7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 2025 9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

Our Approach to God

Prelude Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654 J. S. Bach

The Call to Worship - Psalm 85:7-9

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

The Lord will speak peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord, and God's glory will dwell in our land.

*The Hymn of Praise Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

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*The Call to Confession

The truth about us is this: we all sin and fall short of the glory of God. Yet God promises to pour out grace upon us, giving us confidence to show ourselves as we are and be freed from shame. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*The Prayer of Confession

Ever-faithful God, how often we turn away from you, yet you remain constant to us. We run from you, but you call us back. In our words and our deeds we dishonor you, yet you still profess your love for us. We cut ourselves off from you and from others, but you will not let us go. Forgive our faithless and fickle ways and increase our gratitude, that we might grow in faithfulness to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Hear the good news! When you were buried with Christ in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God. By that power we are made clean and set free to live in gratitude and love with zeal. As you have received Christ Jesus, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and abounding in thanksgiving. **Thanks be to God!**

*The Response

Glory Be to the Father

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Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Special Music Gifts (To the tune of *Amazing Grace*) Text: Peggy Donaldson Peggy Donaldson, vocalist; Dave Donaldson, piano

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

Rev. Mark Morningstar

The New Testament Reading

Luke 11:1-13

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The Sermon

"If You Ask..."

Rev. Mark Morningstar

Our Response to Serve

*The Hymn Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, it is good, and it is joyful to give thanks to you, God of mystery and miracle.

^{*}The Declaration of Forgiveness

When there was only darkness,
you made light.

When we cried out to you from captivity,
you claimed us as your own.

When we forgot our love for you,
you did not forget us,
sending your prophets to turn us around
and renewing your promises
with a bow in the sky,
the parting of the sea,
your own Son.

And so we praise you, tuning our voices to the angels' songs, joining all those who sing on earth and in heaven:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Thank you for Jesus—for his teaching and healing, his challenging and feeding, his living and dying and rising, that we might be raised with him, and all the world made new.

(Eat the bread when it is served symbolizing your individual relationship with Christ. Hold the cup when it is served, We will drink it together, symbolizing our unity in Christ.)

We thank you that on the night before he died he took bread, gave thanks, and broke it, and shared it with his friends, saying, take, eat—my body broken for you. Thank you for the way he took the cup, the new covenant sealed in his blood, shed for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you eat and drink, he said, do it in remembrance of me. With thanksgiving we take this bread and wine, gifts of the good earth, offering ourselves as a living sacrifice dedicated to your service.

Dying, you destroyed our death; rising, you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

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Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on your people gathered here and on these gifts— bread and wine of earth, to body and blood of heaven; our frail flesh and blood to your holy people, that we might be Christ's body to your world. For this world we now pray:

end all war,
mend your wounded earth,
heal those who suffer,
comfort those who mourn,
and infuse us with your peace that is rooted in what is just.

Through the power of your Spirit unite us with Christ and with one another as we work and wait in hope, confident in that day when Christ will come to make all things well and we will feast together at his heavenly table.

All glory and honor are yours, Holy God, through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory Holy, Holy, Holy

Peggy Donaldson, vocalist; Dave Donaldson, pianist

*The Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn Seek Ye First 333

Postlude Fugue III J. Nares

Liturgist: Connor Rousseau Greeter: Heather Rousseau Fellowship Hour: Sandra Rease

Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich – Director of Music Ministry

Communion Servers: Cheryl Kelley, Pam Moran, and Anne & Wally Schmidt

Please join us immediately following worship in the gathering area for fellowship hour.

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Announcements and Upcoming Events



• The office will be open Monday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. − 2:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) but, as unforeseen circumstances may occur, please call 989-792-1023 to be sure that someone is in the office

before you drive to the church.

 The congregation should contact the office with any pastoral care needs. Sonia will direct your request to Genie Herter and she will coordinate with session members to fulfill those needs.



A Special Session Meeting has been called for Tuesday, July 29,2025 @ 7:00 p.m.. The doors will be open at 6:45. This meeting is to discuss the Presbytery requirements to begin the search for a new pastor.

Rescue Mission Lunches



Saturday, **August 2**, please join us in the church kitchen to assemble bag lunches for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the church kitchen (Please enter from parking lot through Fellowship Hall door) to visit and share in the work of

making sandwiches and lunches for those struggling with hunger.

^{*}The Charge and Benediction