

Prayer: We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

Blessing

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed, bless, keep and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **Amen.**

Bell

Sending Hymn: Onward Christian Soldiers (LBW #509)

1. Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before. Christ, the royal master, leads against the foe; forward into battle, see his banners go! **REFRAIN.**
 2. Like a mighty army moves the Church of God; let us boldly follow where the saints have trod. We are not divided; all one body we: one in hope and doctrine, one in charity. **REFRAIN.**
 3. Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane, but the Church of Jesus constant will remain; gates of hell can never 'gainst that Church prevail. We have Christ's own promise and that cannot fail. **REFRAIN.**
 4. Onward, then, you faithful, join our happy throng; blend with ours your voices in the triumph song. Glory, laud and honor unto Christ the King. We through countless ages with the angels sing: **REFRAIN.**
- REFRAIN:** Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before.

Dismissal: Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

Mark your calendars: NOTE SERVICE TIME CHANGE

- Sunday, **September 10** – 9:30am at Kirkebo
Rally Sunday at Nora – Sunday School Begins – 10:30am
- Sunday, September 17 – LUTEFISK DINNER AT NORA!! 11-1:30
Service 9:30am at Kirkebo, No Sunday School
- Sunday, September 24 – 9:30am at Kirkebo, Sunday School 10:30 at Nora

Prelude and Bell

Gathering Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth Holy, Holy, Holy (LBW #165)

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies: **REFRAIN.**
2. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light: **REFRAIN.**
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: **REFRAIN.**
4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild: **REFRAIN.**
5. For yourself, best gift divine to the world so freely giv'n;
Agent of God's grand design, peach on earth and joy in heav'n. **REFRAIN.**

REFRAIN: Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

Welcome and Announcements:

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Righteous God, we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy. Amen.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 26: 1-8 (read responsively)

Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering. **Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and mind.** For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites; I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked. **I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O LORD,** singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds. **O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 16:21-28 **Glory to you O Lord**

The Gospel of our Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ**

Message

Hymn of the Day/Offering: O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts (LBW 356 vss.1,3,5)

O Jesus, joy of loving hearts, the fount of life, the light of all: From ev'ry bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled, to hear your call.

We taste you, ever living bread, and long to feast upon you still; we drink of you, the fountainhead; our thirsting souls from you we fill.

O Jesus, ever with us stay! Make all our moments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin away! Shed o'er the world your holy light.

Offering Response: *We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be. All that we have is thine alone a trust, Oh Lord in thee.*

Apostle's 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 the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the people (Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**)

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

As brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us: ***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***

Meal

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. Amen.

Words of Institution

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. **Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.** Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, **all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.