Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

All of God's Creatures

July 26, 2026

CHRIST THE VICTOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

15700 W. Coffee Road, New Berlin, WI

www.ctvelca.org

262.782.4940

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Welcome

Blessing of the Cross

We gather outside near the entrance.

Siblings in Christ, today we give thanks to God and we seek God's blessing as we set apart this cross to the glory of God. Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe,
for you have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift; you have commanded us to show your splendor to our children; and you have invited us to praise you with lives of love, justice, and joy.

Send your blessing on this cross, which we set apart today;
may this sign of your Son's triumph draw us to him
who leads us with this banner of salvation.

To you, O God, be all glory and honor through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

(+) Gathering Song *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* ELW 858

1 Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!

2 Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle,
uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

3 Praise to the Lord,
who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.

4 Praise to the Lord!
Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

(+) 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.

(+) *Glory to God* p. 121

Refrain

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

1 Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

2 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer. *Refrain*

3 For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *Refrain*

(+) Prayer of the Day

God of majesty,
we are constantly surrounded by your gifts and touched by your grace; our words of praise do not approach the wonders of your love. Send forth your Spirit, that our lives may be refreshed and the earth may be renewed, until the new heaven and new earth resound with the song of resurrection in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

1st Reading Psalm 104:14-33

104:14 You cause the grass to grow for the cattle
and plants for people to cultivate,
to bring forth food from the earth
15 and wine to gladden the human heart,
oil to make the face shine
and bread to strengthen the human heart.
16 The trees of the field are watered abundantly,
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
17 In them the birds build their nests;
the stork has its home in the fir trees.
18 The high mountains are for the wild goats;
the rocks are a refuge for the coneys.

19 You have made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows its time for setting.
20 You make darkness, and it is night,
when all the animals of the forest come
creeping out.
21 The young lions roar for their prey,
seeking their food from God.
22 When the sun rises, they withdraw
and lie down in their dens.
23 People go out to their work
and to their labor until the evening.
24 O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
25 There is the sea, great and wide;
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.
26 There go the ships
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.
27 These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;
28 when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand,
they are filled with good things.
29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.
30 When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.

31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works—
32 who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.
33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation p. 124

Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 6:25-30

P: The gospel according to Matthew…
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

6:25 [Jesus said,] "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? 28 And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song *All Creatures, Worship God Most High!* ELW 835

1 All creatures, worship God most High!
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;
sing, sister moon and stars of night:
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear sister water, useful, clear,
make music for your Lord to hear:
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong;
drive far the shadows, join the throng:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, so rich in care,
praise God in colors bright and rare:
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
still make your song amid the tears:
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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.

Prayers of Intercession

Assisting Minister: God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

Peace

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

We give thanks to God and to you for your gifts and offerings. Our offering plate is located near the baptismal font at the entrance of the church, and we invite you to place your offering in the plate as you enter worship or at any time.

Offering Song *We Are an Offering* ELW 692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours:
we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be,
we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering, we are an offering.

Offering Prayer

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving (spoken) p. 129

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.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…
… we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, Holy, Holy p. 130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving at the Table and Words of Institution

O God triune, how majestic is your name…
...we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer…
...we mortals sing our song:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus…
On the night in which he was betrayed…
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered around this table… unite in this song:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds…
Empowered by your promises,
we rise from our deaths to praise you again:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

Amen and amen.
Amen and amen.

(+) 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,
forever and ever. Amen.

Communion

We will receive communion at the altar railing. Please wait to come forward until directed by the usher. The wafer will be placed in your hand. Please take a prefilled cup from the communion tray and then place it in the empty tray as you leave the altar. The cups in the center contain grape juice; the others have wine.

We can bring communion to you at your seat if that is helpful – just let the usher know. Prepackaged communion kits are also available near the entrance to the sanctuary if you would prefer to commune that way.

Lamb of God p. 135

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Compassionate God,
through the gift of bread and wine,
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us through this holy meal,
that we may share your love freely,
as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Announcements

(+) Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
☩ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.

(+) Sending Song *Let All Things Now Living* ELW 881

1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

2 God rules all the forces; the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

(+) Dismissal

Grow in faith. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Music is reprinted and streamed with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-728733. All rights reserved.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty. Text: Joachim Neander; tr. Catherine Winkworth, alt. Music: *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*. In the public domain.

All Creatures, Worship God Most High! Text: Francis of Assisi; tr. composite. © 1997 Augsburg Fortress. Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesange*, Koln. In the public domain.

We Are an Offering. Text and Music: Dwight Liles. © 1984 Word Music, LLC.

Let All Things Now Living. Text: Katherine K. Davis, alt. © 1939, 1966 E. C Schirmer Music Company. Music: Welsh folk tune. In the public domain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – July 26, 2026

This week at CTV

Today **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**
Potluck meal and fellowship following worship
AA Meeting, 4:30 PM

Coming up…

8/2 **10th Sunday after Pentecost** – Worship, 9:30 AM
Covenant and Creation – Leviticus 26:3-22, 34-35, 40-45; Luke 15:11-24
Fellowship following worship
AA Meeting, 4:30 PM

8/3 – 8/9 Pr. Becky on vacation

August Food Pantry Wish List

Spaghettios with Meat	Cooking Oil
Ravioli With Meat	Coffee