

# Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3, 2025



## GATHERING

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✙ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all.

**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.**



### Welcome!

Welcome newcomers to ECLC. Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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The **bold text** throughout is to be read aloud by the congregation.



### Racial Justice Statement

Racial injustice continues to thrive in our country and communities. Our Christian response is to walk in solidarity with people of color, because standing silent sanctions continued violence. We recognize that those who are white are intertwined in a network of unearned privilege. We, as a congregation, are compelled to advocate for racial justice. We invite other congregations to join together in expressing their commitments to live out our shared faith—active in love—in the struggle for equity and justice.



### Light a Candle!

In many faith traditions, a candle symbolizes a prayer. You are invited to light a candle on the votive candle screen as you enter for worship, after communion, or whenever you feel moved to do so. Our lit candles together represent our prayers lifted up to God.

### *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Text: Harry F. Fosdick,  
1878-1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA,  
John Hughes, 1873-1932

## Opening Hymn “God of Grace and God of Glory”

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

### Greeting

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

## Children's Message

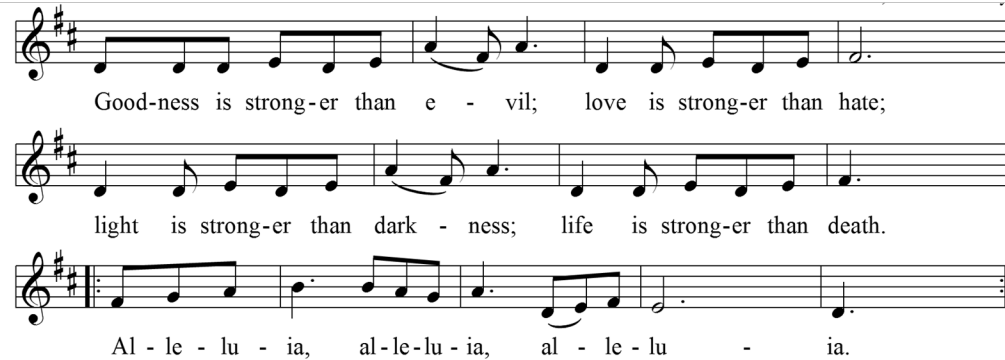
### First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation



Good-ness is strong-er than e - vil; love is strong-er than hate;  
light is strong-er than dark - ness; life is strong-er than death.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Gospel Reading: Luke 12:13-21

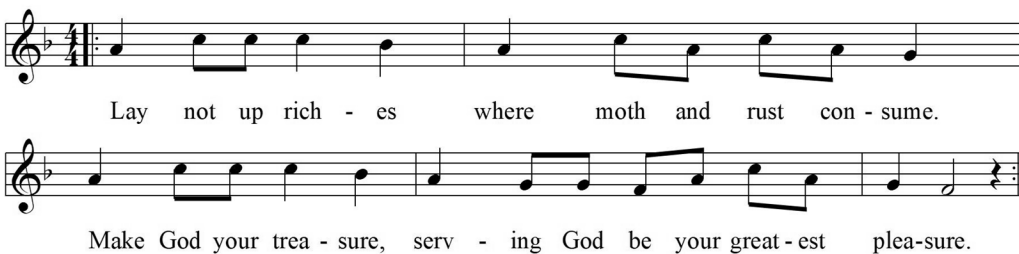
The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day "God Made Us Stewards"

*Congregation sings Refrain, Tom sings verses.*



Lay not up rich - es where moth and rust con - sume.  
Make God your trea - sure, serv - ing God be your great - est plea-sure.

God made us stewards of all earth's bounty.  
Using possessions as a trust,  
We just give God back what we've been given.

Life has more meaning than mere obtaining.  
Things are but things and will not last.  
Only what is done for Christ remains sure.

There was a farmer who prospered greatly  
Eating and drinking were his joy.  
Bulging barns he traded for his own soul.

Death plays no favorites. Shrouds have no pockets  
You cannot take it to the grave.  
Use it or the blessing will evade you.

Moths pay no interest.  
Rust has no luster.  
Thieves only plunder what you hoard.  
Share all God has given or you lose it.

## Prayers of Intercession

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

### Passing the Peace

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



### Passing the Peace

What is the Passing of the Peace? The Peace, in Lutheran liturgy, comes from Matthew 5 where Jesus says, "When you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that a sibling has something against you, first be reconciled, and then offer your gift." In other words, first go to the person you may have harmed to be reconciled, then come to the table. This ritual of peace-making can also be symbolic, demonstrating your desire to make amends with anyone you may have harmed. Mindful of the power of forgiveness, we greet one another saying, "Peace be with you," before we come to the table where God offers ultimate peace.

### *Goodness is Stronger than Evil*

Text: Desmond Tutu, alt.  
Music: John L. Bell  
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### *God Made Us Stewards*

Text: Enock Kalembo;  
tr. Howard S. Olson  
Music: Tanzanian tune  
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*Everything That We Have*  
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## Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

### Offering Song “Everything That We Have”



Ev - 'ry - thing that we have, ev-'ry-thing that we are.  
Work-ing hard to sur-vive is no guar - an - tee.  
May we show gra - ti - tude in the way that we live

Ev - 'ry mo - ment is a bless-ing from a - bove.  
For the deck is al - ways stacked a-against the poor.  
Not with pom-pous prayers and not with fan - cy feasts

It's end-less love that we breathe. It's end-less love that we re-ceive.  
If we'd use just what we need. Re - ject the creep-ing can-cer of greed.  
I - ma-gine how the world should be Then take a risk to build this dream

What has free-ly come we now let free - ly go.  
Like a mir - a - cle the hun - gry could be fed.  
That's the of - fer - ing that God is ask - ing for.

### Offering Prayer

#### The Great Thanksgiving

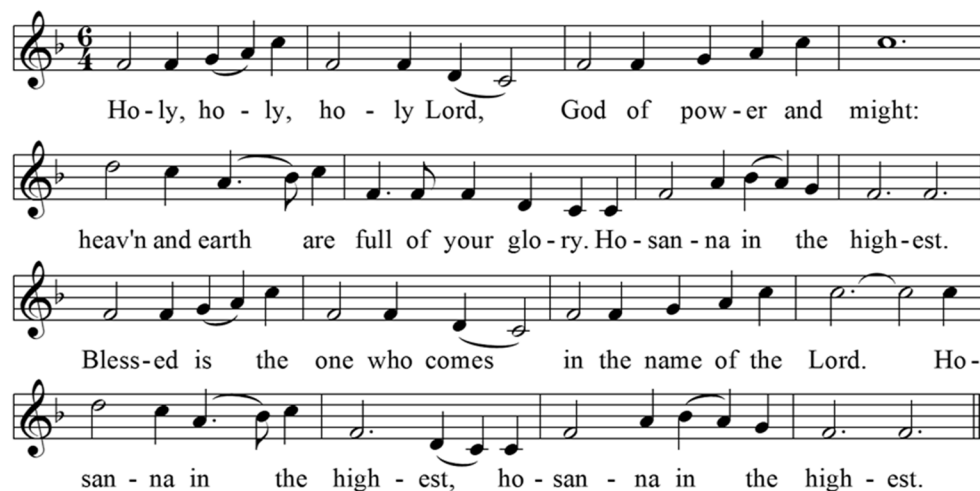
God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, ....

## Sanctus



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.  
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, Our Father, Our Mother in heaven, Hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

## Invitation to Communion

### Communion Hymn I "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"



- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear-ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro-ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo-ken and seen and heard.  
teach-ing peo-ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

*Refrain*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!



### The Lord's Prayer

ECLC values inclusive language while honoring Lutheran worship traditions. This version of the Lord's Prayer reflects both commitments. Drawn from ELCA liturgies, it includes "Our Creator" and "Our Mother" alongside "Our Father" to preserve the intimacy of the original parent/child relationship while offering a gender-expansive address.

Some people may choose to use the word "kin-dom" instead of "kingdom" to emphasize God's vision of community rooted in mutual care, and justice, rather than hierarchy and domination. The term was popularized by theologian Ada Maria Isasi-Díaz, a Latina feminist theologian.

### *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTAD,

Jamaican folk tune; adapt.

Doreen Potter, 1925-1980

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### Invitation to Communion

We welcome all to receive the gift of Christ's presence given in this meal. Here is offered for you the forgiveness of sins and the promise of life in God.

Communion will be directed by the ushers; Cups are in trays—filled communion cups contain grape juice, empty cups will receive wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available on the table. See bulletin "About Us" section for wafer ingredients.

Children are welcome to commune at their parent's discretion.

If you would like to receive communion and are unable to come forward, please inform an usher and a pastor will come to you.

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#### *Break Now the Bread of Life*

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913

Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin

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#### *By Your Hand You Feed Your People*

Text: Susan R. Briehl  
Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
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## Communion Hymn II "Break Now the Bread of Life"

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you  
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you  
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page  
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,  
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.  
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!  
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

## Communion Hymn III "By Your Hand You Feed Your People"

1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.  
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.  
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.

For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.  
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,

giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

## Prayer After Communion



## SENDING

### Blessing

### Announcements

### Closing Hymn "Lead Me, Guide Me"

#### Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a-long the way, For if you  
lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each  
day with thee. Lead me, oh 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, oh Lord, lead me.  
all my trust in thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.  
let me thy ser - vant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

### Sending Forth

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

### Postlude



### Sending

All children are invited to process out with the worship leaders during the last verse of the sending song in order to lead the Dismissal. *Go in peace, serve the Lord.*

#### *Lead Me, Guide Me*

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