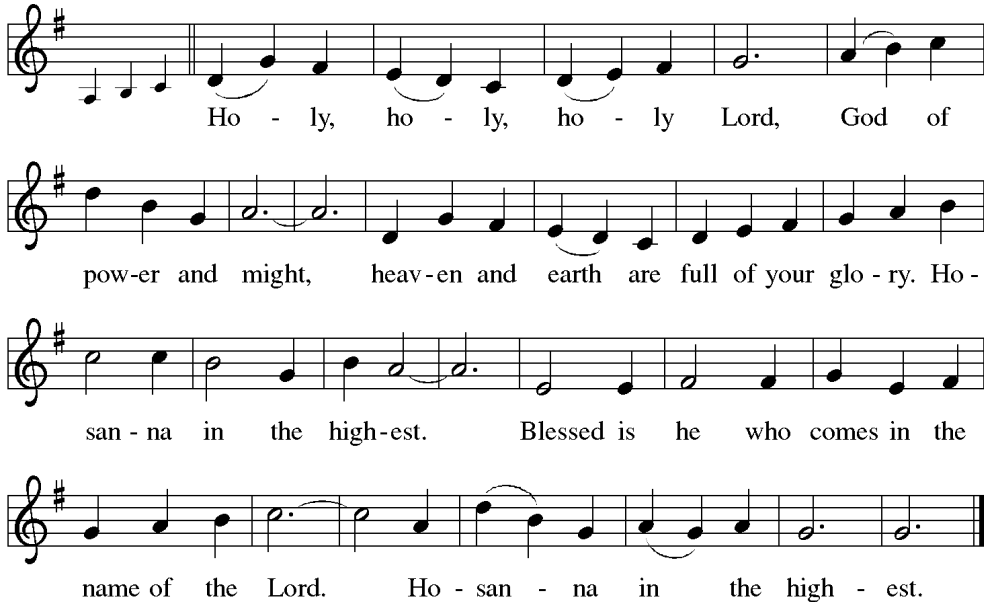
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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

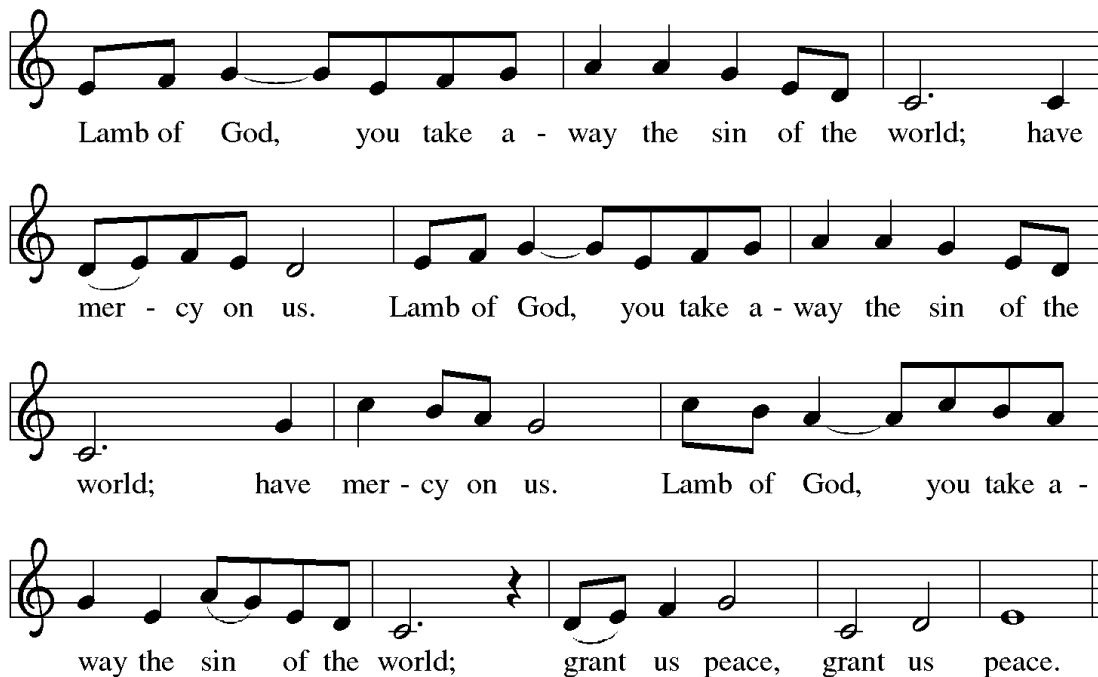
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

*Please be seated*

## COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## HOLY COMMUNION

*At the direction of the ushers, please come forward to receive Holy Communion. We welcome to the Lord's Table all the people of God. Gluten free options and grape juice are available. After receiving the bread and wine, you may kneel at the altar for a quiet prayer, or you may return to your seat. After all have returned to their places, the presiding minister will invite the assembly to stand for a table blessing.*

*Please stand*

## TABLE 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. Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

**C Amen.**

*Please stand*

## ***SENDING***

**SENDING HYMN**

*Your Grace Is Enough*

**DISMISSAL**

**P** Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

|                           |                                       |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Acolyte</b>            | Luke McDannell                        |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>        | Brian & Barb Shook                    |
| <b>Assisting Minister</b> | Carole Kipe                           |
| <b>Audio Visual</b>       | Mark Reed, Hank Erwin, & Brian Walker |
| <b>Children's Message</b> | Kim Erwin                             |
| <b>Children's Worship</b> | Sue Mason                             |
| <b>Communion Asst.'s</b>  | Al Good & Andy Rovelstad              |
| <b>Flower Delivery</b>    | Ellie Bauerle                         |
| <b>Greeters</b>           | Becky McDonald (W) Roxanne Cecco (C)  |
| <b>Lector</b>             | Judy Reed                             |
| <b>Nursery Helper</b>     | Cadance Shemon                        |
| <b>Ushers</b>             | Team E                                |

### Mission Statement

Gathering in Community, Growing in God's Word, Going in Service for Christ.



*Remembering Bob Morrow on  
his September 18th birthday,  
by his family.*

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