

# Monona Lutheran Church

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## Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – Divine Service 2

August 10<sup>th</sup> in the Year of our Lord 2025

### Prelude

### Confession and Absolution

**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: 663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -  
 2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find  
 3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat  
 4 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -  
 5 But while watch - ing, al - so pray To the Lord un - ceas -



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -  
 you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and  
 you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and  
 fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy  
 ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and faith in -



tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a  
 blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -  
 cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less  
 sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your  
 creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.  
 cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.  
 friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.  
 hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.  
 nite to serve Him And for - ev - er love Him.

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## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 170



**A** Glo - ry to God in the high - est, 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



Sit

## Old Testament Reading

Genesis 15:1–6

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Psalms 33:12-22

- <sup>12</sup>Blessèd is the nation whose God | is the LORD,\*  
the people whom he has chosen as his | heritage!
- <sup>13</sup>**The LORD looks down from | heaven;\***  
**he sees all the chil- | dren of man;**
- <sup>14</sup>from where he sits enthroned he | looks out\*  
on all the inhabitants | of the earth,
- <sup>15</sup>**he who fashions the hearts | of them all\***  
**and observes | all their deeds.**
- <sup>16</sup>The king is not saved by his great | army;\*,  
a warrior is not delivered by his | great strength.
- <sup>17</sup>**The war horse is a false hope for sal- | vation,\***  
**and by its great might it cannot | rescue.**
- <sup>18</sup>Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who | fear him,\*  
on those who hope in his | steadfast love,
- <sup>19</sup>**that he may deliver their | soul from death\***  
**and keep them alive in | famine.**
- <sup>20</sup>Our soul waits | for the LORD;\*,  
he is our help | and our shield.
- <sup>21</sup>**For our heart is | glad in him,\***  
**because we trust in his | holy name.**
- <sup>22</sup>Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be up- | on us,\*  
even as we | hope in you.

## Epistle

*Hebrews 11:1–16*

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him

faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173

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

### Holy Gospel

Luke 12:22–34

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

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

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup>For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup>“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

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



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

*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day: 575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'  
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on  
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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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  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

- P** Almighty God, increase our faith in Your wise ways and gracious will. Preserve us from reliance on our own plans and natural powers, that we would ever trust in You and be counted righteous in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, heavenly Father, You have clothed us with Your mercy and delivered us from our sins, that we may be Your own and live under You in Your kingdom forever. Place Your blessing upon the proclamation of Your Word, and prosper the work of all pastors and church workers in their various callings. Bless those being called to Your service and those preparing for church-work vocations. We ask especially for You to bless all seminaries and those who teach and learn Your Word therein. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Holy Father, You promised great and abundant blessings to Abram, which he believed by faith. Bless the hearts of Christian fathers to prize the gift of their children and to work in their lives for the good of generations yet unseen. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, because we are weak and powerless apart from You, defend us against all our enemies and bless our nation and those who lead us, especially our president, governor, Congress, legislature, and all judges and magistrates. Make them wise and endow them with a good heart, that they may seek justice and show mercy, especially on behalf of the unborn and those least able to defend themselves. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Merciful God, You know our needs before we ask, yet You invite us to pray for health and healing, comfort and consolation, and peace at the last. Deliver those who are sick, and grant Your grace to all who cry to You for mercy. Grant us the perfect consummation of our hope and the full healing of body

and soul, when at last Your Son comes in His glory to deliver us to You forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, You worked the salvation of the world through the death of Your dear Son, and You work out Your holy purposes through the deaths of Your saints. Make us faithful unto death, and so receive the fulfillment of all Your promises; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 179

**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 give you peace.



**C** A - men.



## Hymn to Depart: 801 How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er  
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to  
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



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Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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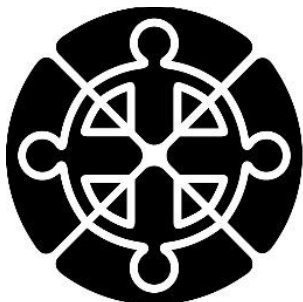
## Announcements

## Postlude

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# CHURCHES in harmony

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

On Wednesdays, Immanuel and St Paul have both been holding a morning Bible study. St Paul's is a women's Bible study. Immanuel's has been unofficially a men's Bible study. Both groups have decided to work together to help promote each other. They now both meet at St Paul and start at 9:30am in separate rooms.

So, we would like to invite the whole partnership to join us for these Wednesday Bible studies. 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 men and women from all our congregations will join us each week. See you there!

## **Office Transition Update**

The office transition continues to progress. That said, it will slow down for the rest of the month as Pastor Erdman is heading 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.

## **Summer Joint Worship and Roundtable Series, next on August 17 @10:00am at Monona**

On three different Sundays this summer, we plan to worship together, have a potluck, then hold a roundtable to discuss the future of our partnership. You can watch the first roundtable here ([tiny.cc/roundtablejune22](https://tiny.cc/roundtablejune22)) and the second roundtable here ([tiny.cc/roundtablejuly20](https://tiny.cc/roundtablejuly20)). You can also find the handout from the second roundtable here: ([tiny.cc/yabridge](https://tiny.cc/yabridge)). We hope you will join us for the third and final roundtable at Monona on August 17. These are all important conversations, and we hope everyone will attend and make their voices heard.

## **Joint Council Meeting, August 18 @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

**Reminder: Next Sunday will be a joint service at Monona @10:00am**

## **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**

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## **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 10</b>	Marcel Lindert	Pastors	Judy Thompson
<b>August 17</b>	Steve Peck		Judie Krubsack
<b>August 24</b>	Wayne Kosbau		Dr. Krubsack
<b>August 31</b>	Jeff Thur		Judy Thompson