



# Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 2025

\* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Come, Thou Almighty King" with "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"  
arr. David S. Gaines

## Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Jesus Christ is the light of the world. We light this candle as a sign that Christ has come and Christ will come again. As the light pushes back darkness let us walk with, learn from, and worship Jesus Christ.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

**All: Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.**

Liturgist: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.

**All: All the earth bows down to you; they sing the praises of your name."**  
*Psalm 66:1-4*

\* **All Singing: 492 "Come, Thou Almighty King"**

\* GOD'S GREETING

\* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

\* **All Singing: 532 "Be Still for the Presence"**

*Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for "God Loves Me" and "Children in Worship."*

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

## Reconciliation

Liturgist: Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for humankind!

**All:** **He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot. Come, let us rejoice in him.**

Liturgist: He rules forever by his power, his eyes watch the nations – let not the rebellious rise up against him.

**All:** **Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard; he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.**

Liturgist: For you, God, tested us; you refined us like silver. You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs. You let people ride over our heads;

**All:** **We went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance.**  
*Psalm 66:5-12*

### *Silent Confession and Reflection*

**All Singing:** **668 “I Worship You, O Lord”**  
*Singing verses 1–3, 5*

Liturgist: The Apostle Paul writes: Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal.

**All:** **But God's word is not chained.**

Liturgist: Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. For, here is a trustworthy saying:

**All:** **If we died with him, we will also live with him. If we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; If we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.** *II Timothy 2:8-13*

Liturgist: Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!  
*Psalm 66:20*

\* **All Singing:** **772 “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”**  
*Singing verses 1, 2, and 4*

## Proclamation

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Minister: Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth.

**All:** **Make us hungry for your Word, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life. Through Christ, by the working of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Scripture: Matthew 13:24-43

Minister: The Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Let Both of Them Grow Together

\* **All Singing: 473 “Come Ye Thankful People Come”**

## Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Missionary Support

OFFERTORY “On Eagle’s Wings” arr. Douglas E. Wagner

\* **All Singing: 965 “Praise God , from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

## Sending

\* BENEDICTION

\* **All Singing: 938 “My Friends May You Grow in Grace”**

Postlude: Toccata on “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” arr. Michael Burkhardt

### Worship Leaders

Organist / Pianist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	Reid Quist
Violinist:	Bethany Keely-Yonker	Liturgist:	Jeremy Hulford
Vocalist:	Helen Van Wyck	Prayer:	Gary R. Medema
Minister:	James Oord		

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