COON VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

**“We are a family of God, striving to enrich**

**the lives of all through the love of Christ.”**

PRELUDE MUSIC

BELLS

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**you free us to love others,** **but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.** **You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,** **but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.** **You surround us with patience, kindness,**

**and generosity,** **but we grow weary in doing what is right.** **In your mercy, forgive us.** **Do not give up on us.** **Heal us, break our bonds,** **and show us the path of life.** **Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God’s children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW (red hymnal) #796 How Firm a Foundation

GREETING and PRAYER of the DAY

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, **mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**~ WORD ~** (Scripture insert)

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

PSALM: 82 (read responsively)

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the thirteenth chapter

 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

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

SERMON Rev. Benjamin Morris

HYMN of the DAY ELW (red hymnal) #876 Let the Whole Creation Cry

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

Petitions end: Hear us, O God…**Your mercy is great.**

 PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Please be aware of those who may not be comfortable shaking hands. You may also share the peace sign. Or any other contactless gesture that you are comfortable with.*

OFFERING & OFFERING SONG

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Creator God, **in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good** **and the harvest is plentiful.** **Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth** **and our labor,** **that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.** **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs

 of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**~ SENDING ~**

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

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;

and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

BELLS

SENDING HYMN ELW (red hymnal) #815 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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The Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

August 24, 2025

**Usher:** Mike Lusk

**Reader:** Betty Jorgenson

**Attendance & Offering Last Sunday:** 80;$3,203.20

Farmer’s Market Last Sunday: $66.00

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**SCHEDULE**

**TUESDAY: 9:00a/**Pastor’s Text Study

**WEDNESDAY: 9:00a/**Quilting

**FRIDAY:** Pastor Ben’s sabbath

**NEXT SUNDAY: 10:15a/**Worship with Pastor Meg Hoversten

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**Indoor Custodian:** Tracy Stellner

~Remember **"Thumbs Up"** When you come up for communion if you would like a **gluten free wafer**, give the pastor a thumbs up as you approach. As you approach the wine server, give him or her a thumbs up to receive **grape juice** instead of wine.

**First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29**

23 Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? 24 Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. 25 I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed! I have dreamed!” 26 How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? 27 They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. 28 Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. 29 Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

**Psalm 82 (read responsively)**

 1 God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
  giving judgment in the midst of the gods:
 2 **“How long will you judge unjustly,**
  **and show favor to the wicked?**
 3 Save the weak and the orphan;
  defend the humble and needy;
 4 **rescue the weak and the poor;**
  **deliver them from the power of the wicked.**
 5 They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;
  all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
 6 **Now I say to you, ‘You are gods,**
  **and all of you children of the Most High;**
 7 nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
  and fall like any prince.’ ”
 8 **Arise, O God, and rule the earth,**
  **for you shall take all nations for your own.**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29—12:2**

29 By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. 31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.
  32 And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 35 Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. 36 Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented 38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.
  39 Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

  12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twelfth chapter

 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Luke 12:49-56**

[Jesus said:] 49 “I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! 50 I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! 51 Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52 From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; 53 they will be divided:
 father against son
  and son against father,
 mother against daughter
  and daughter against mother,
 mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
  and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

  54 He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. 55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. 56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

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

*\*We are always happy to include you and our CVLC family in our prayers. If you feel your name, or the name of a family member can be added or removed from this list please contact Jamie.* *Thank you!*

**We remember in prayer:**

**†** *Those hospitalized this past week:* Orrin Stakston, Gloria Galstad

**†** *Our members whose names we lift up in prayer today:* Corrine Appleman, Beverly Bagstad, Clifford Bakkum, Pastor Barbara Bruneau, Herby Cornell, Marie Egge, Kira Hoff, Becky Ihle, Donna Ihle, Ray Ihle, Todd King, Mike Kellogg, Margaret Lee, Russell Lee, Aaron Leisso, Aaron Marx, LuEtta Nelson,Romaine Nelson, Lisa Olson, Sandra Onshus, Elaine Proksch, Eunice Quast, Lori Roach, Ellen Runice*,* Jojo Satona, Bob Schulze, Mary Schultz, LaVonne Stendahl, Krin (Dreves) Stendalen, Joyce Temp, Teri Tomten, Renita Williamson

**†** *Our members who are currently in health care facilities & Assisted Living:*

Tip Bagstad, Rachel Berg, Carl Daffinrud, Evelyn Dahlen, Jeanne Ebli, Lenore Henley, Carl Holte, Bob Moilien, Pauline Moilien, Geri Nestingen, Irene Nestingen, Cathy Ofte, Annie Olson, Beatrice Olson (Alden), Joyce Temp.

**†** *Those who grieve**:* Family and friends of Verlin Ihle

**†** *Our members who are currently home bound*

**†** *All those in need of God’s healing and help*

**†** *Family and friends of our members*