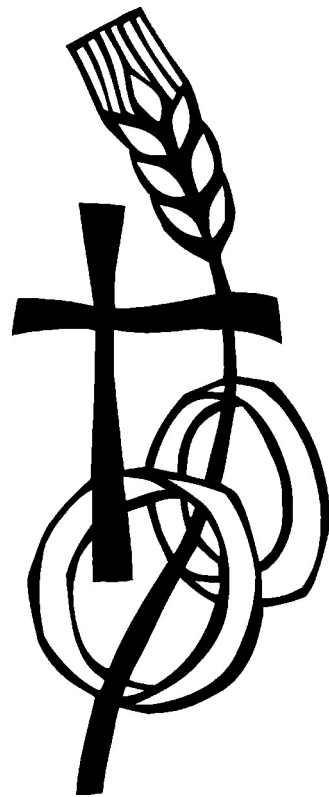


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Marilyn Carlson, Guest Organist

☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship
↑ Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction: you may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may pick up a prefilled communion "kit" on the altar rail as you approach the altar. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit. At home you may prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate for your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven." We acknowledge that communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fritz

↑ **GATHERING HYMN: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

ELW Hymn 836

- 1 **Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**
- 2 **All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.**
- 3 **Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!**

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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.**

↑ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- ☐ Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom.
Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly
follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ☑ **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ruth 1:15-17

—Good News Translation

- ☒ Today's Old Testament Lesson is from Ruth, the first chapter.

Noami said to her, "Ruth, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her god. Go back home with her."

¹⁶But Ruth answered, "Don't ask me to leave you! Let me go with you. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God.

¹⁷Wherever you die, I will die, and that is where I will be buried. May the Lord's worst punishment come upon me if I let anything but death separate me from you!" ►

Ⓐ Word of God, word of life.

Ⓒ Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 13

—*The Message*

- Ⓐ The Second Lesson is from Paul’s letter to the Christians at Corinth, the thirteenth chapter, the “love” chapter.
- Ⓐ If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don’t love, I’m nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate.
- Ⓒ **2 If I speak God’s Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, “Jump,” and it jumps, but I don’t love, I’m nothing.**
- Ⓐ ³⁻⁷ If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don’t love, I’ve gotten nowhere.
- Ⓒ **So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I’m bankrupt without love.**
- Ⓐ Love never gives up.
- Ⓒ **Love cares more for others than for self.**
- Ⓐ Love doesn’t want what it doesn’t have.
- Ⓒ **Love doesn’t strut,**
- Ⓐ Doesn’t have a swelled head,
- Ⓒ **Doesn’t force itself on others,**
- Ⓐ Isn’t always “me first,”
- Ⓒ **Doesn’t fly off the handle,**
- Ⓐ Doesn’t keep score of the sins of others,
- Ⓒ **Doesn’t revel when others grovel,**
- Ⓐ Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,
- Ⓒ **Puts up with anything,**
- Ⓐ Trusts God always,
- Ⓒ **Always looks for the best,**
- Ⓐ Never looks back,
- Ⓒ **But keeps going to the end.**
- Ⓐ ⁸⁻¹⁰ Love never dies.
- Ⓒ **Inspired speech will be over some day; praying in tongues will end; understanding will reach its limit.**
- Ⓐ We know only a portion of the truth, and what we say about God is always incomplete.
- Ⓒ **But when the Complete arrives, our incompletes will be canceled.**
- Ⓐ ¹¹When I was an infant at my mother’s breast, I gurgled and cooed like any infant.
- Ⓒ **When I grew up, I left those infant ways for good.**
- Ⓐ ¹²We don’t yet see things clearly.
- Ⓒ **We’re squinting in a fog, peering through a mist.**
- Ⓐ But it won’t be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright!
- Ⓒ **We’ll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us!**
- Ⓐ ¹³ But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation:
- Ⓒ **Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.**
- Ⓐ Word of God, word of life.
- Ⓒ Thanks be to God.



↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Alleluia*

ELW, page 102

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

↑ **GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62**

📖 The Gospel according to Luke, the ninth chapter

🗣️ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village. ⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶²Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🗣️ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue*

ELW Hymn 644

- 1 **Although I speak with angel's tongue, my faith, my knowledge all surpass,
but have no love, my gifts are vain as clanging gong or blaring brass.**
- 2 **For love is patient, love is kind, and never vain with boasting pride;
love bears all things, all things endures. All things must end; love will abide.**
- 3 **For now we peer at darkened glass; our visions end; our tongues all cease.
In part we know, in part now see: then we will see love face to face.**
- 4 **The gifts are many, the Body one, and into one are all baptized.
Beloved, share one heart, one mind, one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.**

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↑ **OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED**

📖 Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

🗣️ **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 CHURCH

When the petition concludes "God of grace," please respond, "hear our prayer."

The prayers are ended with these words, "God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled

with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping."

Please respond, "Amen."

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**with the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation.**

- 4 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, truest friend, and dearest treasure,
peace beyond all understanding, joy into all life expanding:
humbly now, I bow before you, love incarnate, I adore you;
worthily let me receive you, and, so favored, never leave you.**

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↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

- P** The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life this day and always.
- C** Amen.

↑ SENDING HYMN: *Love Has Brought Us Here Together*

[ACS Hymn 1040]

- 1 Love has brought us here together; love of fam'ly, love of friends;
love, our vow till death should part us; love, God's gift, that never ends.
From our birth, throughout our lifetime, love's insistence calls our name.
Floods of waters cannot drown it or put out its dancing flame.**
- 2 Love is gentle, love is patient, soft in words and kind in deeds.
Love is strong and never pompous; love puts first the other's needs.
Not quick-tempered or resentful, prone to take offense or brood,
love excels in grace and mercy, never jealous, never rude.**
- 3 Love does not rejoice at evil; love rejoices in the right.
Keen in giving and forgiving, spreading love is love's delight.
When two people pledge their union, all who witness are renewed,
feasting at love's earthly banquet, tasting heav'n's beatitude.**

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↑ DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Invite everyone to Jesus' pathway of joy and life!
- C** Thanks be to God.

↑ POSTLUDE

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