

Order of Worship

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 26, 2026 – 10:15 a.m.

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

"Your Love Awakens Me"

There were walls between us.

By the cross You came and broke them down, You broke them down.

And there were chains around us.

By Your grace we are no longer bound, no longer bound.

You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light.

You called my name and then my heart came alive.

Chorus:

Your love is greater. Your love is stronger.

Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.

Your love is greater. Your love is stronger.

Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.

Feel the darkness shaking. All the dead are coming back to life. I'm back to life.

Hear the song awaken. All creation singing, "we're alive 'Cause You're alive!"

You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light.

You called my name and then my heart came alive. *Chorus*

And what a love we've found. Death can't hold us down.

We shout it out: We're alive 'cause You're alive!

And what a love we've found. Death can't hold us down.

We shout it out: We're alive 'cause You're alive! *Repeat*

Your love is greater. Your love is stronger.

Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me. *Repeat*

Chorus:

Your love is greater. Your love is stronger.

Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.

Your love is greater. Your love is stronger.

Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

All: 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.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

DEUTERONOMY 7:6-9

⁶ “For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷ It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸ but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

THE EPISTLE READING

ROMANS 8:28-39

²⁸ We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Please stand for the Reading of the Holy Gospel.

THE GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 13:44-52

⁴⁴ [Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ "Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG

"What A Beautiful Name"

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You our Christ.

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus You brought heaven down.
My sin was great, Your love was greater;
What could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is, What a wonderful Name it is.
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.

What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.
What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You.
You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again.

You have no rival, You have no equal. Now and forever God, You reign.
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory, Yours is the Name above all names.

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is.
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against.
What a powerful Name it is, the name of Jesus.
What a powerful Name it is, the name of Jesus.
What a powerful Name it is, the name of Jesus.

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THE SERMON

REV. GLENN A. LUCAS

"It's All About God's Love" *Romans 8:28-39*

APOSTLES CREED

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.

OFFERING

At this time, you may give your offering electronically.

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You may also place your offering in the offering plate as it passes.

MUSICAL OFFERING

ABIDING PRAISE

"For I Am Convinced" *Sing three times.*

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God;
Which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is My † blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom.

Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom.

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"Jesus Messiah"

He became sin, who knew no sin; that we might become His righteousness;
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross. Love so amazing, Love so amazing.

Chorus: **Jesus Messiah; Name above all names; Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.**
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven; Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, Love so amazing. *Chorus*

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You;
All the glory to You, God, the Light of the world. *Chorus*

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.
The Lord of all! The Lord of all.

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THE DISMISSAL

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

All: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

"Your Grace Is Enough"

Great is Your faithfulness, O God. You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy and nothing can keep us apart.

So, remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise, O God.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob; You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along.

So, remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise, O God.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.

So, remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise, O God.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.
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Flower Arrangements

The flower arrangements which grace our altar this weekend are dedicated to the glory of the Lord by **John and Karen Egley** in celebration of their 26th wedding anniversary.

Keep in Your Prayers

Prayers for strength and healing, guidance and blessing for:

Brian Adams
Terri Green

Alexander Hernandez
Jeanne Kelly

Brad Morton