

**Those  
who  
humble  
themselves  
will be  
exalted**

LUKE 14:11

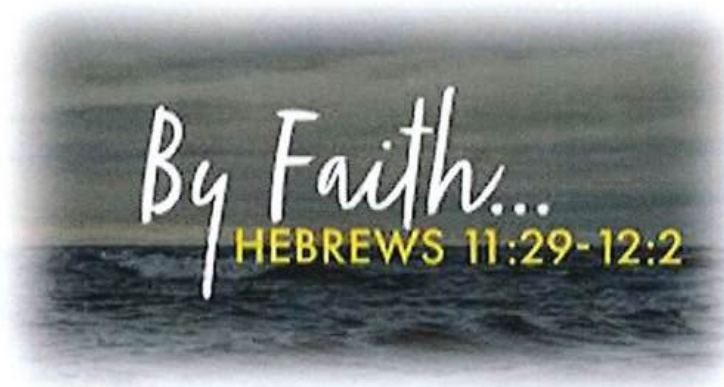


# The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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## August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025



Whether you are a newcomer to the community or to our church, we are honored to have you here. We hope that our worship time together will be meaningful to you and bring glory to our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Please fill out a pink attendance form and place it in the offering plate during the offering.**

**A friendly reminder ...please silence your cell phone.**

If you are unable to join us in person,  
Please join us on Zoom!

Sunday Service is live on zoom every week at 9:00AM

**Zoom Meeting ID: 829 5757 8827**

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## Introduction

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism, we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

**Merciful God,  
you free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity,  
but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life.  
Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ✝ Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

# OPENING HYMN:

## **“O God beyond All Praising”**

(#880 in the Hymnal)

# INVOCATION:

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: and also, with you!**

# THE KYRIE

**P:** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy**

**P:** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy**

**P:** 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.

**C: Lord, have mercy**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy**

**P:** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord

**C: Amen.**



# HYMN OF PRAISE

## “Glory to God”

**Choir:** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**ALL:** Lord God, heav'nly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you,  
we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen

**P:** The Lord be with you

**C: and also, with you!**

**P:** Let us pray



## **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

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.**

## **THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

The readings can be found on the back of the bulletin

### **First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7a**

**Deacon:** Word of God! Word of Life!

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29—12:2**

**Deacon:** Word of God! Word of Life!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

### **Gospel Acclamation:** (ELW p. 151)

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia**

# **The Holy Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke Chapter 14  
beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*After the Gospel reading.*

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON: "The Problem with Saints"**  
**Reverend Wayne Plumstead**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Please stand if you are able.*  
**"For All the Saints"**  
(#422 in the hymnal)

## **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:**

**D:** Hear us O God,

**C:** Your mercy is great!

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**P:** God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us  
forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ

## **COLLECTION of TITHES & OFFERING**

**P:** Please be seated as the gifts of the Lord are gathered

## **THE OFFERTORY HYMN:** *Please stand if you are able.*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God all creatures here below.**

**Praise God above ye heavenly host.**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**Amen.**



# THE 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.**

# HOLY COMMUNION

**P:** The Lord be with you!

**C: AND ALSO, WITH YOU!**

**P:** Lift up your hearts!

**C: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD!**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**C: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE!**

**P:** 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.  
You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and  
the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one  
Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory.  
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 Lord  
Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n 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.**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our  
salvation.

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.  
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and  
ascension, and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**P:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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:**

**P:** The kingdom of God is set before you.  
Eat and rejoice.

## **“Lamb of God”**

(Page 154 in the front of the hymnal)

**Lamb of God, you take away  
the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away  
the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away  
the sin of the world:  
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

# **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION:**

*All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. If you are not baptized, please come to the altar for a blessing. The wine and grape juice are administered by the individual glass. If you are unable to come to the table, speak with an usher and communion will be brought to you.*

During Communion, please join us in singing

## **“What Feast of Love”**

**(#487 in the Hymnal)**



## **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.**

## **The Blessing:**

The love of God abounds in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fills your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
✠ bless you and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN:**

**“If, You But Trust in God to Guide You”**

(#769 in the hymnal)

## **Dismissal**

**P:** Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



The Altar flowers this week are given to the glory and honor of God and in loving memory of my brother in law Edward Opdyke, who was called home on August 21<sup>st</sup> from Linda Opdyke.



August 30<sup>th</sup> Ruth Murphy  
September 1<sup>st</sup> Chrisvic Senesie  
September 3<sup>rd</sup> Tracey Hook  
September 4<sup>th</sup> Victoria Thompson



*Pastor Plumstead wants you to get the most out your worship expeirence. Each week the scripture lessons and sermon title will be listed here for the following Sunday. This will give you the opportunity to study the text ahead of Sunday, with the hope of helping you connect with the message on a deeper level. The bold print will indicate the focus of his sermon.*

**September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Reverend Wayne Plumstead**  
**Sermon title: "Still Green and Full of Sap"**  
**Lessons: Psalm 90 , Philemon 1-21**  
**Gospel: Mark 4: 21-34**



# THE WEEK AHEAD

August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 to September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 AM	<b>LCHS</b> Worship/Fellowship Reverend Wayne Plumstead
	11AM-1:00PM	JCI Worship/Fellowship
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> OFFICE CLOSED LABOR DAY	10:30AM	Al-Anon Meeting Room 6/7
	1:00 PM	YMCA COUNSELING Room 4
	7:00 PM	JCI Prayer Session
	7:00PM	Boy Scouts 11/12
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:30 PM	Al- Anon Meeting
	7:30 PM	AA Meeting
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 PM	JCI Bible Study
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	7:30PM	AA Meeting Room 11/12
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	AA Meeting Room 11/12
	2:00pm – 8:00pm	YMCA COUNSELING Room 4
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>		

**WEEKLY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**  
**August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025**                      **September 7<sup>th</sup> 2025**

<b>Pastor</b>	Reverend Wayne Plumstead	Reverend Wayne Plumstead
<b>Lector</b>	Janice Hurley	Janice Hurley
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Janice Hurley	Janice Hurley
<b>Ushers</b>	Pat Padula Lou Padula	Pat Padula Lou Padula
<b>Acolyte</b>	Lou Padula	Lou Padula
<b>Sound Booth</b>	Victoria Cambridge	Victoria Cambridge
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Carol Paonessa	Carol Paonessa
<b>Keyboardist</b>	Daniel Sullivan	Wayzeta Strouse
<b>Music Leaders</b>	Ben Gilluly	Ben Gilluly
<b>Sunday AM Fellowship</b>	Denise Ross	Denise Ross
<b>Set up/Make Coffee</b>	Denise Ross	Denise Ross
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Ben Gilluly Denise Ross	Dody McNally Dianne Silva

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!**



## PRAYER LIST 8/31/25



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|--|--------------------|
| ~ Chris Byron  | ~ Carol Hemberger  |
| ~ The family of Carmine<br>Cecchini (Sue's stepfather) | ~ Ellen Knolmajer  |
| ~ Bill & Joanne Clark                                  | ~ Carol Martinek   |
| ~ Jeffrey Clark  | ~ Izzy Martinez    |
| ~ The Congdon Family                                   | ~ Trish Martinez   |
| ~ Alice Cranmer  | ~ Jack Masterson   |
| ~ Juliet D'Adamo                                       | ~ Mimi Matey       |
| ~ Christine Davis                                      | ~ Dennis McNeil    |
| ~ Maureen Doheny                                       | ~ Eileen Moyer     |
| ~ William Doheny                                       | ~ Kippy Ross       |
| ~ Stephen Donofrio                                     | ~ Patricia Schmelz |
| ~ Doreen Gartelman                                     | ~ Prudence Simonds |
| ~ Ingie Gilluly  | ~ Vicki Thompson   |
| ~ Jerry Hanford  | ~ Dawn Thumhart    |
|  | ~ Jennifer Tondera |

Name to be added/removed\_\_\_\_\_

Your Name\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number\_\_\_\_\_



*If you have someone you would like on the list please fill out the above form, include your phone number and you will be contacted once a month to see if that person should remain on the list.*

***Need to add or remove a name? Please notify the church office.***

## **Second Lesson for today. Hebrews 11:29—12:2**

29 By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. 31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

32 And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 35 Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. 36 Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment.

37 They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented 38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

39 Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.



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**Please stay and enjoy a time of fellowship, bagels and coffee, in fellowship hall every Sunday following service!**

## **CHURCHOFFICE HOURS**

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**Interim Pastor: The Reverend Wayne Plumstead**



*for worshiping with us!*

## **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, are a Christian community.

Committed to knowing God • to serving ALL people • to sharing the  
"Good News" of Jesus Christ!



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

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.

or Sirach 10:12-18 [not printed]

**Psalm 112**

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

Let mutual love 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 fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he 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.

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

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 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."

Next Sunday's Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33.

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September

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Join us helping our  
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**Items needed:**

Canned goods, cereals, peanut butter  
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September 1<sup>st</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>

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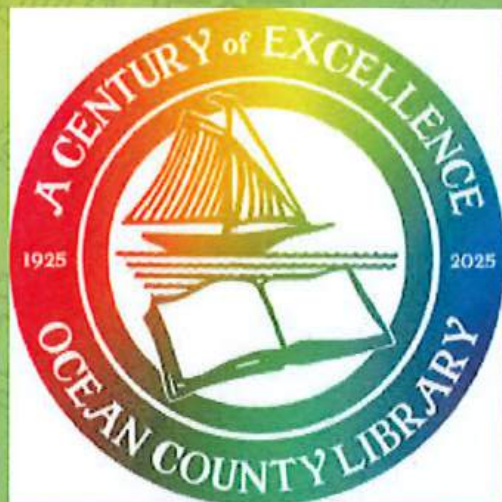


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