

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

804 O Worship the King



1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
3 This earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?



O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;
Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;
Al - might - y, Thy pow'r hath found - ed of old,
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
Es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,



Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
And round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust
and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust,
nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender,
how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender,
redeemer, and friend!

6 O measureless Might,
ineffable Love,
While angels delight
to hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation,
though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
shall sing to Thy praise.

Confession and Absolution

Invocation

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Kyrie

- L** Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C** Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Confession and Absolution

- L** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
- C** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins in Jesus' name. Amen.
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- C** Amen.

Reflection on God's Forgiveness

- L** God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
 - C** Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.
 - L** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.
 - C** More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.
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Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 50:1–15

- L** The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
 - C** **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**
 - L** Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.
 - C** **He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**
 - L** “Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”
 - C** **The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!**
 - L** “Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.
 - C** **Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me.**
 - L** I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds.
 - C** **For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**
 - L** I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine.
 - C** **“If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine.**
 - L** Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?
 - C** **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High,**
 - L** and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”
 - C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**
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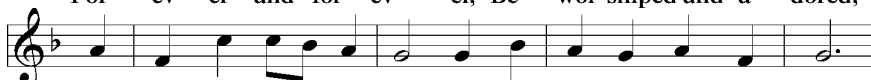
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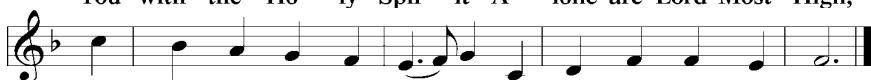
- 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 66:18–23

¹⁸"For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. ²¹And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

²²"For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain. ²³From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD."

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. ⁶For the Lord disciplines the one he loves and chastises every son whom he receives.” ⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

¹⁸For you have not come to what may 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 no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” 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 gathering, 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.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, ²⁴“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ ²⁶Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ ²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to You, O Christ.

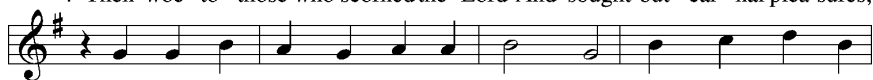
Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✙ of the world to come. Amen.

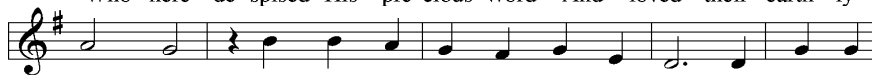
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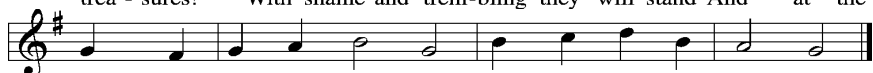
1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
 2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
 3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing
 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
 And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
 What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was
 Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
 wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -
 dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be
 trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand And at the



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.
 might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.
 known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.
 judg - e's stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

5 My Savior paid the debt I owe

And for my sin was smitten;

Within the Book of Life I know

My name has now been written.

I will not doubt, for I am free,

And Satan cannot threaten me;

There is no condemnation!

6 May Christ our intercessor be

And through His blood and merit

Read from His book that we are free

With all who life inherit.

Then we shall see Him face to face,

With all His saints in that blest place

Which He has purchased for us.

7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,

But hasten our salvation;

We often tremble on our way

In fear and tribulation.

O hear and grant our fervent plea:

Come, mighty judge, and set us free

From death and ev'ry evil.

Sermon

Offering

Prayer of the Church

- L** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- L** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
L Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
L It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Lord's Prayer

- C** 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.

The Words of Our Lord

- L** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Agnus Dei

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

Here Is Love Vast as the Ocean



1. Here is love vast as the o - cean, lov - ing kind - ness as the flood, when the Prince of Life, our
2. On the mount of cru - ci - fix - ion, foun - tains o - pened deep and wide; through the flood - gates of God's
3. On the morn of res - ur - rec - tion, mer - cy filled the thirst - y grave; where the stone of death burst
4. Oh this love, vast love of Je - sus, bids us come and drink and live. To this wea - ry world of



ran - som, shed for us His pre - cious blood. Who His love will not re - mem - ber? Who can
mer - cy, flowed a vast and gra - cious tide. Grace and love, like migh - ty riv - ers, poured in -
o - pen, springs of life flowed un - res - trained. Love no heart could ev - er mea - sure, joy no
long - ing, what more could our Sav - ior give? Now to Christ who ful - ly loved us and who



cease to sing His praise? He can nev - er be for - got - ten through - out heav'n's e - ter - nal
ces - sant from a - bove; Heav - en's peace and per - fect jus - tice kissed a guilt - y world in
sor - rows will out - run, rush up - on the soul be - liev - ing in the ris - en, reign - ing
freed us from our sin, be all glo - ry and do - min - ion, e - ver - last - ing praise to



days
love.
Son.

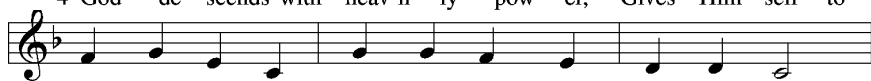
Him. (Repeat "Now to Christ")

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620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

Yet Not I but through Christ in Me

1. What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re - deem - er.
2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en,
3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en,
4. With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus,

There is no more for heav - en now to give. He is my
for by my side the Sav - iour, he will stay. I lab - our
the fu - ture sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus
for he has said that he will bring me home. And day by

joy, my right - eous - ness and free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less
on in weak - ness and re - joic - ing, for in my need, his pow - er is dis -
bled and suf - fered for my par - don, and he was raised to o - ver - throw the
day I know he will re - new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the

peace. To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. For my life is whol - ly bound to
played. To this I hold: my Shep - herd will de - fend me. Through the deep - est val - ley he will
grave. To this I hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je - sus now, and ev - er, is my
throne. To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the glo - ry ev - er - more to

his. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not
lead. Oh the night has been won, and I shall o - ver - come! Yet not
plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not
him. When the race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not

I, but through Christ in me.
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The Dismissal

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in
body and soul to life everlasting.

Amen.

Call to Christian Community

- L** Jesus once said, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:34-35). Jesus calls His followers to live in community. After our last song, please take time to greet one another, and if you see someone you don’t know, introduce yourself. Now receive God’s blessing.

Benediction

- L** Let us bless the Lord
- C** **Thanks be to God**
- L** 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.
- C** **Amen.**
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Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ a -
 What truth can calm the trou - bled soul? God is
 Un - to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He

lone, Christ a - lone. What is our on - ly con - fi -
 good, God is good. Where is His grace and good - ness
 lives; Christ, He lives! And what re - ward will heav - en

dence? That our souls to Him be - long. Who holds our days with - in His
 known? In our great Re - deem - er's blood. Who holds our faith when fears a -
 bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with Him. Then we will rise to meet the

hand? What comes, a - part from His com - mand? And what will
 rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y trial? Who sends the
 Lord, Then sin and death will be de - stroyed, And we will

keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.
 waves that bring us nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ?
 feast in end - less joy, When Christ is ours for - ev - er - more.

O sing ha - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e -

ter - nal; O sing ha - le - lu - jah! Now and

ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

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This Week at-a-Glance

Today

- Worship Service (Pastor George Gude) – 9:00 AM
- [Adult Bible Study](#) & Youth Confirmation – 10:45 AM (Downstairs)
- [Sunday School & Youth Confirmation](#) – 10:30 AM (Sanctuary)

Wednesday

- [Men's Bible Study](#) – 6:30 AM (Downstairs)

Thursday

- AA Meeting – 6:30 PM (Downstairs)

Saturday

- AA Meeting – 1:30 PM

Announcements

[St. James Family Picnic – Sunday, September 7th](#)

There will be outside games and fun for all! Bring a side or dessert for all to share (but if you forget or are unable to bring anything - come anyway!) The church will provide meat and drinks! Questions? Text or call our Fellowship Deacon (Jen) at 618-407-5322 or call the church office.

[Circle of Friends \(LWML\)](#) – Please join us for a special presentation by Sarah Kate Frey on Saturday, September 6 at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.



What's new on the **Craving Answers Craving God** podcast? We answer the question, "What if I believe in Jesus, but not quite completely?" Sometimes personal faith can be strong, and sometimes it can be weak. How strong is strong enough? It's an important question...an eternal question. It's the newest topic on [Craving Answers Craving God](#).

St. James Guiding Statement

Together we have found healing and hope in Jesus Christ and welcome others to experience these same Gospel promises.

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