



## HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 21, 2025 - 10am

### JACOB'S DREAM

*God's blessing is not deterred by human deceit.*

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#### Prelude

*Grand Chœur Dialogué*

-Eugene Gigout

#### Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets  
are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we  
may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our  
Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the  
power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our  
sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us  
again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness  
of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive  
together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins  
are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ  
may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

#### Opening Hymn

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

Hymn 533

- 1           Open now thy gates of beauty,  
              Zion, let me enter there,  
              where my soul in joyful duty  
              waits for God who answers prayer.  
              Oh, how blessed is this place,  
              filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 2           Gracious God, I come before thee;  
              come thou also unto me;  
              where we find thee and adore thee,  
              there a heav'n on earth must be.  
              To my heart, oh, enter thou,  
              let it be thy temple now!

- 3            Here thy praise is gladly chanted,  
              here thy seed is duly sown;  
              let my soul, where it is planted,  
bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
              so that all I hear may be  
              fruitful unto life in me.
- 4            Thou my faith increase and quicken,  
              let me keep thy gift divine;  
              howsoe'er temptations thicken,  
may thy word still o'er me shine  
              as my guiding star through life,  
              as my comfort in all strife.
- 5            Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,  
              let thy will be done indeed;  
may I undisturbed draw near thee  
              while thou dost thy people feed.  
              Here of life the fountain flows;  
              here is balm for all our woes.

### 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.**

## Kyrie

*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for  
hun-gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam-i-ly; for  
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



*Refrain*  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray, God of heaven and earth, in love and mercy you pour out your blessing upon us, that we might be a blessing to all the earth. Show us the way to you each day so that, following in it, we might reflect your beauty, power, and justice in all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## Welcome and Greeting

## Gospel Acclamation *stand*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel Lesson

John 1:43-51


The gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

## Lesson

Portions of Genesis 27 & 28

 When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, "My son," and he answered, "Here I am." He said, "See, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me. Then prepare for me savory food, such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die."

Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game for his father, Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "Now, my son, obey my word as I command you. Go to the flock, and get me two choice kids, so that I may prepare from them savory food for your father, such as he likes, and you shall take it to your father to eat, so that he may bless you before he dies." But Jacob said to his mother Rebekah, "Look, my brother Esau is a hairy man, and I am a man of smooth skin. Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall seem to be mocking him and bring a curse on myself and not a blessing." His mother said to him, "Let your curse be on me, my son; only obey my word, and go, get them for me." So he went and got them and brought them to his mother, and his mother prepared savory food, such as his father loved. Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her

younger son Jacob, and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. Then she handed the savory food and the bread that she had prepared to her son Jacob.

So he went in to his father and said, "My father," and he said, "Here I am; who are you, my son?" Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me." But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the Lord your God granted me success." Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not." So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." He did not recognize him because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands, so he blessed him. He said, "Are you really my son Esau?" He answered, "I am." Then he said, "Bring it to me, that I may eat of my son's game and bless you." So he brought it to him, and he ate, and he brought him wine, and he drank. Then his father Isaac said to him, "Come near and kiss me, my son." So he came near and kissed him, and he smelled the smell of his garments and blessed him.

As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, when Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of his father Isaac, his brother Esau came in from his hunting. He also prepared savory food and brought it to his father. And he said to his father, "Let my father sit up and eat of his son's game, so that you may bless me." His father Isaac said to him, "Who are you?" He answered, "I am your firstborn son, Esau." Then Isaac trembled violently and said, "Who was it then that hunted game and brought it to me, and I ate it all before you came, and I have blessed him?—yes, and blessed he shall be!" When Esau heard his father's words, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry and said to his father, "Bless me, me also, father!" But he said, "Your brother came deceitfully, and he has taken away your blessing." Esau said, "Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times. He took away my birthright, and look, now he has taken away my blessing." Then he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?" ...

Now Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said to himself, "The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then I will kill my brother Jacob." But the words of her elder son Esau were told to Rebekah, so she sent and called her younger son Jacob and said to him, "Your brother Esau is consoling himself by planning to kill you. Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; flee at once to my brother Laban in Haran, and stay with him a while, until your brother's fury turns away until your brother's anger against you turns away, and he forgets what you have done to him; then I will send and bring you back from there. Why should I lose both of you in one day?"

Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and charged him, "May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and numerous, that you may become a company of peoples. May he give to you the blessing of Abraham, to you and to your offspring with you, so that you may take possession of the land where you now live as an alien, land that God gave to Abraham." Thus Isaac sent Jacob away.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with

me and will keep me in this way that I go and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house, and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn**

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

Hymn 800

- 1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,  
and make me love you as I ought to love.
- 2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies;  
but take the dimness of my soul away.
- 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
- 4 Teach me to love you as your angels love,  
one holy passion filling all my frame:  
the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove,  
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

## **Apostles' Creed**

**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.**

## **Ministry Announcements**

**Prayers of Intercession**     **Response:** hear our prayer.

## **LITURGY OF THE MEAL**

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### **Offertory**

*Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place*

- J. Schrader

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

*In the midst of His children, the Lord said He would be.  
It doesn't take very many, it can be just two or three.  
And I feel the same sweet Spirit that I've felt oft times before.  
Oh, surely I can say I have been with the Lord.*

*There's a holy hush around us as God's glory fills this place.  
I've touched the hem of his garment and I can almost see His face.  
And my heart is overflowing with the fullness of His joy.  
I know without a doubt that I have been with the Lord.*

## Offering

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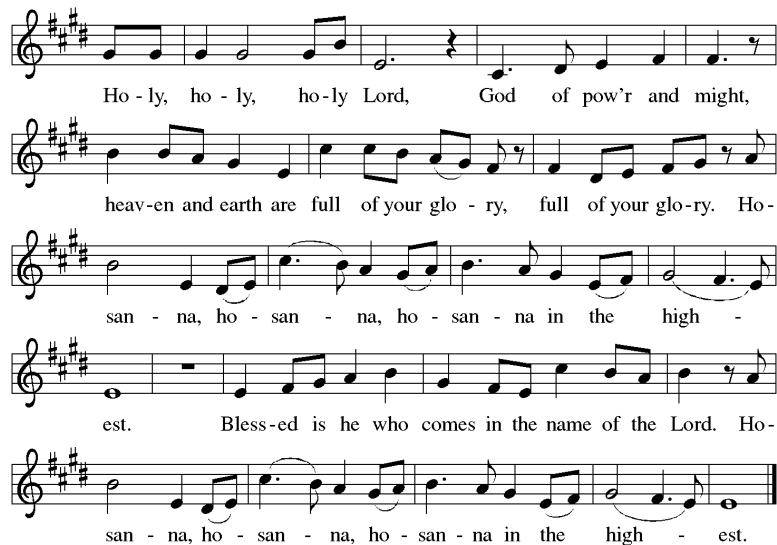
## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy God,  
our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,  
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.  
You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,  
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.  
You sent your Son to eat with sinners  
and to become food for the world.  
In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,  
his life given for us  
and his rising from the grave,  
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.  
By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:  
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,  
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father 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.**

### Communion

*All baptized believers of Christ as their Savior are invited to the table. Please approach the table as you are ready.  
Children are invited to receive a blessing. You may request gluten-free bread or grape juice by raising a finger to the communion server.*

### Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

### Closing Hymn

*Blessing and Honor*

Hymn 854

- 1 Blessing and honor and glory and pow'r,  
wisdom and riches and strength evermore,  
be to the Lamb who our battle has won,  
whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne;  
whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne!
- 2 Let all the heavens sound forth Jesus' name;  
let all the earth sing his glory and fame.  
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flow'r  
echo his praises and tell of his pow'r;  
echo his praises and tell of his pow'r.
- 3 Ever ascending the song and the joy,  
ever descending the love from on high;  
blessing and honor and glory and praise--  
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise;  
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
- 4 Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb!  
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;  
sing we the song of the Lamb who was slain,  
dying in weakness and rising to reign;  
dying in weakness and rising to reign!

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING

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### Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

Go in peace, together in Christ. Thanks be to God!

### Postlude

**Chancel flowers today are given** by Janet Mount-Campbell in loving memory of her husband, Clark.

### Liturgical Ministers

<b>Preacher &amp; Presiding Minister:</b> Pastor Steve Wachtman	<b>Director of Equipping Ministers:</b> Laura Hudson
<b>Minister of Music:</b> Joshua Brodbeck	<b>Director of Faith Formation:</b> Noelle Fox