

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST + ANNUAL POLKA SERVICE + SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Come Now and Worship

Come now and worship,
Come now and worship the Lord.
Come now and worship, join as we sing and adore.
Gather together, give God the praise that is due.
Hear us as we come to worship, singing praise to You.

We bring our gifts, gifts of ourselves and our lives.
With bread and wine, we offer you our whole lives.
This celebration draws us all closer to you.
Hear us as we come to worship, singing praise to You.

Jesus our Savior, died on a cross just for us.
Rose from the dead, Christ gives salvation to us.
Gather together, drawing us closer to you.
Hear us as we come to worship, singing praise to You.

Let the Son Shine In

Joyful hope, love of God, and smiling faces,
Is the heritage we have as sons of God
Christ has risen to new life,
Put an end to death and strife,
Now we celebrate as one and sons of God.

Chorus:

So let the Son shine in,
Share Christ with your neighbor,
And happiness will never leave your heart.
So let the Son shine in,
Shake hands with your neighbor,
And happiness will never leave your heart.

On the job, in your home, or at a party
People wishing all their friends the peace of Christ
Happy feeling in the air,
Forget your troubles and your cares,
And join all those who share the peace of Christ.

It's Time to Praise Our Savior

Lift up your voices, the worship begins.

It's time to praise our Savior.

Death is defeated, our sins are forgiv'n.

It's time to praise our Savior.

Thanksgiving, confession, we come as we are.

We find a gracious welcome.

Everybody sing together

And lift your voices to praise our Savior.

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life

through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Welcome, the Service Is Starting

Welcome, the service is starting
Join in, sing wonderful songs. Praise God with
Brothers and sisters united
For Jesus, our King and our Lord

Chorus:

Jesus, please give us Your blessing
As we join voices in harmony
We ask for Your Spirit to guide us
Together, united we pray.

You said You'll always be with us
If two or more gather in Your Name
Give us the wisdom to follow
The courage to stay on the path Chorus

Create a clean heart in me, Lord
Renew my spirit with Your great power
Blessed are they that hear Your Word
And keep it until end of time Chorus

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 34:11–24

A The Old Testament Reading is from Ezekiel, chapter 34.

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

¹⁷“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between

rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Timothy 1:12–17

A The Epistle is from 1 Timothy, chapter 1.

¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

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

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

I Saw the Light

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin.
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in.
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night.
Praise the Lord! I saw the light!

Chorus:

I saw the light; I saw the light.
No more darkness, no more night!
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight.
Praise the Lord! I saw the light!

Just like a blind man I wandered along;
Worries and fears I claimed for my own.
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight,
Praise the Lord! I saw the light! Chorus

I was a fool to wander and stray;
Straight is the gate and narrow the way.
Now I have traded the wrong for the right.
Praise the Lord! I saw the light! Chorus

SERMON

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

I am weak, but Thou art strong
Jesus keep me from all wrong.
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk,
Let me walk close to Thee.

Chorus:

Just a closer walk with Thee;
Grant it Jesus is my plea.

Daily walking close to Thee;
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through the days of toil and snares,
If I fail, dear Lord who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. Chorus

When my feeble life is o'er
And time for me will be no more,
Guide me safely, gently o'er
To Thy Kingdom's shore, to Thy shore. Chorus

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

**☩ 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.**

Whisper a Prayer (Innocence Waltz)

Whisper a prayer in the morning,
Whisper a prayer at noon.
Whisper a prayer in the evening,
To keep your heart in tune.

God answers prayer in the morning,

God answers prayer at noon.
God answers prayer in the evening,
He'll keep your heart in tune.

God, bless all those that I love,
God, bless those that love me.
God, bless our sisters and brothers
And, God, bless you and me.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be
gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you
peace.

C Amen.

May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You

May the good Lord bless and keep you,
Whether near or far away.
May you find that long awaited, golden day, today.
May your troubles all be small ones,

And your fortunes ten times ten.
May the good Lord bless and keep you,
Till we meet again.

Chorus:

May you walk with sunlight shining;
And a bluebird in every tree.
May there be a silver lining,
Back of every cloud you see.
Fill your dreams with sweet tomorrows,
Never mind what might have been.
May the good Lord bless and keep you,
Till we meet again.

May the good Lord bless and keep you,
Whether near or far away.
May the joy you give to others shine on you today.
May your heart stay tuned to the music,
Ever warm the hearts of men.
May the good Lord bless and keep you,
Till we meet again.
Repeat Chorus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Closing Hymn: When the Saints Go Marching In

Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in.

And on that hallelujah day,
And on that hallelujah day,
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number
On that hallelujah day.

When our Lord Jesus brings us home,
When our Lord Jesus brings us home,
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number
When our Lord Jesus brings us home.

And when that light begins to shine,
And when that light begins to shine,
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number
When that light begins to shine.

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