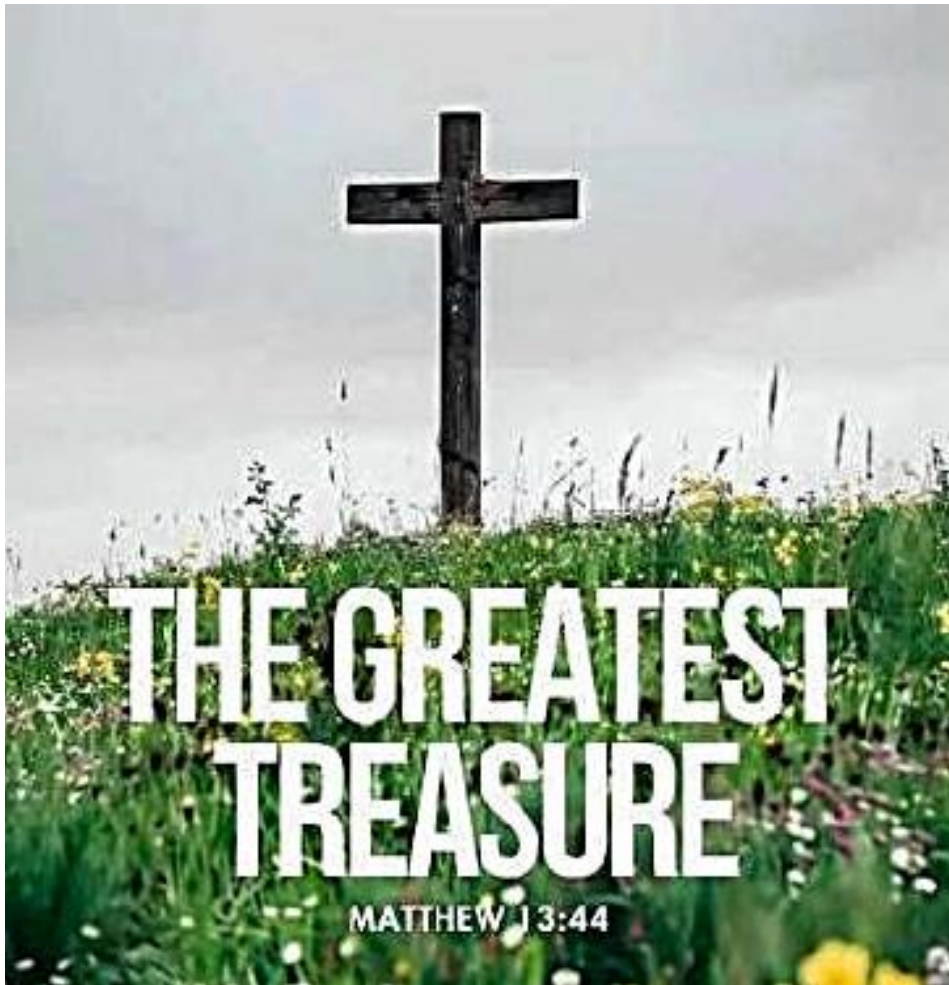


St. Luke Lutheran Church
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2026
9:30 a.m.



Sermon
Deacon Greg Laub

Welcome to St. Luke Lutheran Church

20 Candlewood Path
Dix Hills, NY 11746-5398
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Our Website: www.stlukedixhills.org
Satellite for the Lutheran Counseling Center: 516-741-0994

Welcome!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome both members and guests to His church. We are present this day to worship Him. In this service we thank and honor our Lord for His many blessings and seek His guidance and comfort for each day of life.

- ❖ Be **reverent** and **thoughtful** in this Holy place.
- ❖ **Before** the service, speak with God.
- ❖ **During** the service, let God speak to you.
- ❖ **After** the service, speak to one another.

As We Gather: We begin our worship today praising the lamb of God who has taken away the sins of the world. For this saving work, Christ is truly worthy of praise, adoration, thanks and honor. He is truly worthy of our worship because of who He is and what He has done for us. Now we shall hear again the great story of salvation that was won for us by the Lamb of God. Rejoice! For the lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia!

Holy Communion is celebrated at each Worship Service.

The Lord's Supper is a gift from our Savior in which He offers us Himself and His forgiveness. Those who partake witness their love for Him and their faith and fellowship for each other. If you have confessed your sins and if you have been properly instructed regarding the Lord's Supper and believe in the presence of Christ in the form of bread and wine, which are the body and blood of Christ, please join us for the celebration of Holy Communion.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

8:15am & 10:45am w/ Sunday School **returns in September**

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Sundays: Traditional w/ Holy Communion at 9:30am Thursdays: Traditional w/ Holy Communion at 7:30 PM begins June 25 th

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

Bible Studies on select dates – See flyer

The **C.A.R.E Team** encourages *anyone experiencing illness or a challenging situation in their life to reach out to us for support. Support can consist of emotional/spiritual support, meals, transportation, help with errands or chores, and other areas as they are identified. Contact via **Hotline: (631) 600-0271***
Or email careteam@stlukedixhills.org Coordinators: Trish Klare & Amanda Fenty

Mission Statement

To know Christ and make him known by Serving, Teaching, and Loving.

ABOUT TODAY

Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

PRELUDE

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" - Sandra Gay

GREETING

CALL FOR PRAYERS

Stand

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins

Deacon: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Deacon: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Deacon: Merciful God,

People: 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 your ways. Amen.

Deacon: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name, He gives the power to become children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord, unto us all.

People: Amen.

OPENING HYMN **“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name” LBW 329 vs. 1-4**



- 1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
- 2 Crown him, you mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar call;
- 3 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
- 4 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
 ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod and crown him Lord of all.
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.



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GREETING

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

People: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

LSB 204



D For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



D: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



D: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



D: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204



C 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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: and also with you.

Deacon: Let us pray. Almighty God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that in receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

Sit

First Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

(Israel chosen because of God's Love, not their deserving)

⁶For you are a people holy to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

⁷"It was not because you were more numerous than any other people that the LORD set his heart on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples. ⁸It was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath that he swore to your ancestors that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know, therefore, that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who maintains covenant loyalty with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 125

(God stands round his people like the hills surrounding Jerusalem)

¹Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved but abides forever.

²**As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his people from this time on and forevermore.**

³For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous,
so that the righteous might not stretch out their hands to do wrong.

⁴**Do good, O LORD, to those who are good and to those who are upright in their hearts.**

⁵But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways,
the LORD will lead away with evildoers. Peace be upon Israel!

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-39

(Nothing can separate us from God's Love)

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE- LSB p. 205





Deacon: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.
People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:44-52
(Parable of the pearl of great price)

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Be Thou My Vision" WOV 776



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,
 thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

SERMON

Deacon Greg Laub

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED – LBW p.85

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with "God of grace,"
The response is "**hear our prayer.**"

Deacon: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and
unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.
People: **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Deacon: The peace of the Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Sit

OFFERING



OFFERTORY

"I Love to Tell the Story" - Robert Powell

Stand

OFFERING PRESENTATION & OFFERING HYMN

OFFERING HYMN
"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" LSB 806

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the

Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en___ Je - sus

Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give

thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en___

Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am

strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be - cause of

what the Lord has done for us. And now let the

weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am

rich," _____ Be - cause of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Deacon: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,
People: **we humbly offer to you the gifts of our treasures, talents, and time.
Use them to your glory, and for the benefit of all your people; through
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING – LBW 88

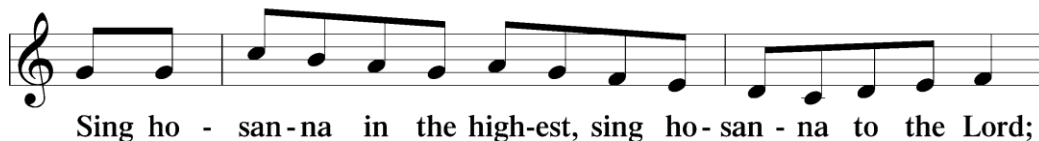
Deacon: The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Deacon: Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Deacon: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS LSB 208



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(The Congregation will speak the words in unison
as we have pre-consecrated elements.)

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."

LORD'S PRAYER

Deacon: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

People: **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.**

Deacon: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

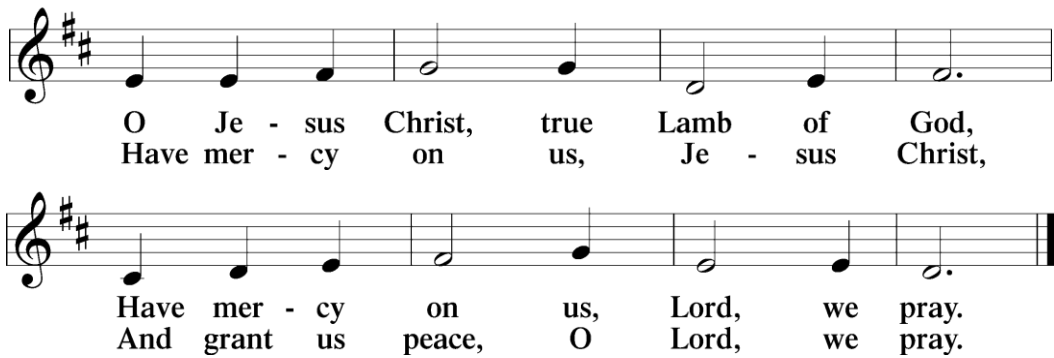
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LAMB OF GOD / AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

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;

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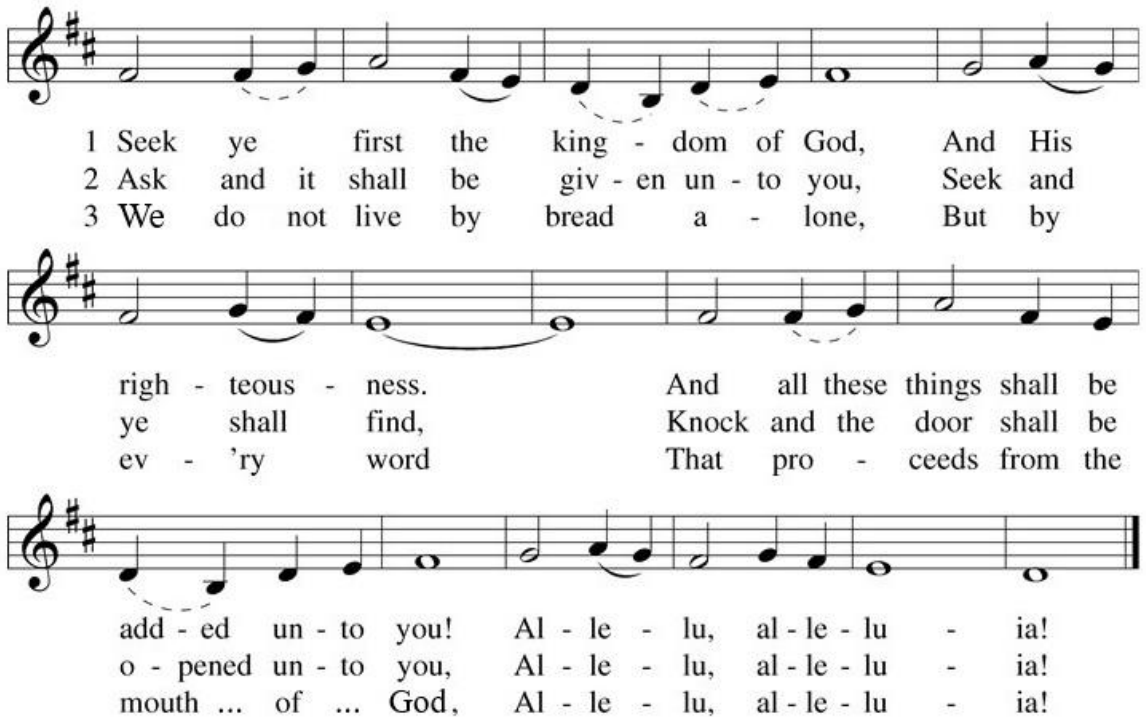


O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" WOV 783



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God, And His
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and
3 We do not live by bread a - lone, But by
righ - teous - ness. And all these things shall be
ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be
ev - 'ry word That pro - ceeds from the
add - ed un - to you! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
mouth ... of ... God, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

“I Love to Tell the Story” LBW 390



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry



and tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

"Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life" LBW 513

1 Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a
 2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a
 3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a

way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can
 strife; such a life as con - quers death.
 length; such a strength as makes his guest.
 part; such a heart as joys in love.

Stand

POST COMMUNION HYMN

Nunc Dimittis – LSB p.211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Deacon: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son, and for assuring us that we are living members and heirs of your eternal kingdom. Send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses, through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

BLESSING

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Deacon: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Sit

MINISTRY NEWS

Stand

CLOSING HYMN

"How Great Thou Art" LBW 532



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cia-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
 gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
 bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
 ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

A SENDING WORD

Deacon: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Everytime I Feel the Spirit” - Adolphus Hailstork

** Church Attendance and Offerings **
<u>Attendance week ending 7/19/2026</u> Sunday, July 19, 2026 9:30AM: 98 <u>Offerings Received in June 2026</u> <i>(total monthly offerings includes online giving)</i> June 2026 Offerings Received: Regular Weekly Offerings: \$ 15,385.86 Loose Plate: \$ 577.00 TOTAL June 2026: \$ 15,962.86 Budgeted: \$22,608.33 Year to Date Received (July through June) 2025-2026: \$ 223,895.45

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54th Annual Golf Outing

Rescheduled to August 11, 2026

Venue: The Woodside Club



A Community Outreach Fundraising Event

- Full Round of Golf with breakfast, food & drink on the course, cocktail hour, dinner, raffles and prizes

11am – Registration/Breakfast

1pm – Shotgun Start

6pm – Cocktails/Dinner

Register & Pay Fees Online

Scan the QR Code

- Sponsorship Opportunities
- Golfer Registration
- Dinner Only Registration



**Guest of Honor
Judy Walden**



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THE PEACE OF JESUS IN YOUR LIFE

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” - John 14:27

The goal of this class is to understand, receive, and live in the peace of Jesus. We will see what the peace of Jesus is and how he gives his peace to us. This class will help^{us} grow in four important areas of peace.



Four-session class led by Pastor Nelson
Selected Sundays, 8:30–9:15 AM

Peace with God — Sunday, July 19

Peace with Self — Sunday, August 9

Peace with Others — Sunday, August 30

Peace with Circumstances — To be Determined, Sunday Sept. 6 or 20

Come to one or come to all!

