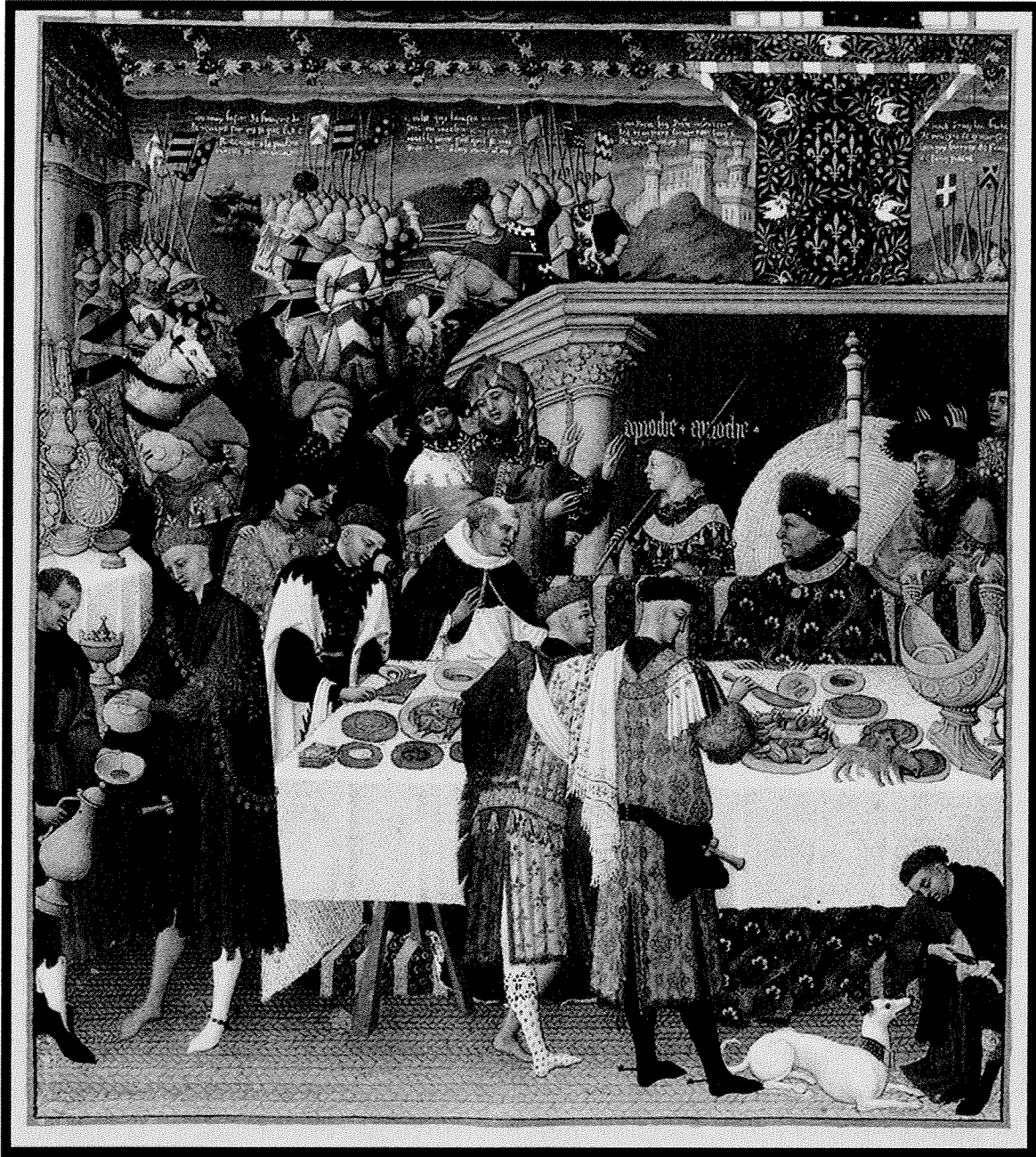


# EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 31, 2025

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31 AUGUST 2025  
10:30 AM

## **Prelude**

### **✠ Gathering ✠**

*The entrance . . . is the very movement of the Church as passage from the old into the new, from "this world" into the "world to come."*

## **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

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

In the name of the Father,  
and of the † Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.**

**\*Gathering Hymn—** *"Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"*


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**\*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.**


**\*Canticle of Praise**

Assisting minister




Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.


All




Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,




we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.




Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,




you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;




you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## \*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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.**

### ✠ Word ✠

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

#### First Reading

Proverbs 25:6-7a

A reading from Proverbs.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

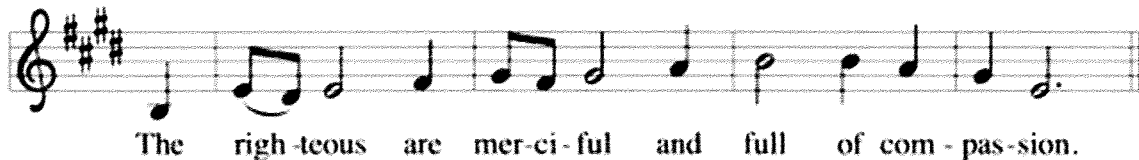
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence for reflection follows the reading.*

#### Psalm (*sung responsively*)

Psalm 112



<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the Lord  
and have great delight in | God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;  
the generation of the upright | will be blessed. R**

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be | in their house,  
and their righteousness will | last forever.

<sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending  
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup> **For they will nev- | er be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance. R**

<sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> **Their heart is established and | will not shrink,  
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast forever;  
they will hold up their | head with honor.

<sup>10</sup> **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and | pine away;  
the desires of the wick- | ed will perish. R**

## Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>1</sup> Let mutual affection 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 the sexually immoral and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself 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.

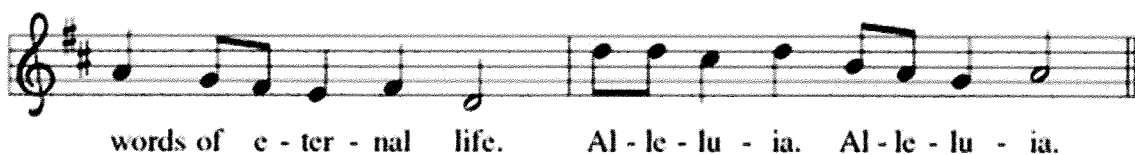
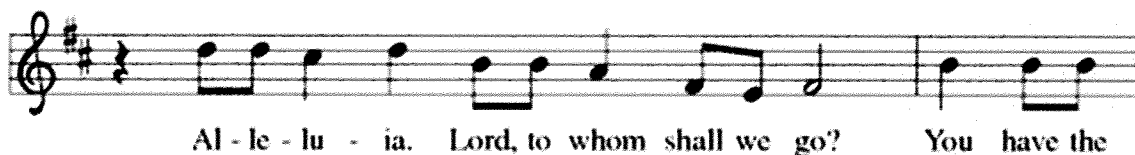
<sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence for reflection follows the reading.*

## \*Gospel Acclamation



**\*Holy Gospel**

Luke 14:1, 7-14

The holy gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> 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 and sisters 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.”

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

*Silence for reflection follows the reading.*

**Sermon**

Rev. Tim Scholl

**\*Hymn of the Day—** *“Now We Join in Celebration”*

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**\*Apostles’ Creed**

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**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 the Faithful**

After "Hear us, O God," congregation responds "Your mercy is great."

**\*Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you.

**✠ Meal ✠**

*The Eucharist is the anaphora, the "lifting up" of our offering, and of ourselves.  
It is the ascension of the Church to heaven.*

**Offering**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.*

**\*Offertory Song— "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"**



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## \*Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

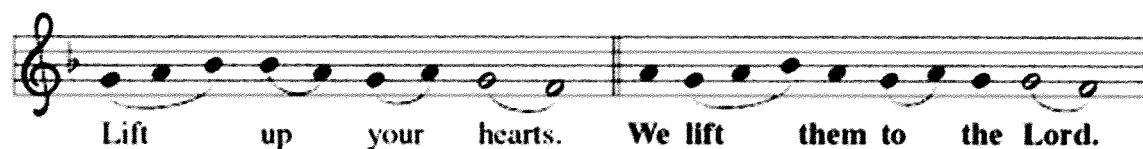
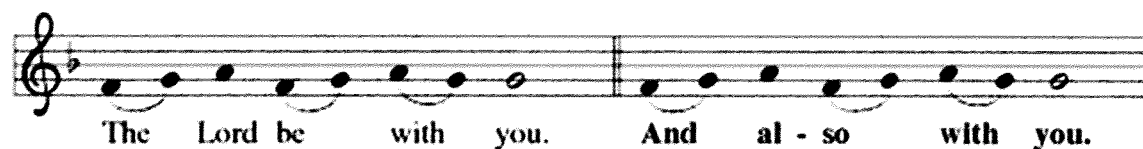
Creator God,  
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior..

Amen.

## Great Thanksgiving

*All who are baptized and believe with us that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are invited to communion. Ushers will assist with the communion. You should pick up an empty cup from the small table at the altar rail to receive the wine. Baskets will be placed on either side to dispose of your cup. Individual communion kits will be available from the ushers for those who prefer them. We serve low-gluten bread.*

## \*Dialogue



## \*Preface

## \*Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## \*Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God,

our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,  
in the harmonious world of your creation,  
the plants and animals,  
the seas and stars  
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,  
you sent your Son to heal our ills  
and to form us again into one.

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.

Remembering, therefore,  
his acts of healing,  
his body given up,  
and his victory over death,  
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth  
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:  
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,  
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,  
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.  
**Amen**

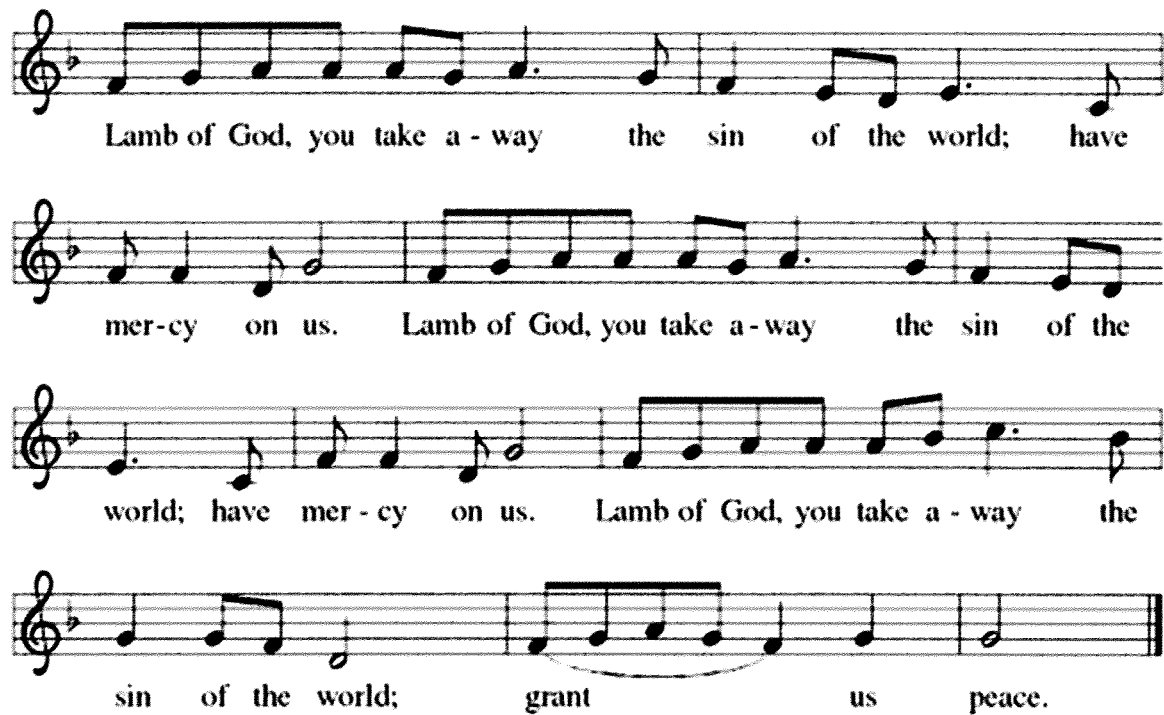
**\*The Lord's Prayer**

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**\*Invitation to Communion**

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

**Agnus Dei**



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Hymn — “Come to the Water of Life”



1 All who are thirst - y for mer - cy, all who are thirst - y for  
 2 All who are thirst - y for heal - ing, all who are thirst - y for  
 3 All who are thirst - y for beau - ty, all who are thirst - y for  
 4 All who are thirst - y for jus - tice, all who are thirst - y for



love; all who are thirst - y for love, for mer - cy,  
 touch; all who are thirst - y for touch, for heal - ing,  
 truth; all who are thirst - y for truth, for beau - ty,  
 peace; all who are thirst - y for peace, for jus - tice,



come: come to the Wa - ter of life.  
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.  
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.  
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.

**\*Table Blessing**

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

**\*Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

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.**

**✠ Sending ✠**

*We must "go forth" and begin the never-ending mission of the Church.*

**\*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.**

**\*Sending Hymn— “Oh, Praise the Gracious Power”**

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## \*Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit  
Thanks be to God.

## \*Postlude

### Serving You Today

The assisting minister for the service is **Paulette Goytowski**.  
The lector for the service is **Cindy Bursley**. All are sharing service on the Altar Guild.

### Prayer List

Heal your people, O God. Look with compassion on immigrants, exiles, and all who are afraid or feel lost. Give rest to those who are weary, comfort to those who are grieving, and recovery to those who are ill. We especially pray for: Stephen, Lana, Sue, JoAnn, Char, Jan and Jim, and all those whom we now name before you. Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

If you would like to have a family member or friends name added to the list, please be sure to get their permission before having their name(s) added. Names will be listed for a month and removed. You can then request to have them added again for continued prayers. Thank you.

## Upcoming Commemorations

**Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, bishop, renewer of the church, died 1872**  
**Tuesday, September 2, 2025**

Grundtvig was, with Søren Kierkegaard, one of the two great Danish theologians of the nineteenth century. As a pastor, he battled the prevalent idea that Christianity was more a philosophy than divine revelation. He wrote over a thousand hymns.

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