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Ministers: All the People of God

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**Welcome! It is good to be together.
Your presence here is a gift to God and
to others this morning.**

We have committed as a church to pray for all those in our community who are living in the darkness of addiction. We have lit a candle in the front of the sanctuary as we pray for the light of Christ to break into their lives. Before worship begins, you are invited to light a candle for a friend or family member for whom you are praying.

Welcome

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the Name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen**

Hymn Sing

Prayer of the Day

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

Special Music

Psalm 112

Reader: **Millie Brumbaugh**

Praise the Lord! Happy is the person who honors the Lord, who takes pleasure in obeying his commands.

The good man's children will be powerful in the land; his descendants will be blessed. His family will be wealthy and rich, and he will be prosperous forever.

Light shines in the darkness for good people, for those who are merciful, kind, and just.

Happy is the person who is generous with his loans, who runs his business honestly.

A good person will never fail; he will always be remembered. He is not afraid of receiving bad news; his faith is strong, and he trusts in the Lord. He is not worried or afraid; he is certain to see his enemies defeated.

He gives generously to the needy, and his kindness never fails; he will be powerful and respected.

The wicked see this and are angry; they glare in hate and disappear; their hopes are gone forever.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Children's Sermon

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

One Sabbath Jesus went to eat a meal at the home of one of the leading Pharisees; and people were watching Jesus closely.

Jesus noticed how some of the guests were choosing the best places, so he told this parable to all of them: "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place. It could happen that someone more important than you has been invited, and your host, who invited both of you, would have to come and say to you, 'Let him have this place.' Then you would be embarrassed and have to sit in the lowest place. Instead, when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that your host will come to you and say, 'Come on up, my friend, to a better place.' This will bring you honor in the presence of all the other guests. For those who make themselves great will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be made great."

Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your rich neighbors—for they will invite you back, and in this way you will be paid for what you did. When you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind; and you will be blessed, because they are not able to pay you back. God will repay you on the day the good people rise from death."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

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- 1) Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.
- 2) Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.
- 3) As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.
- 4) Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

Prayers of the Church Each petition will end with “Lord, in your mercy;”
the congregation responds with “hear our prayer.”

Offering -- *You may put your offerings in the basket on the table at the back of the church or you are invited to make your offerings online on facebook or on our website: americanlutheranchurch.net -- or mail them to American Lutheran Church at PO Box 653- Newport, WA 99156*

Great Thanksgiving The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** **p. 144**
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**

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

The Words of Institution
Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Meal

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. 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.

Invitation to Communion
Jesus welcomes ALL to his table to receive his love and forgiveness -- his life given for you.
Grape juice and gluten/soy/corn free wafers are available.

Lamb of God **p. 191**

Communion Hymns: 490, 608, 826

Blessing
Prayer
Benediction

Sending Hymn **“Soon and Very Soon” #439**
1) **Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King, x3**
 Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
 we are goin' to see the King!
2) **No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King, x3**
 Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
 we are goin' to see the King!
3) **No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King, x3**
 Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
 we are goin' to see the King!
4) **Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King, x3**
 Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
 we're are goin' to see the King!
 Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Masks are optional, but we recognize that COVID is still a reality and a concern for many who are vulnerable. Please wear a mask if you are feeling under the weather at all. Thank you so much!

This Week

Monday	Noon	Al-anon
Tuesday	10am	Quilting
Wednesday	7pm	Choir
Sunday	10 am	Worship

Remember in Prayer: Cyndy Akre, Grady, Marjorie Lou Alliger, Scone Bender, Annika Britton, Barbara Campbell, Colleen (friend of Dawn Morey), Ellie and Bobby Joe (at the request of Carlene Connelly), Shae Courtney (son-in-law of the Lewis'), Eirie, Angel, Angelito (at the request of the Schellers), Susan Fox, Dorothy Funden, Gladys Gerow, Linda Hall (at the request of Terry Zakar), Gary Heckathorn, Annika Hughes, Kapple family, Danny Litowitz, Sandy Loskill, Kadence (Dawn Morey's granddaughter), Joel Robertson, Robin (at the request of Cheryl Graff), Carol Rock, Sandy Rock (Joy Peralta's sister-in-law) Nakia Salazar; daughter Gabriella, Cheryl Schoesler, Judy Schoesler, Merle Simons (at the request of the Graffs), Chris Vullo (at the request of Judy Bell), Paul Zakar (Terry Zakar's brother-in-law).

Announcements:

Giving Update: July Actual Giving - \$14,412.13 July Budget - \$17,083.33 July Variance - (\$2,671.17). YTD Variance to General Fund giving budget as of July 31, 2025 is (\$9,440.72). Thank you for your faithful and generous gifts.

2nd Harvest Mobile Market: Thursday, September 11, 2025 from 10 am to Noon at the Newport Rodeo Grounds (across from 103 Garden Ave. Newport, WA). Volunteers are needed and should come at 9:00 am. Please remember to bring your own water bottles. If you have any questions please contact Debbie Buckley at 509-671-1922

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