



**CROWN OF LIFE** | LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

**July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
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*A Service of Worship and Praise*

**-We Gather as God's People to Worship Him-**

**OPENING HYMN**

**African-American Heritage Hymnal 291**

*O How I Love Jesus*

*PLEASE STAND*

**Minister says:** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**Congregation says:** And also with you.

**-Introduction to Worship-**

**M:** God, our Father, each day is a gift of your grace.

**C:** Your mercies are new every morning.

**M:** Guide our steps by the light of your word.

**C:** Shield us from harm and keep us from evil.

**M:** Better than life is your love.

**C:** Put joy in our hearts and praise on our lips. Alleluia!

**-We Prepare Our Hearts-**

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**C:** Merciful Father in heaven, I know that I have been sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Forgive my sins and change my life.

**We sing:**

*Have Thine Own Way*

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
Thou art the Potter; I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after Thy will,  
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!  
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see  
Christ only, always living in me!

**M:** Jesus says to His people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

**C:** Yes, I believe.

**M:** Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, it is my privilege to declare to you that your sins are forgiven. You are a dear child of God. Let's praise His name.

**We sing:**

*No Other Name But the Name of Jesus*

*Chorus:* No other name, but the name of Jesus  
No other name, but the name of the Lord  
No other name but the name of Jesus  
Is worthy of glory, And worthy of honor  
And worthy of power and all praise!

His name is exalted far above the earth;  
His name is high above the heavens.  
His name is exalted far above the earth;  
Give glory and honor and praise unto His name.

*Chorus*

## **-We Pray Together-**

**M:** I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from?

**C:** My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

**M:** He will not let your foot slip – He who watches over you will not slumber

**C:** My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

**M:** The LORD will keep you from all harm – He will watch over your life.

**C:** The LORD will watch over my coming and going, both now and forevermore. AMEN.

*BE SEATED*

## **-We Listen to God's Word-**

### **FIRST LESSON**

*Genesis 18:1-14*

**18** The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day.

<sup>2</sup> Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

<sup>3</sup> He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. <sup>5</sup> Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant."

"Very well," they answered, "do as you say."

<sup>6</sup> So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread."

<sup>7</sup> Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. <sup>8</sup> He then brought some curds

and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

<sup>9</sup> "Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him.

"There, in the tent," he said.

<sup>10</sup> Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. <sup>11</sup> Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

<sup>13</sup> Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' <sup>14</sup> Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

## **We Sing:**

*Thy Word*

*Refrain:* Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid and I think I've lost my way  
Still, You're there right beside me  
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near  
Please be with me to the end.

### *Refrain*

I will not forget Your love for me and yet  
My heart forever is wandering  
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side  
I will love You to the end.

### *Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

*Colossians 1:1-14*

**1** Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

**2** To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

**3** We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, **4** because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— **5** the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel **6** that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. **7** You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, **8** and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

**9** For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, **10** so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, **11** being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, **12** and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. **13** For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, **14** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

*PLEASE STAND*

## GOSPEL LESSON

*Luke 10:38-42*

**38** As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. **39** She had a

sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said.  
<sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"  
<sup>41</sup> "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

*BE SEATED*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Christian Worship 369**  
*Beautiful Savior*

### **SERMON**

***You Are Going to Need Endurance and Patience***  
*Colossians 1:1-14*

*PLEASE STAND*

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him, all things were made. For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried. On the third day, He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated

at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

AMEN

*BE SEATED*

**OFFERING**

*Instrumental*

**PRAYERS**

*The Lord's Prayer*

## **THE SACRAMENT**

**M:** Our Lord has given us a holy Supper in which we receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of His redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim His death until He returns.

**C:** Now have come the salvation and the power and kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ. To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

**We Sing:**

*Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty*

*Refrain:* Blessed be the Lord God Almighty  
who was and is and is to come.  
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty  
Who reigns forevermore.



Father in heaven, how we love you;  
We lift your name in all the earth.  
May Your kingdom be established in our praises,  
as your people declare Your mighty works.

*Refrain*

## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**C:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

FOR ALL OF US: Paul instructed in I Cor. 11:28: "Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup." Questions like these help us examine ourselves:

- Am I sorry for my sin?
- Do I trust that Jesus has lived and died to save me from my sin?
- Do I believe that Jesus's body and blood are truly present to assure me of forgiveness?
- Do I intend, with God's help, to live a more God pleasing life?

*WELS and ELS members may come and receive Christ's body and blood. Proceed up the center aisle as directed by the ushers.*

FOR OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS: You may find that we regard Holy Communion with much greater seriousness than most churches today. The Bible teaches that communion is, among other things, a public statement of intimate unity and spiritual agreement with a church's teachings. Therefore, if you are unaware or unclear about what we teach and believe, you will want to compare your own

*beliefs with ours before communing with us. We are eager to establish this fellowship with you and look forward to your inquiry on how to enter into fellowship! Pastor Kramer is happy and ready to speak with you!*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**Christian Worship 397**

*Just As I Am*

**THANKSGIVING HYMN**

*I Exalt Thee*

For thou O Lord, art high above all the earth  
Thou art exalted far above all gods.

For thou O Lord, art high above all the earth  
Thou art exalted far above all gods.

I exalt thee, I exalt thee, I exalt thee, O Lord  
I exalt thee, I exalt thee, I exalt thee, O Lord.

**C:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son, may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in His true body and blood the pledge of Your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

**M:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. AMEN.

**CLOSING HYMN**

**Christian Worship 444**

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

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## **Kid's Bible Camp**

Monday, July 28th – Saturday, August 2nd

9:30 am – 1:00 pm

Ages 5-12

[>>> Register Here <<<](#)

Volunteer today!

<b><u>Serving at Col.:</u></b>	<b><u>Today</u></b>	<b><u>Next Sunday</u></b>
Music	Karis, Elijah	Katherine, Elijah
Ushers	Keith	Lee
Reader	Edward, Jr.	
Altar	Beth	
Streaming	Noah	Noah
Refreshments		
Cleaning	Beth	
Mowing		

## **CALENDAR**

Today	Congregational Meeting
Thursday	10:30 AM, Timeless Grace, Carriere, MS
Thursday	1:00 PM Bible Basics Course
Sunday	10:00 AM Bible Class, Sunday School
Sunday	11:00 AM Worship
Jul 26	9:00 AM Outreach, VBS flyers at Joe Brown Park
Jul 27	Mission Festival, Rev. Jon Kehl
Jul 28-Aug 2	VBS: Wonder Junction
Aug 3	Kids Kount
Sep 7	Grandparents Day

<b>OFFERING</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>%Budget</b>	<b>Projected</b>
Last Week	\$2,268.50	\$2,710.40	83.7%	
July	\$7,126.55	\$11,745.08	60.7%	\$14,449.48
Qtr-to-Date	\$7,126.55	\$35,235.25	20.2%	\$42,882.32
Year-to-Date	\$83,034.57	\$140,941.00	58.9%	\$153,620.15



*"...give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."  
II Corinthians 9:7*

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