



Holy Eucharist
Pentecost 11
August 24, 2025
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Cedar Heights Community Presbyterian Church

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF GATHERING

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933),
music: Hymn to Joy, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867)*

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away:
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

THE WORD OF GOD

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Glory to God

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Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace, peace to all God's peo - ple;
Glo-ry to God in the high - est and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Verse 1

Ho - ly God, Most High, Source of light and good - ness,
we will wor - ship you and praise you for - ev - er! *to Refrain*

Verse 2

Je - sus Christ, God's Son, Sav - ior, Lamb of God,
you take a - way our sin and lead us to God. *to Refrain*

COLLECT

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

The word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 71:1-6

In you, O God, have I taken refuge;

let me never be ashamed.

In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;

incline your ear to me and save me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;

you are my crag and my stronghold.

Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,

from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

For you are my hope, O God,

my confidence since I was young.

I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength;

my praise shall be always of you.

SECOND READING**Hebrews 12:18-29**

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and 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, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL SONG

Amen, Amen

words and music: African-American Spiritual, arr. Nelsie T. Johnson

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The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

*Set Free***The Rev. Johnny Janssen**

NICENE CREED *all say*

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

**he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
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,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response: Inspire and strengthen us to do this work.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy on us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY SONG

Singin' In My Soul

Joint Choir and Jazz Students Band

by: Lizz Wright, arr: Sharon Anway, 2025

Today's offering will support the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Food Pantry, which serves people throughout the Cedar Valley. Thank you for your generous support of this vital ministry,

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Bless these gifts O God and bless us as we offer ourselves to serve you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in Glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Luke and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

LORD'S PRAYER *all say*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say.

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome at God's Table. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please ask when you come forward.
If it is easier to receive Communion in your seat, please let the usher know.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

SONG OF SENDING

Down by the Riverside

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Gonna lay down my sword and shield down by the riverside,
down by the riverside, down by the riverside.

Gonna lay down my sword and shield down by the riverside, down by the riverside.

*I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more.
I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more.*

Gonna join hands with everyone down by the riverside,
down by the riverside, down by the riverside.

Gonna join hands with everyone down by the riverside,
down by the riverside. *Chorus*

Gonna talk with the Prince of Peace down by the riverside,
down by the riverside, down by the riverside.

Gonna talk with the Prince of Peace down by the riverside,
down by the riverside. *Chorus*

Gonna lay down my sword and shield down by the riverside,
down by the riverside, down by the riverside.

Gonna lay down my sword and shield down by the riverside,
down by the riverside. *Chorus*

DISMISSAL

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to the **CHCPC** and **St. Luke's Choirs**, and the **UNI Jazz Cats** for sharing their music with us today!

Thank you to all who helped greet and celebrate with our LGBTQ+ neighbors at our hospitality booth at **Cedar Valley Pridefest** yesterday!

On Monday, **Elizabeth+** departs for her sabbatical pilgrimage along the **Camino de Santiago** and will return December 1.

The **Neighbor-to-Neighbor Food Pantry** will be open this Wednesday, August 27, from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. Please bring your donations of school supplies and food items to St. Luke's prior to that time. Thank you!

Serving today

Chalice Bearers: Andy Ackerman, Doug Smith, Margie Smith

Greeter: Sue Smith

Lectors: Joan Ackerman, Jay Lees

Ushers: Ai Elgersma, Jasmine Elgersma, June Elgersma, Kenneth Elgersma,
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The Rt. Rev. Betsey Monnot, Bishop of Iowa

The Rev. Elizabeth Duff Popplewell, Rector

The Rev. Peter Fones, Priest Associate

The Rev. Liane Nichols, Deacon The Rev. Ruth Ratliff, Deacon

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