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### **W O R S H I P**

8:15am – Traditional  
9:30am – Gather & Grow  
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*"Raising Up  
Families and Followers  
of Jesus Christ"*

## **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 10, 2025

8:15 AM



Faith is the assurance  
of things hoped for,  
the conviction of things  
not seen.

**Hebrews 11:1**

## WALKING BY FAITH

### AS WE GATHER

In His earthly life, Jesus chose to be a “peripatetic” teacher. Rather than staying in one place and having His learners come to Him, He went from place to place with disciples or followers who listened to the truths He taught as they went along. Walking with Jesus was the greatest of blessings! Whether we hear the Gospel teachings of our Lord in the same setting week by week and year by year or find ourselves in a variety of worship locations and settings, we, too, find blessing in hearing Him as did His first followers. The hymn writer Sigismund von Birken invites us simply: “Let us ever walk with Jesus” (*LSB* 685:1). May we be blessed in our walking and in our listening today!

### + PREPARATION +

### INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation **Amen.**

### OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 34:1–4, 8, 22*

Leader I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Congregation **My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

Congregation **I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**

Leader Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Congregation **The LORD redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.**

### 798 THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE



- 1 The God of A - br'ham praise, Who reigns en - throned a - bove;
- 2 The God of A - br'ham praise, At whose su - preme com - mand
- 3 The God of A - br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
- 4 He by Him - self has sworn; I on His oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.  
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.  
Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.  
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, To heav'n as - cend.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;  
I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,  
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.  
I shall be - hold His face; I shall His pow'r a - dore



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.  
And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.  
And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.  
And sing the won - ders of His grace For - ev - er - more.

5 Though nature's strength decay,  
And earth and hell withstand,  
To Canaan's bounds I urge my way  
At His command.  
The wat'ry deep I pass,  
With Jesus in my view,  
And through the howling wilderness  
My way pursue.

6 The goodly land I see,  
With peace and plenty blest:  
A land of sacred liberty  
And endless rest.  
There milk and honey flow,  
And oil and wine abound,  
And trees of life forever grow  
With mercy crowned.

7 There dwells the Lord our king,  
The Lord our righteousness,  
Triumphant o'er the world and sin,  
The Prince of Peace.  
On Zion's sacred height  
His kingdom He maintains  
And glorious with His saints in light  
Forever reigns.

8 The God who reigns on high  
The great archangels sing,  
And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry,  
"Almighty King!  
Who was and is the same  
And evermore shall be:  
Jehovah, Father, great I AM!  
We worship Thee!"

9       The whole triumphant host  
          Give thanks to God on high.  
          "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"  
          They ever cry.  
          Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!  
          I join the heav'nly lays:  
          All might and majesty are Thine  
          And endless praise!

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader       Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Congregation   **We now confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have given in to anxiety and have not always put our trust in God and His gracious provision for our lives. We have not always been good stewards of the many gifts that God graciously gives us and have focused on keeping things for ourselves rather than sharing them with others. We have missed opportunities to share the love of Christ with those around us and have not sought out the best for the people of our family circles, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We pray our God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, to lead us into lives of growing faith and increasing charity, and finally to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Leader       God is faithful and keeps His promises of full pardon for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, granting mercy and forgiveness for those who repent and turn to Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation   **Amen.**

**+ WORD +**

## INTROIT

*Psalm 147:8–11*

Leader       Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre! He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills. He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry. His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, but the LORD takes pleasure in those who

fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

**Congregation** **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.**

Leader Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!

**KYRIE** *LSB 152*

Leader In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Congregation** **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader 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.

**Congregation** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Congregation** **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Congregation** **Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

Pastor The Lord be with you.

**Congregation** **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Leader Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people  
who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by  
sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and forever.

**Congregation** **Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Genesis 15:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am  
your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you  
give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And  
Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will  
be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your  
heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, “Look  
toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him,

“So shall your offspring be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM**

*Psalm 33:12–22*

**All Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!**

Left Side *The LORD looks down from heaven; He sees all the children of man; from where He sits enthroned He looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, He who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.*

Right Side The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.

Left Side *Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His steadfast love, that He may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.*

Right Side Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.

**All Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You. 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.**

## **EPISTLE**

*Hebrews 11:1–16*

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with

him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

<sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one.

Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *Luke 12:32*

**Congregation Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 12:22–40*

Leader The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

**Congregation Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest?

<sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup>For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup>"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

<sup>35</sup>"Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup>and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them

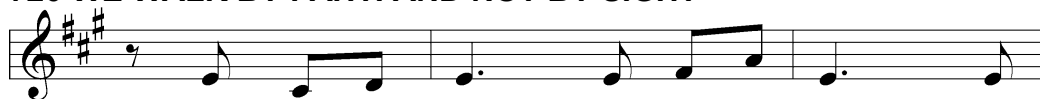
recline at table, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Leader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

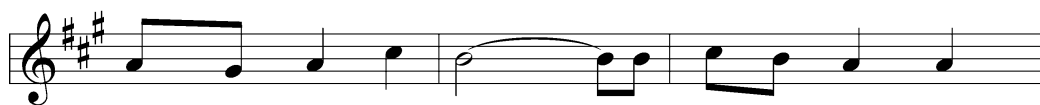
Congregation Praise to You, O Christ.

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Marie Koehler

### 720 WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT



1	We	walk	by	faith	and	not	by	sight,	No
2	We	may	not	touch	His	hands	and	side,	Nor
3	Help	then,	O	Lord,	our	un -	be -	lief;	And
4	For	You,	O	res -	ur -	rect -	ed	Lord,	Are
5	Lord,	when	our	life	of	faith	is	done,	In



gra -	cious	words	we	hear	From	Him	who	spoke	as
fol -	low	where	He	trod;	But	in	His	prom -	ise
may	our	faith	a -	bound	To	call	on	You	when
found	in	means	di -	vine:	Be -	neath	the	wa -	ter
realms	of	clear -	er	light	We	may	be -	hold	You



none	e'er	spoke,	But	we	be -	lieve	Him	near.
we	re -	joice	And	cry	"My	Lord	and	God!"
You	are	near	And	seek	where	You	are	found.
and	the	Word,	Be -	neath	the	bread	and	wine.
as	You	are,	With	full	and	end -	less	sight.

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## SERMON



## APOSTLES' CREED

**Congregation** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**Leader** God has chosen us to be His treasured possession and has given His Son to die for us. Let us go to Him with all our concerns.

For the Church around the world, that lay and clergy members alike seek to reveal the invisible treasure of God's love in Christ; for all who seek value in themselves, that they discover God's great love for them, and for all those who will face God's judgment at the end of the age, that they realize the forgiveness He offers in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Leader** For the leaders of the world's nations, that they seek to relieve conflict and ensure justice; for farmers and ranchers that they look for ways that feed us all while caring for God's good earth; for all who go into harm's way in our communities and across the globe; and for all who work to meet the needs of those who are sick and suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation** **Guide, strengthen, and protect them all, heavenly Father.**

**Leader** For those near and dear to us in their various crises of health and long-term ills, [*including . . .*]; the victims of flood, fire, or quake; and those who do not know where to turn, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation** **Visit, sustain, and open doors of healing and peace according to Your gracious will, O God.**

**Leader** For ourselves, parents and children, singles and couples, young and old, that we strengthen one another in faith and love, in strength and confidence amid the conflicts and turmoil of this world, that God's love and grace be evident in how we care for one another, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation** **Hear our prayer, heavenly Father, for we call to You in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Congregation** 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

## BENEDICTION

**Leader** 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.

**Congregation** Amen.

## 748 I'M BUT A STRANGER HERE



1 I'm but a strang - er here, Heav'n is my home;  
2 What though the tem - pest rage, Heav'n is my home;  
3 There - fore I mur - mur not, Heav'n is my home;



Earth is a des - ert drear, Heav'n is my home.  
Short is my pil - grim - age, Heav'n is my home;  
What - e'er my earth - ly lot, Heav'n is my home;



Dan - ger and sor - row stand Round me on ev - 'ry hand;  
And time's wild win - try blast Soon shall be o - ver - past;  
And I shall sure - ly stand There at my Lord's right hand;



Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.  
I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.  
Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.

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## **DISMISSAL**

Leader            Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**Congregation    Thanks be to God.**

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