

# Monona Lutheran Church

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## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost – Divine Service 1

August 31<sup>st</sup> in the Year of our Lord 2025

### Prelude

### Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

### Service of the Word

## Entrance Hymn: 902 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in  
 2 Un - seal our lips to sing Your praise In end - less  
 3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, "O ho - ly,  
 △ 4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with  
 hymns through all our days. In - crease our faith and  
 ho - ly Lord Most High!" And in the light of  
 Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed



light di - vine, And let Your truth with - in us shine.  
 light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.  
 that blest place We then shall see You face to face.  
 Trin - i - ty, Be praise through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

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## Gloria in Excelsis

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**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Sit

## Old Testament Reading

*Proverbs 25:2–10*

- <sup>2</sup>It is the glory of God to conceal things,  
but the glory of kings is to search things out.
- <sup>3</sup>As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,  
so the heart of kings is unsearchable.
- <sup>4</sup>Take away the dross from the silver,  
and the smith has material for a vessel;
- <sup>5</sup>take away the wicked from the presence of the king,  
and his throne will be established in righteousness.
- <sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great,
- <sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.
- What your eyes have seen
- <sup>8</sup>do not hastily bring into court,  
for what will you do in the end,  
when your neighbor puts you to shame?
- <sup>9</sup>Argue your case with your neighbor himself,  
and do not reveal another's secret,

<sup>10</sup>lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,  
and your ill repute have no end.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 131; antiphon: v. 2*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;  
my eyes are not | raised too high;\*  
I do not occupy myself with things  
too great and too marvel- | ous for me.

<sup>2</sup>**But I have calmed and quieted my soul,**  
**like a weaned child with its | mother;\***  
**like a weaned child is my soul with- | in me.**

<sup>3</sup>O Israel, hope | in the LORD\*  
from this time forth and for- | evermore.

## Epistle

*Hebrews 13:1–17*

<sup>1</sup>Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. <sup>5</sup>Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;  
I will not fear;  
what can man do to me?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>9</sup>Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. <sup>10</sup>We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. <sup>11</sup>For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. <sup>12</sup>So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. <sup>13</sup>Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. <sup>14</sup>For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. <sup>15</sup>Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

<sup>17</sup>Obeys your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156



**C** 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.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 14:1–14

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" <sup>4</sup>But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" <sup>6</sup>And they could not reply to these things.

<sup>7</sup>Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, <sup>9</sup>and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. <sup>11</sup>For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup>and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day: 735 Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle  
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle  
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -  
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To  
flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In  
bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -  
God, For He stays close be - side you, In



give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!  
all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence 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.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, through the humiliation of Your Son, You have called us to a place at Your heavenly table. Teach us to treasure this place of honor and so to spurn the foolish honors of this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.**

- P** Merciful Lord, Your Son has come to us who have offended Him, called us to repentance and offered us His forgiveness. Teach us to trust His love whenever we offend Him and to go to His house to be forgiven by those called to forgive in His name. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.**

- P** Almighty God, grant mercy to Your Holy Church here and throughout the world and to all who confess the Christ, that unity of the Church in doctrine and practice may abound. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.**

- P** O Lord, You have established the family and the home to be a place where we learn, care and extend Your love to one another. We come to You on behalf of Your people, asking that You would visit and bless our homes. Strengthen and restore our relationships through the healing power of forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.**

- P** Righteous judge, bless our nation and those who lead us in this land, and guide those who serve on behalf of this people. Watch over all nations, that justice and peace may reign. Grant courage to Christians to endure in faith in times of test, trial and persecution. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.**

- P** Gracious God, we commend to You all who pass through difficult circumstances: the lonely and the persecuted, the imprisoned and the addicted, those suffering from mental distress and those suffering from bodily affliction. Comfort them with Your promise that You will never leave or forsake them. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.**

- P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
- C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

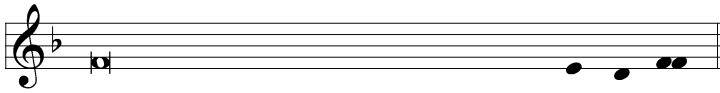
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- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

- C** 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.

## Benediction

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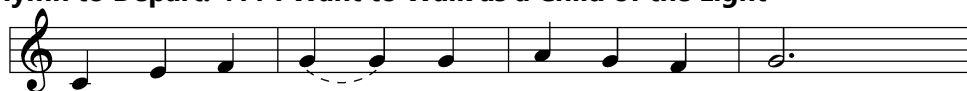


- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



- C** A - men.

## Hymn to Depart: 411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
 I want to look at Je - sus.  
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.  
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,  
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

### *Refrain*



In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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## **Announcements**

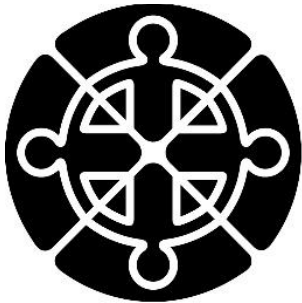
## **Postlude**

*[ILC] Please leave your offering in the wooden box in the narthex either before or after the service. [SPLC]  
Please leave your offering in the plates in the center aisle either before or after the service.*

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# CHURCHES in harmony

## **Men's and Women's Bible Study, Wednesday @9:30am at St Paul**

We would like to invite the whole partnership to join us our Men's and Women's Wednesday Bible studies @9:30am at St Paul. The Women's group is currently working through the book: *Live Deeply, A Study of the Parables of Jesus* by Lenya Heitzig and Penny Rose. The Men's group is studying the Book of Revelation, using a video series from Concordia Seminary entitled *Decoding the Apocalypse* with Dr. David Peter. We hope to see you there!

## **Harmony Game Night, next on September 2 @5:30pm at Immanuel**

The next game night will be hosted by Immanuel, starting at 5:30pm with a meal. After the food, we will play a variety of games. We encourage you to bring your own favorite board/card games to share with the group. If you can't make it for the meal, you can still join us for the games. The games usually start around 6:30pm.

## **Roundtable Series Completed**

On three different Sundays this summer, we worshiped together, shared a meal, and held a roundtable to discuss the future of our partnership. You can watch the recordings of all three roundtables and find copies of all the handouts here ([tiny.cc/2025roundtables](https://tiny.cc/2025roundtables)). Thank you to everyone who participated in these discussions over the last three months. If you missed any of these meetings, please take the time to watch the recordings. Moving forward, if you would like to ask questions or express your thoughts and concerns, please reach out to Pastor Erdman (952-491-3191 or [pastor@immanuelmadison.org](mailto:pastor@immanuelmadison.org)).

## **Office Transition Update**

The office transition continues to progress. That said, it will slow down for the rest of the month as Pastor Erdman was on vacation from August 19-29. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail Pastor Erdman at [pastor@immanuelmadison.org](mailto:pastor@immanuelmadison.org) or call/text him at 952-491-3191.

## **Joint Council Meeting, September 15 @5:30/6:00pm at Monona**

The Harmony Council meeting starts first @5:30pm, (all congregation members are welcome to attend to this meeting). The joint meeting with all the groups starts @6:00pm, with breakout sections after for each church.

# Monona Announcements

## **LWML-SWD Fall Retreat – September 26-27**

Embassy Suites by Hilton, Brookfield, WI

Theme: Put on the Whole Armor of God--Ephesians 6:10-18

Armor of God - Your Strong Suit; Presenter: Donna Snow

Even though we do not like discussing spiritual warfare, it is necessary because it is real. Spiritual warfare has the potential to rob us of peace and security only to leave behind doubt and unrest. But God offers His protection to us. You will leave this retreat knowing the rock-solid truth that God has provided everything for you to proclaim ultimate victory!

## **How to Send in an Announcement**

If you would like an announcement included in the bulletin, please send it to [office@churchesinharmony.org](mailto:office@churchesinharmony.org). Make sure to specify if the announcement is for the whole partnership, or for a specific congregation.

## **In Our Prayers**

Brian LaMore (Joy Hamburg's son); Steve Lindert; Sue Fietzer and members of her family including Laura Schaller (her grandson's mother), Michael Schaller (her grandson's grandfather) and Alberta (her daughter-in-law); Dr. Krubsack; Paul Felton; Gail Steingraber; Sharon Bottoms; Dan MacLeod (Bess' father-in-law); Angie TerMaat; Lisa (Ann Rubin's niece); Patty Nowak (Pastor's sister-in-law); Marcel Lindert; Ann Muller (Jeanne Nowak's sister); Durwood Meyer; Pat (Linda Kosbau's sister); Dorothy Krause (Edie Eastman's daughter-in-law); and Karen Persen (Larry TerMaat's sister). We also remember our homebound: Sharon Bottoms and Gail Steingraber. If you would like a name added or removed from this list, please e-mail [office@churchesinharmony.org](mailto:office@churchesinharmony.org)

## **Serving Today and Looking Ahead**

Pastor: Pastor Thomas Nowak

Organist: Corey Smies

	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Communion Assistant</b>	<b>Readers</b>
<b>August 31</b>	Jeff Thur		Judy Thompson
<b>September 7</b>	Gary Steingraber	Steve Peck	Judie Krubsack
<b>September 14</b>	Steve Peck		Dr Krubsack
<b>September 21</b>	Wayne Kosbau	Marcel Lindbert	Judy Thompson
<b>September 28</b>	Jeff Thur		Judie Krubsack