

Feast of Victory Lutheran Church 4400 Mount Hope Rd., Acme, MI 49610 feastofvictory.org 231-938-1070 Sunday, September 14, 2025 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion

PREACHING MINISTER/PRESIDING MINISTER, PASTOR HALEY VAY BEAMAN ASSISTING MINISTER, CAYLYN MOGLIA MUSICIAN, CLIFF KELTO

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\pm$  one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen**.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God, we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found. In the name of  $\pm$  Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.** 

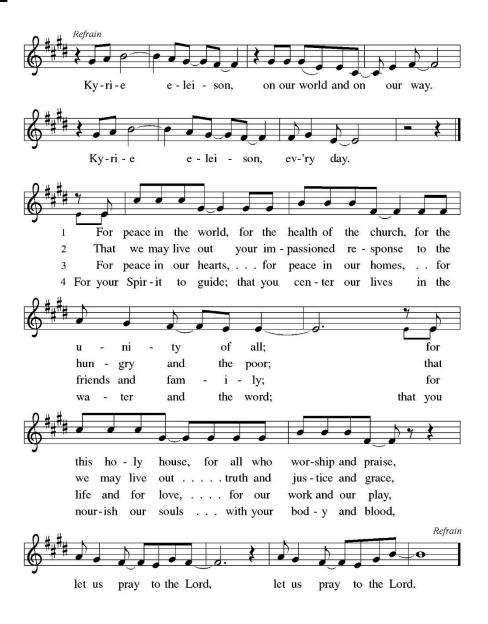
# GATHERING HYMN: TEN THOUSAND REASONS, ACS 1097



### **GREETING**

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.** 

### **KYRIE**



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

## First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

<sup>7</sup>The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup> they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " <sup>9</sup>The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup> Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

<sup>11</sup> But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup> Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " <sup>14</sup> And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

**Psalm: Psalm 51:1-10** 

The psalm is sung responsively. The congregation sings the verses in bold print.



- <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your <sup>|</sup> steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out <sup>|</sup> my offenses.
  - <sup>2</sup>Wash me through and through | from my wickedness, and cleanse me | from my sin.
- <sup>3</sup> For I know <sup>I</sup> my offenses, and my sin is ev- <sup>I</sup> er before me.
  - <sup>4</sup> Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.
- <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born <sup>|</sup> steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my <sup>|</sup> mother's womb.
  - <sup>6</sup> Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me, and would have me know wisdom | deep within.
- <sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.
  - 8 Let me hear | joy and gladness; that the body you have broken | may rejoice.
- <sup>9</sup> Hide your face <sup>|</sup> from my sins, and blot out <sup>|</sup> all my wickedness.
  - <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean | heart, O God, and renew a right spir- | it within me.

# Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

<sup>12</sup> I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup> even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord

overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

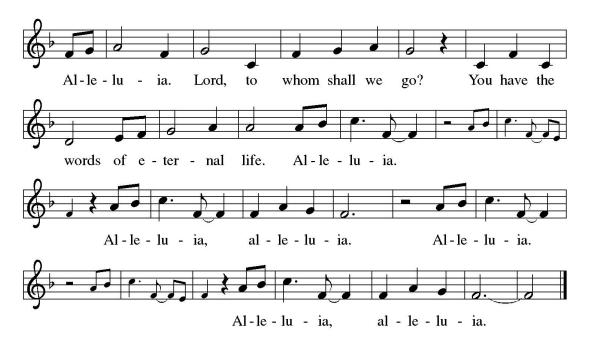
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#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### **NOISY OFFERING**

The Noisy Offering supports the Community Needs Fund and we collect Pennies from Heaven for ELCA World Hunger; these are collected in bread pans often by our children serving in worship.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

The gospel for the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup> "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

**SERMON – Pastor Haley Vay Beaman** 

# HYMN OF THE DAY: AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND, ELW 779, VERSES 1,4,5



#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

After each petition, the congregation responds by saying **"Receive our prayer."** 

### SHARING THE PEACE

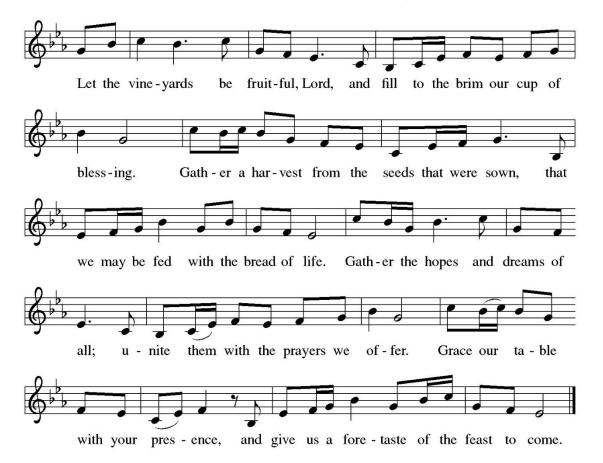
The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.** 

## THE OFFERING

Weekly giving may be placed in the round collection plate that is distributed by our ushers. Thank you for your faithful giving that supports the ministry we share.

### **OFFERING MUSIC**

# OFFERTORY: LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL, ELW 184



## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

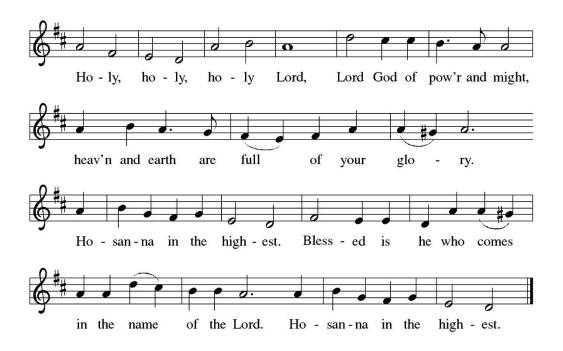
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## **PREFACE**

## SANCTUS: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

### 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

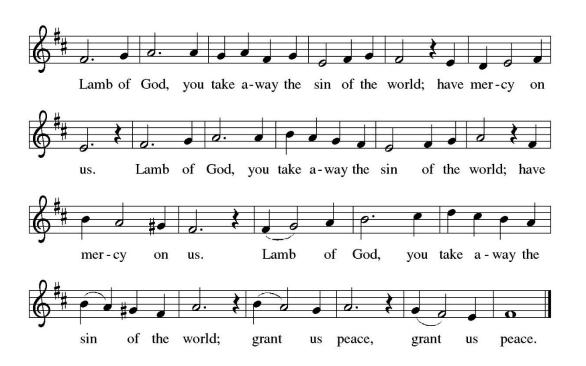
Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come to this meal of mercy.

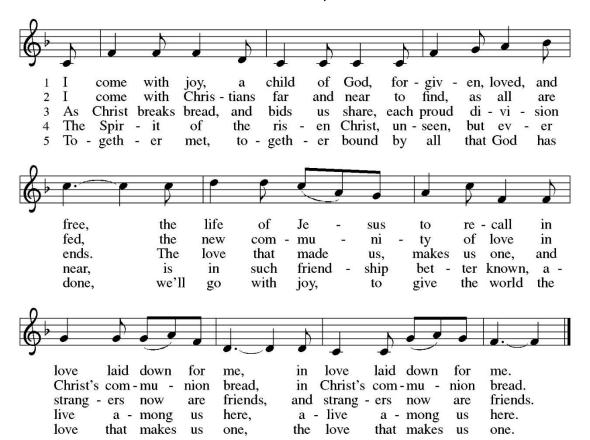
### DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to the table where we receive Christ's Real Presence. Please follow the directions of ushers and pastor for coming to the altar. If coming forward is a challenge, please let an usher know so that we can meet you where you are with Communion. If you wish to receive a blessing in place of bread, please cross your arms over your chest so the pastor will know. Gluten-free wafers are available, and you may indicate your preference to the pastor when you come forward. Red wine and white grape juice are in the individual cups. As you return to your seat, you will find a small basket on the table in which to place your empty cup.

### LAMB OF GOD



## COMMUNION HYMN: I COME WITH JOY, ELW 482



## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

## **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE:**



Praise God, who fills each cup and plate, Whose table's wide and love is great.



From broken bread, may all be fed, And justice rise where fear has spread.

Amen.



### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

### **BLESSING**

## SENDING HYMN: THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY, ELW 588



- 1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
- 2 There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and a prom-ised grace made good;
- 3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our mind;
- 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je sus; it is some-thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice which is more than lib - er - ty. there is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in his blood. and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won-der - ful - ly kind. great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer-cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n. There is grace e - nough for thou-sands of new worlds as great as this; But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own; Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind-ly judg-ment giv'n. there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up-per home of bliss. and we mag-ni - fy its strict-ness with a zeal God will not own. and our lives will be thanks-giv - ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

**WELCOME TO FEAST OF VICTORY**: If you are a guest, we invite you to please sign your name and some form of contact info in our Guest Book, located on the wall desk near the office door entrance, and join us for our fellowship time after our worship service so that we can get to know one another. We are glad that you are worshiping with us today either in person or on Zoom. If you would like to speak with our Pastor, schedule a home visit, unite with our congregation, or receive Holy Communion, please contact Pastor Haley Vay in our church office (231-938-1070).

PRAYER REQUESTS AND WELCOME CARDS: As Jesus welcomes us and prays for us, so we also welcome and pray for one another. There are Prayer Request and Welcome Cards located on the table to the left as you enter the front doors of the building. If you have a prayer request, please fill out a card and give it to the Assisting Minister or Pastor if you would like your prayer read aloud in worship, or to Pastor if your request is confidential. If you are visiting...welcome! Please consider filling out a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate or give it to our Pastor, so that we may stay connected.

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated each Sunday. We believe that Jesus is really present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. It is Jesus who serves us, bringing us forgiveness of sins, faith and new life, and hope for eternal life. All are welcome to receive the gift of faith and forgiveness that Jesus offers. Please let the Pastor know if you would prefer gluten-free bread, and if you prefer white grape juice instead of wine.

**WAYS TO GIVE** -- We are thankful for the financial support we receive to carry out God's mission and ministry in the life of our congregation and the wider church. If you are able and would like to contribute, we welcome and encourage you to do so by using any of the following ways to give:

- 1. Go to <a href="www.feastofvictory.org/give">www.feastofvictory.org/give</a>, or visit our website and click the "Give" button to set up a one-time or recurring gift either by credit or debit card or by electronic transfer from your checking account.
- 2. Mail a check to Feast of Victory Lutheran Church.
- 3. Place your offering in the round plates distributed by our ushers. We give thanks to God for your gifts that support the ministry we share.

**FELLOWSHIP AFTER OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:** Special time has been set aside each Sunday following worship for refreshments and conversation. We welcome and encourage you to stay and connect in faith community.

**NURSERY AVAILABLE:** We have a nursery available for parents and small children. It is located in the last room on the right of the main hallway.

**STAY CONNECTED** on Facebook @FeastOfVictoryELCA and check out what's happening, ways to get involved, and watch recordings of worship on our website: <a href="https://www.feastofvictory.org">www.feastofvictory.org</a>. You may also pick up a copy of our Church Newsletter, "Feast Your Eyes" at the welcome table.

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Assisting Minister: Caylyn Moglia

Acolyte:

Musician: Cliff Kelto Reader: Julie Satow

Greeters: Tom Hurshman & Jean Friday

**Ushers:** Tom Hurshman & Jean Friday

Communion: Rena Rudkin

**AV Operator:** Dale Claudepierre **Coffee Host:** Tim & Pam Mitchell

**Counter:** Jean Friday

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