



**CROWN OF LIFE** | LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

**August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

*9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

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*A Service of Worship and Praise*

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

**OPENING HYMN**

**Christian Worship 451**

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

*PLEASE STAND*

**Minister says:** We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**-We Lift Up Our Hands and Voices to God-**

**We sing:**

*In Moments Like These*

In moments like these I sing out a song,  
I sing out a love song to Jesus.  
In moments like these I lift up my hands,  
I lift up my hands to the Lord.

Singing, "I love you Lord," singing, "I love you Lord;"  
Singing, "I love you Lord. I love you."

**-We Prepare Our Hearts-**

**M:** We stand here today before our Lord and Maker. He has created us to love Him and serve one another. But we have separated ourselves from Him with our sins. Let us be honest and confess to Him our sins.

**C:** Merciful Father, I confess that I am a sinner. I make no excuses. I have sinned against you by things I have done and the things I have not done. But I know that Jesus died for me. I stand before you in need of, and trusting in, your forgiveness.

**We sing:**

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like Thine Can peace afford.

I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev'ry hour I need Thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Teach me Thy will;  
And Thy rich promises In me fulfill.

I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev'ry hour I need Thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

**M:** It is my duty and privilege as a called servant of God to announce to you that you are forgiven. You have been washed in the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ and stand before Him forgiven of all your sins, His child, and an heir of eternal life. Let's thank Him for His amazing grace.

**We sing:**

*He Looked Beyond My Fault*

Amazing grace shall always be my song of praise,  
For it was grace that bought my liberty.

I do not know just why Christ came to love me so,  
He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.

I shall forever lift mine eyes to Calvary,  
To view the cross where Jesus died for me;

How marvelous the grace that caught my falling soul,  
He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.

*BE SEATED*

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

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

*Genesis 15:1-6*

**15** After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

"Do not be afraid, Abram.  
I am your shield,  
your very great reward."

<sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?"

<sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

<sup>4</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

<sup>6</sup> Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

### **We sing:**

*Order My Steps (v1)*

Order my steps in Your Word dear Lord,  
Lead me, guide me, every day,  
Send Your anointing, Father, I pray.  
Order my steps in Your word.  
Please, order my steps in Your word.

I want to walk worthy, My calling to fulfill.  
Please order my steps, Lord, And I'll do Your blessed will,  
The world is ever changing, but You are still the same.  
If You order my steps, I'll praise Your name.

### **EPISTLE LESSON**

*Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

**11** Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup> This is what the ancients were commended for.

<sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. <sup>12</sup> And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

<sup>13</sup> All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. <sup>14</sup> People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

**We sing:**

*Order My Steps (v3)*

Bridle my tongue, let my words edify;  
Let the words of my mouth be acceptable in Thy sight.  
Take charge of my thoughts, both day and night.  
Order my steps in Your word.  
Please, order my steps in Your word.

I want to walk worthy, My calling to fulfill.  
Please order my steps, Lord, And I'll do Your blessed will,  
The world is ever changing, but You are still the same.  
If You order my steps, I'll praise Your name.

PLEASE STAND

## GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:22-34

<sup>22</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear.

<sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. <sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds!

<sup>25</sup> Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? <sup>26</sup> Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

<sup>27</sup> "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>28</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! <sup>29</sup> And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. <sup>30</sup> For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup> But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

<sup>32</sup> "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

BE SEATED

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### HYMN OF THE DAY

**African-American Heritage Hymnal 424**

*Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us*

### SERMON

***What Are You Worried About?***

*Luke 12:22-34*

PLEASE STAND

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into Hell. The third day, He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there, He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

AMEN.

BE SEATED

## OFFERING

*Instrumental*

PLEASE STAND

## PRAYERS

*The Lord's Prayer*

**M:** Brother and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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

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## CLOSING HYMN

**Christian Worship 431**

*I Walk in Danger All the Way*

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

## **CALENDAR**

Sunday	10:00 AM Bible Class, Sunday School
Sunday	11:00 AM Worship
Aug 17	Council, Ladies Guild
Sept 7	Grandparents Day

<b>OFFERING</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>%Budget</b>	<b>Projected</b>
Last Week	\$3,177.00	\$2,710.40	117.2%	
August	\$3,177.00	\$11,745.08	27.0%	\$14,440.91
Qtr-to-Date	\$20,992.55	\$35,235.25	59.6%	\$48,438.05
Year-to-Date	\$96,900.57	\$140,941.00	68.8%	\$159,410.52



*"...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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