

**TELL HOW  
MUCH JESUS  
HAS DONE  
FOR YOU**

Luke 8:26-39

*First Lutheran Church*

*June 22, 2025*

*Pentecost 2*

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*This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

NETTLETON

Wayne L. Wold

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

*I. Theme*

*II. Basso Pomposa*

*V. Jubilation!*

*(Please stand)*

## MORNING PRAYER

### OPENING DIALOGUE AND DOXOLOGY



Leader: O Lord, o - pen my lips,

and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,

and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## PSALMODY

## INVITATORY

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

## MORNING PSALM OF PRAISE

**PSALM 95:1-7**

Come, Let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the

*The Cantor will sing the verses.*

## FINAL INVITATORY

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **FIRST READING**

## **ISAIAH 65:1-9**

*L: A reading from Isaiah, the sixty-fifth chapter.*

<sup>1</sup> I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,  
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"  
to a nation that did not call on my name.

<sup>2</sup> I held out my hands all day long  
to a rebellious people,  
who walk in a way that is not good,  
following their own devices;

<sup>3</sup> a people who provoke me  
to my face continually,  
sacrificing in gardens  
and offering incense on bricks;

<sup>4</sup> who sit inside tombs,  
and spend the night in secret places;  
who eat swine's flesh,  
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

<sup>5</sup> who say, "Keep to yourself,  
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."  
These are a smoke in my nostrils,  
a fire that burns all day long.

<sup>6</sup> See, it is written before me:  
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;  
I will indeed repay into their laps

<sup>7</sup> their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,  
says the LORD;

because they offered incense on the mountains  
and reviled me on the hills,  
I will measure into their laps  
full payment for their actions.

<sup>8</sup> Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster,  
and they say, "Do not destroy it,  
for there is a blessing in it,"  
so I will do for my servants' sake,  
and not destroy them all.

<sup>9</sup> I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,  
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;  
my chosen shall inherit it,  
and my servants shall settle there.

**L: Word of God, Word of Life.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**

**GALATIANS 3:23-29**

*L: A reading from Galatians, the third chapter.*

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup> As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

**L: Word of God, Word of Life.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



*Cantor: Return<sup>1</sup> to your home,\* and declare how much God has<sup>1</sup> done for you.  
(Luke 8:29)*



P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the eighth chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>26</sup> Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—<sup>29</sup> for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. <sup>32</sup> Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. <sup>34</sup> When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed.

<sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

P: This is the gospel of our Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

# Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

*(Please be seated)*

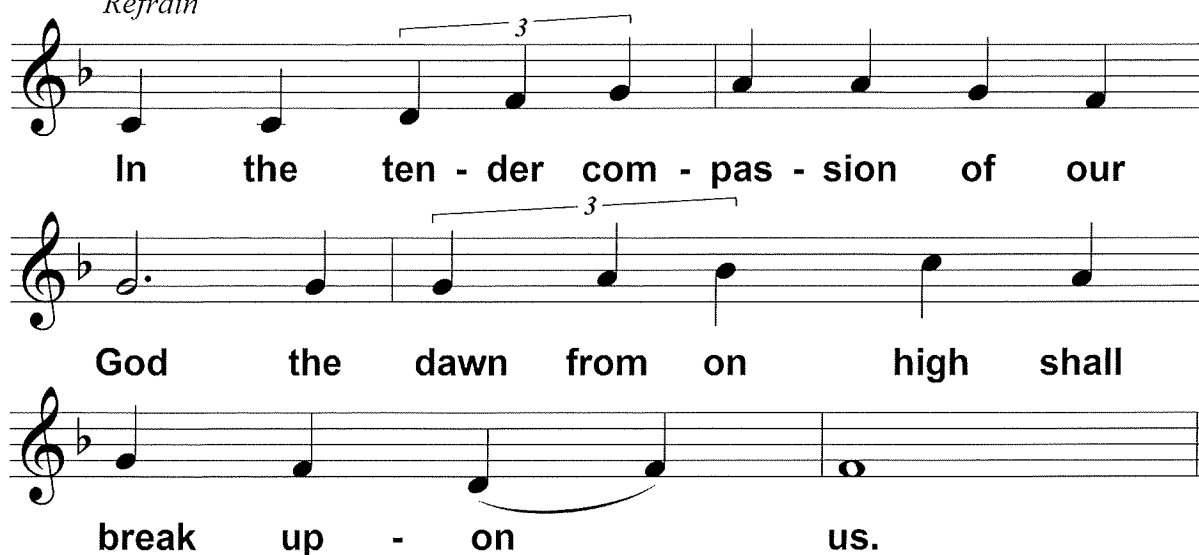
**SERMON**

**REVEREND BILL SCHULTZ**

*(Please stand)*

## CANTICLE

*Refrain*



The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is as follows: Staff 1: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). Staff 2: D4 (half), C4 (half), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (half). Staff 3: D3 (half), C3 (half), B2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), G2 (half), F#2 (half), E2 (half). The lyrics are: In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God the dawn from on high shall break up - on us.

*The Cantor will sing the verses.*

## APOSTLES' CREED

P: Living together in trust and hope, we profess our faith as expressed in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C: 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 be seated)*

# OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION

Noel Rawsthorne

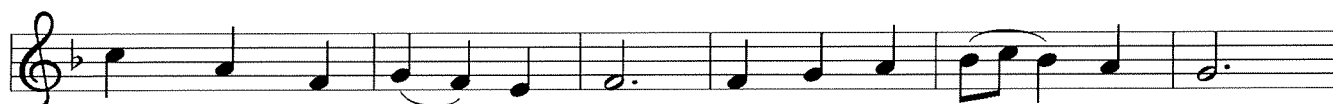
## Aria

*(Please stand)*

# OFFERING SONG

ELW # 673

## God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.  
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

L: 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.**

*(Please kneel)*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the  
wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

L: We pray for the church. Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy, send us in  
love. Strengthen the faith and witness of Christians across the planet and  
Christians in our community.

*Each petition concludes:*

P: God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

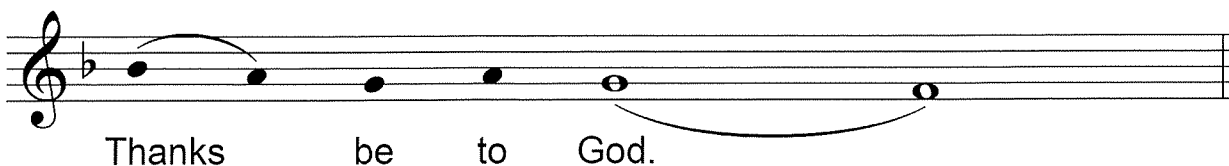
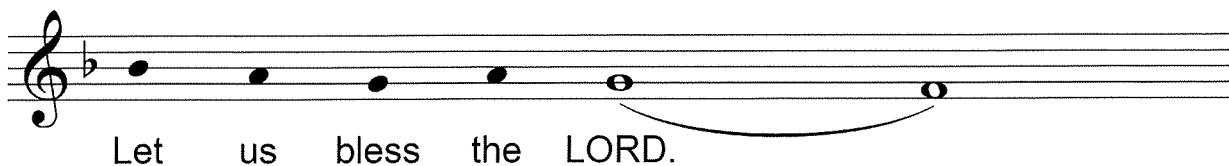
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

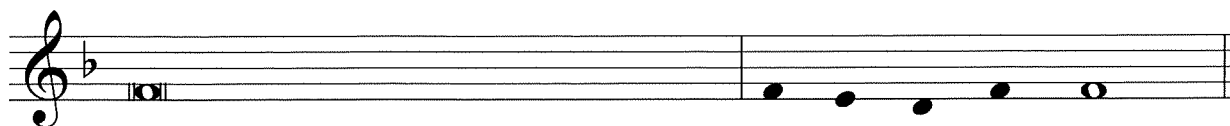
### SENDING

#### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

C: Oh God,  
your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure.  
We are grateful for the goodness you have shown us through  
the years,  
and we ask now for confidence to go forward into the future.  
Bless our community of faith, bless our healing,  
bless the changes that are before us,  
bless our call process and the pastoral leaders  
who will shepherd us through this time of transition.  
We thank you now for the wisdom you will show us  
as we align with your will, and servant or servants  
you are already preparing to send us in your blessed time.  
Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry  
and our future.  
In his name and for the sake of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord, Amen.

#### BLESSING





The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ  
fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit  
+ bless you and give you peace.



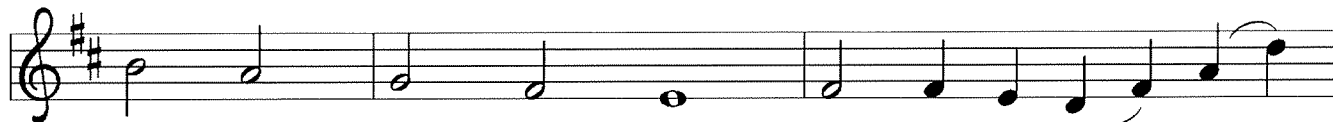
### SENDING SONG

ELW # 848

## Give to Our God Immortal Praise!



1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and  
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and  
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of



truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to  
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to  
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er



God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

### DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace.

P: Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

DUKE STREET

John Behnke

Toccata on Give to Our God

Immortal Praise!

## Events in Review

<u>Sunday</u>	June 22
10:00AM	Church Service
<u>Monday</u>	June 23
10:00AM	Bible Study at Willows
<u>Tuesday</u>	June 24
12PM—6PM	Blood Mobile
<u>Thursday</u>	June 26
1:00PM	Food Bank

### Next Week

<u>Sunday</u>	June 29
10:00AM	Church Service @ OldTrinity
<u>Monday</u>	June 30
10:00AM	Bible Study at Willows



If you have a prayer request for today, please raise your hand during announcements and a host will give you a green card to fill out.

## Congregational Meeting & Chat

July 13, 2025... July 13, 2025...July

### Important Date

### Very Important to FLC Future!!

Pastor Anne Marshal & Pastor Sherry Krieger, assistant to Bishop Beaudoin will be speaking during the service and holding a congregational chat immediately after service regarding options for FLC going forward.

*You don't want to miss this!!!!*

## Lawn Mower for the Week



**ShawnVallery**

### Reminder

*Next weeks Service will be at Old Trinity Church*

*125 E. Market Street Service is 10 am*

## \*\*\*\*Facebook—Policy Change\*\*\*\*

Please read & review the changes that are happening to Facebook regarding the Live stream videos of our Church Services. If you want to keep any of the videos of our services, you will need to save them on your own computer or device.

*Facebook is rolling out changes to its storage policy for Facebook Live videos. As part of this transition, Facebook Live videos older than 30 days will be deleted. We want to make sure you have the opportunity to keep any Live videos you published, so any Live videos published before February 19 will be made available for you to download until July 8. After that, any existing Live videos published before February 19 will be deleted from your Page or profile. Visit your Facebook settings to view your options for downloading Live videos.*



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## *Our Mission Statement*

**“God is among us!”**

**“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”**

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