

# Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

# *Welcome to*

## Gethsemane Lutheran Church

### **WELCOME EVERYONE! A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!**

We welcome you! We are glad that we are here to worship the Lord together and thank God for your presence. We pray that you feel at home and welcomed. Please ask for a Welcome Bag from the Ushers. Also remember Gethsemane is a kid friendly place where we enjoy the noises and ways children experience worship in their own ways. As a parent we hope this makes you feel comfortable.



Visitors, please take a minute to scan the QR code above to learn more about Gethsemane Lutheran and fill out the Visitor Contact Form.

### **Our Mission Statement**

**To Spread God's Life Changing Message, ♦ We will Keep God's Word ♦ Reflect God's Love ♦ Preserve God's World ♦ Share God's Bounty ♦ Do God's Work**

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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME/GREETING**

## **CENTERING OURSELVES IN THE SPIRIT**

*Please rise as you are comfortable*

## **GATHERING HYMN “Faith of Our Fathers” ELW 813**

- 1 Faith of our fathers, living still  
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.  
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
whene'er we hear that glorious word.  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,  
we will be true to you till death.
- 2 Faith of our mothers, daring faith,  
your work for Christ is love revealed,  
spreading God's word from pole to pole,  
making love known and freedom real.  
Faith of our mothers, holy faith,  
we will be true to you till death.
- 3 Faith of our sisters, brothers too,  
who still must bear oppression's might,  
raising on high, in prisons dark,  
the cross of Christ still burning bright.  
Faith for today, O living faith,  
we will be true to you till death.

- 4 Faith born of God, oh, call us yet,  
bind us with all who follow you,  
sharing the struggle of your cross  
until the world is made anew.  
Faith born of God, O living faith,  
we will be true to you till death.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please be seated*

### BAPTISM OF MARJORIE KAY PETERSON-BURKE:

#### PRESENTATION SONG “I’m Going on a Journey” ELW #446

*Marjorie, her sponsors, and parents along with all children are invited to come forward at this time.*

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The tempo is marked 'J' = 120. The lyrics are: 'I'm go-ing on a jour-ney, and I'm start-ing to - day. My head is wet, and I'm on my way. Christ's mark is on me; it's on you, too; it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!'

I'm go-ing on a jour-ney, and I'm start-ing to - day. My  
head is wet, and I'm on my way. Christ's mark is on me;  
it's on you, too; it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!

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: Carolina and Elena respond: **We present Marjorie for baptism.***

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

*Parents: Taylor and Paulina respond: **We do.***

As you bring Marjorie 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 your child 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 Marjorie grow in the Christian faith and life? **We do.**

*Pastor Perrie addresses the sponsors:*

Carolina and Elena do you promise to nurture Marjorie 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? **We do.**

People of God, do you promise to support Marjorie and to pray for her in her new life in Christ? **We do.**

*The assembly stands.*

## **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?   **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.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## **BAPTISM**

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



Let us pray.

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

*Laying of hands:*

Sustain Marjorie 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.**

*Anointing:*

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

**WELCOME** – *Christian education representative & representatives from Busy Bees*  
*Presentation of Baptismal Candle and Baptismal Quilt:*

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Receive this baptismal candle to light on the anniversary of your baptism day.

Receive this baptismal quilt to remind you that you are wrapped in God's love always.

Let's pray together to remind us of our gift of baptism:

**I am made new.**

**I am God's beloved.**

**God has promised**

**To love me forever.**

**Nothing can change that.**

**Nothing can break that promise.**

**Thank you, God for your Word.**

**Thank you, God for water.**

**Thank you, God for loving me.**

**Amen.**

*The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly.*



Let us welcome Marjorie into our Gethsemane family!

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and  
redeeming word to all the world.**

*Marjorie, her sponsors, and parents, along with all children, return to their  
places in the congregation.*



### **JEREMIAH 23:23-29**

*Read By:* Pam Selke

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully.

What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Word of God. Word of Life!

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” by Marty Haugen

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

*Please rise as you are comfortable*

**THE GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Please feel free to close your eyes and experience the word of God*

Word of God. Word of Life!

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated*

**MESSAGE** Pastor Perrie

## **A TIME OF REFLECTION ON GOD'S WORD**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY** "Refiner's Fire" by Brian Doerksen

1. Purify my heart, let me be as gold  
and precious silver.  
Purify my heart, let me be as gold,  
pure gold

#### **Refrain**

Refiner's fire: My heart's one desire  
is to be holy set apart for You, Lord.  
I choose to be holy set apart for You, my Master;  
Ready to do Your will.

2. Purify my heart, cleanse me from within  
and make me holy.  
Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin,  
deep within.

#### **Refrain sung twice**

*Please rise as you are comfortable*

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*You will notice in the front of the sanctuary an empty glass vessel surrounded by smaller vessels full of colorful sand. Please take time now, as you feel called by the Spirit, to come forward and place a spoonful of the sand of your choice in the larger vessel along with your prayers.*

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

## OFFERING

*As we have been so abundantly blessed by an ever loving God, please consider an offering to further God's mission in the world through Gethsemane and our ministries. Our offerings of time, talent and treasure are our response to God's gifts to us of freedom and life! Offering plates are located in the back of the sanctuary or you may also consider giving online.*



**VANCO**

Musical Offering by Gethsemane Handbell Choir

## OFFERTORY 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.**

*Please rise as you are comfortable*

## WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Merciful God, **we offer you our lives, full as they are of shadow and light, of kindness and apathy, of hope and despair. Take what is broken and mend it; take what is wrong and right it; take what is destructive and disable it; take what is useless and make it useful. Heal our sin, we pray. Amen.**

Beloved Friends, believe the good news.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## **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.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Praying now in the language of your heart, we pray as children of God:

## **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.**

*Please be seated*

## **Invitation to the table**

*Please come up the center aisle for communion and return to your seat using the side aisles. Come, eat and drink - All are welcome to the table!*

## **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" ELW 815**

- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

### *Refrain*

In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

- 2 I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*
- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

### **TABLE BLESSING**

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

### **COMMUNION PRAYER**

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.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## 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.**

*Please rise as you are comfortable*

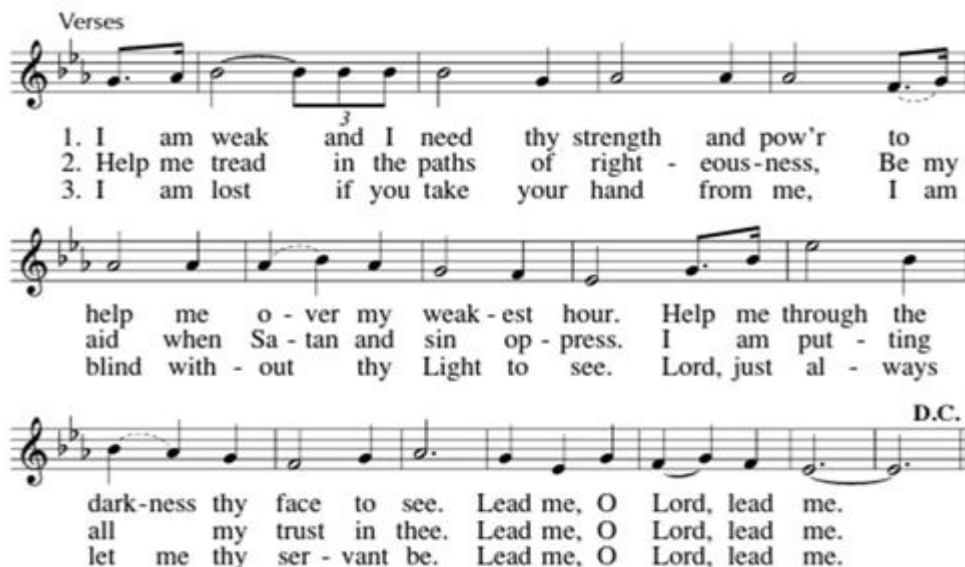
## CLOSING HYMN “Lead Me, Guide Me” ELW 768

Refrain



Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, For <sup>3</sup>if you  
lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each  
day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Verses



1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to  
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous-ness, Be my  
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am  
help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the  
aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting  
blind with - out thy Light to see. Lord, just al - ways  
dark-ness thy face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
all my trust in thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
let me thy ser - vant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**