A bronze statue of a woman stands with her arms raised, holding a dove in her right hand. She is positioned in front of a large, light-colored stone wall on the left and a dense forest of trees with yellow and orange autumn foliage on the right. In the background, a large, ornate building with a green roof is visible under a clear blue sky.

Woman,
you are set free
from your ailment

LUKE 13:12



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11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE: *Adagio (Symphony No. 3)* – Louis Vierne

*Throughout this bulletin, the text in **bold** type is said by the congregation.*

Please be seated or kneel if able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, **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.

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. **Amen.**

The congregation stands to sing the hymn.

HYMN #521: O Day of Rest and Gladness ELLACOMBE

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

GLORIA (*Glory Be to God in Heaven*)

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The congregation responds: Amen.

The congregation is seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14 (*printed on back cover*)

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103:1-8 *The psalm is spoken responsively.*

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

² **Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—**

³ who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;

⁴ **who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶ **O Lord, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷ You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.

⁸ **Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29 (*printed on back cover*)

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation stands to sing the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17 *(printed on back cover)*

Prior to the reading of the Holy Gospel, the following is said:

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the following is said:

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The congregation is seated.

SERMON

Vicar Philip J. Supeck

Silence is maintained for reflection after the sermon.

The congregation stands to sing the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY #610: O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come DISTRESS

APOSTLES CREED

With the whole church let us confess our faith...

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.**

Please kneel or be seated.

PRAYERS

Each petition concludes: Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers. The congregation responds: Amen.

Please remain seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand if you are able.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you" or similar words.

At the conclusion of the Peace, the congregation is seated.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Duo (Suite du Deuxieme Ton)* – Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

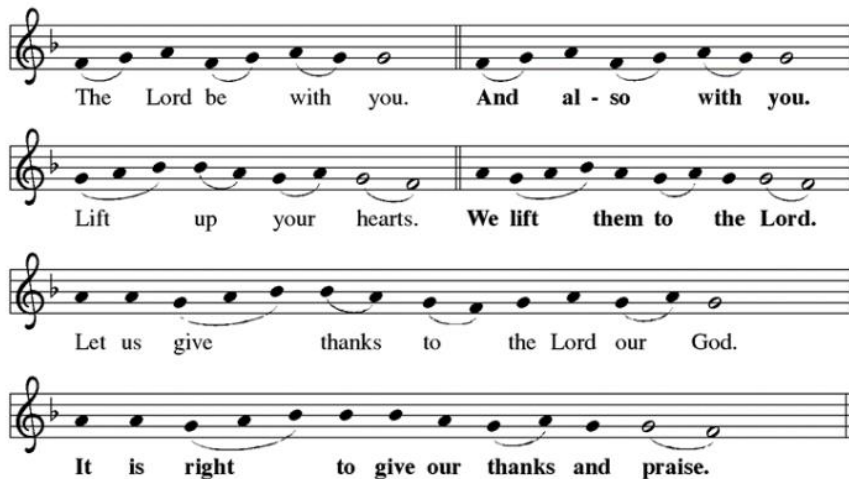
As the offering is presented, the congregation stands to sing the offertory hymn.

OFFERTORY HYMN #695: *As Saints of Old* FOREST GREEN
(stanzas 2 & 3)

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Assisting Minister: 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. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The presiding minister continues with the proper Preface. At the conclusion of the Preface, the congregation sings the Sanctus.

SANCTUS (*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*)

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The congregation responds: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us to pray...

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.

FRACTION

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

Blessed are all invited to His feast.

AGNUS DEI (*O Lamb of God*)

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COMMUNION

*The congregation is seated. The ushers will dismiss the assembly for communion. All are welcome to receive communion. Lutherans teach that Christ is truly present with, in, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We commune by pouring chalice. Please take an empty cup before going to the rail. (The pre-filled cups contain grape juice.) Those who wish to receive only a blessing at the rail should indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. As the ministers distribute the elements, they say these words: The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.***

Please stand if you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray: We give you thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy strengthen us through this gift of faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING



☩ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



☩ A - men

HYMN #858: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Plein Jeu (Suite du Deuxieme Ton)* – Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP TODAY.
25 VOTING MEMBERS REQUIRED.

This meeting is to discuss and vote on the revisions made to our church constitution.
Copies of the Church Constitution were emailed. One printed copy of the constitution
is available for viewing in the Narthex.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰if 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.
¹¹The 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.
¹²Your 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.
¹³If 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;
¹⁴then 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.

Psalms 103:1-8

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can 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 not an-
other word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not
endure the order that was given, "If even an animal
touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death."
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 gath-
ering, 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.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speak-
ing; for if they did not escape when they refused the
one who warned them on earth, how much less will
we escape if we reject the one who warns from heav-
en! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now
he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not
only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷This phrase,
"Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is
shaken—that is, created things—so that what can-
not be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are
receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us
give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable
worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our
God is a consuming fire.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues
on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a
woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eigh-
teen years. She was bent over and was quite un-
able to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he
called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free
from your ailment." ¹³When he laid his hands on
her, immediately she stood up straight and began
praising God. ¹⁴But 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." ¹⁵But 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 away to give
it water? ¹⁶And 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?" ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were
put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at
all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Next Sunday's Readings: Proverbs 25:6-7 or Sirach 10:12-18; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14.

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