

**LEADER SCRIPT**  
**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Holy Communion, ELW Setting Ten**  
**Sunday, August 31, 2025**

**PRELUDE**

*Andante in F*

by J. Stanley

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HOLY BAPTISM**

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

**Sponsors: We present Riley Blake Robinson for baptism.**

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Riley Blake baptized into Christ?

**Parents and Sponsors: We do.**

As you bring Riley Blake to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,  
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and  
the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Riley Blake grow in the Christian faith and life?

**Parents: We do.**

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Riley Blake in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

**Sponsors: We do.**

People of God, do you promise to support Riley Blake and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

**We do.**

*(please stand as you are able)*

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin and confess the faith of the Church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,  
the powers of this world that rebel against God,  
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**Parents and Sponsors: I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*(be seated)*

## **BAPTISM**

Riley Blake, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*The minister and the baptismal group go before the altar.*

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God,  
that through water and the Holy Spirit  
you give your daughters and sons new birth,  
cleansing them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Riley Blake with the gift of your Holy Spirit:  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,  
the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.  
**Amen.**

Riley Blake, child of God,  
you have been sealed by the  
Holy Spirit and marked with the  
cross of Christ forever.  
**Amen.**

*A lighted candle is given by the Assisting Minister who says:*

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon Paige & Ryan. Let  
them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers  
and examples of righteousness for their daughter. Strengthen them in their  
own Baptism so they may share eternally with their child the salvation you  
have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*(please stand as you are able)*

Through Baptism God has made Riley Blake a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

**Riley Blake, we welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

*O God Beyond All Praising*

(ELW 880)

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1 O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day  
2 The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,  
3 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;  
its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;  
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,  
but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown-  
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer-cies with - out end:  
though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav-en's gar - den grown:  
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,  
for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,  
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.  
and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

**GREETING (ELW p. 138)**

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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 142)**

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*(Be seated)*

**FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7a**

<sup>6</sup> Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great,

<sup>7a</sup> for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**PSALM: Psalm 112** *(sung responsively)*

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the Lord  
and have great delight in | God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;  
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be | in their house,  
and their righteousness will | last forever.

<sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending  
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup> **For they will nev- | er be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> **Their heart is established and | will not shrink,  
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast  
forever;

they will hold up their | head with honor.

<sup>10</sup> **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth  
and | pine away;  
the desires of the wick- | ed will perish.**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup> Let mutual affection continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand as you are able)*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

*(be seated)*

**SERMON**

Pastor Amy Gillespie

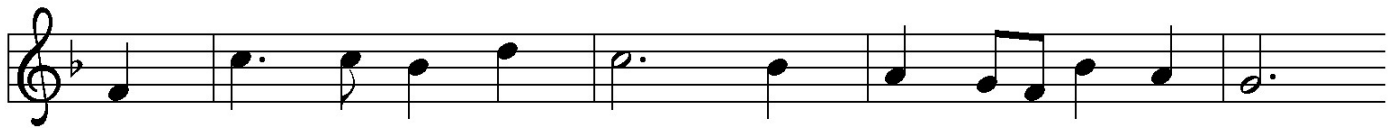
*(please stand as you are able)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Oh Praise the Gracious Power*  
*(Verses 1, 3, 7)*

(ELW 651)

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- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
- 2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
- 3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
- 4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
- 5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:  
and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:  
ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:  
a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:  
with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

*Refrain*



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

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| 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,<br>the love, the word, the tide.<br>Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,<br>praise Christ the crucified: <i>Refrain</i> | 7 Oh, praise the living Christ<br>with faith's bright songful voice!<br>Announce the gospel to the world<br>and with these words rejoice: <i>Refrain</i> |
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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION INSTRUCTIONS

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

*A brief silence.*

For the leaders of the church, we pray. Inspire deacons, pastors, Sunday school teachers, and Christian education directors with a passion for speaking the word of God. Equip all the baptized to share your word of grace; especially the newly baptized today, Riley Blake.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For the well-being of creation, we pray. Sustain farm workers and all who labor in fields and vineyards to grow the food we eat. Revive plains and pastures, and provide for the cattle and creatures who rely on the land for their sustenance.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For the leaders of towns, cities, provinces, states, and nations (*leaders may be named*), we pray. Guide them to enact equitable laws and policies for all. On this Labor/Labour Day weekend, make us mindful of workers whose labor often goes unnoticed.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For the lowly and those who are ignored, we pray. Provide for the needs of vulnerable communities, those who are unemployed, burdened by debt, or struggle to make ends meet. We pray especially for all on our prayer list and those we name aloud or silently in our hearts (*pause for prayer*) . . . Accompany all who need reassurance of your loving presence.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For the hospitality ministries of this congregation, we pray. Give ushers and greeters a spirit of welcome for visitors, and bless the work of those who feed and nourish us.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all members, especially The Bauer family, Jill Rosa and the Uddenberg family. We thank you for them and we ask your blessings on them.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

For all the saints who from their labors rest, we give thanks. With them, we offer our sacrifice of praise to you, O God, the same yesterday and today and forever.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

**Amen.**

**PEACE** (ELW p. 143)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(be seated)*

**OFFERATORY SONG**

*Rock of Ages*

by Paul Baloche

*(please stand as you are able)*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

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 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.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves, each with a treble clef. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' on the first staff, 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' on the second, 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' on the third, and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' on the fourth.

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'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a whole note, the second with a half note, the third with a half note, and the fourth with a half note. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **THE 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

The kingdom of God is set before you.

Eat and rejoice.

All are welcome at the Lord's table.

**Amen.**

*(be seated)*

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*Our Lord Jesus welcomes you to this meal of the baptized. The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink. Those who are not able to consume wine are able to commune fully by receiving only the wafer. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Children may come and receive a blessing and/or communion. We will be communing at the altar. Please process up the center aisle. Take a cup from the Usher, kneel at the altar to receive the bread and the wine. Please return to your seat via the side aisles.*

## COMMUNION

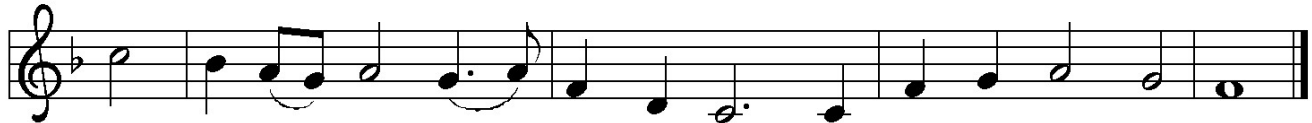
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

## LAMB OF GOD



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## COMMUNION SONG

*The River*

by B. Doerksen, M. Hansen & B. Thiessen

*(please stand as you are able)*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mothering God,  
you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

**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

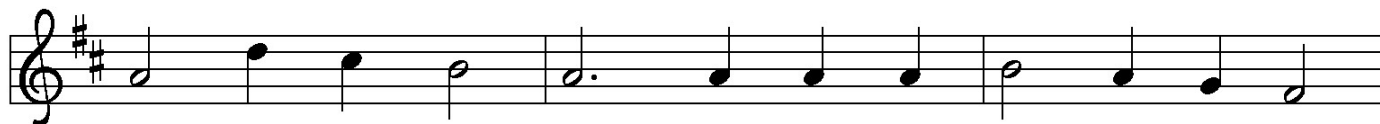
✝ bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

## SENDING SONG    *Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace*    (ELW 716) (Verses 1-3, 5)



- 1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all
- 2 Break down the wall that would di - vide thy chil - dren,
- 3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less
- 4 Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er
- 5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy



peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son may I  
Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me pur -  
act and thought - less word. Make me to see the wrong I  
strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the vic - tim  
Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, wher - e'er I



see my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by thee.  
sue; let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.  
do will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new.  
be, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring thee.  
be, may be di - vine - ly touched by thee.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Finale*

by E. Gigout

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