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**BUT THE  
WORD  
of GOD  
IS NOT  
CHAINED**

2 T I M O T H Y 2 : 9

*"Solomon's Evangelical Lutheran Church, following the example of Jesus Christ, seeks to live in the confidence and fullness of God's grace; to preach the Good News boldly and truthfully; to support and serve others in faith; to work in harmony with all creation."*

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**OCTOBER 12, 2025**

**October 12, 2025**  
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.*

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**     *Voluntary on "Duke Street" - arr. Benton Price*

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.  
**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful and loving God,  
**we are your stiff-necked people.**  
**We trample on the needy.**  
**We grumble about your grace to others.**  
**We turn away from the poor.**  
**Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**  
**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost**  
**and have been found.**  
**Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.  
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.  
You who were lost have been found.  
In the name of ✙ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!  
**Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG *Voices Raised to You* (ELW 845)**



1 Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for  
 2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise you; earth and sky your  
 3 Christ, the song of love in - car - nate, touch - ing earth with  
 4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, kin - dle faith with -  
 5 How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute  
 works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts you lend us,  
 heav - en's grace, for your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,  
 in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;  
 thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—



for your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 we re - turn to you to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 for your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 through our hands your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! God, cre - a - tor, source of life!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, re - deem - er, Lord of life!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, help - er, breath of life!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: SONG OF PRAISE, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936

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**\*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.**

## \*CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 204)



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

A reading from 2 Kings.

*Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.*

<sup>1</sup> Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. <sup>2</sup> Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

<sup>7</sup> When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup> But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup> So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup> Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup> But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! <sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup> But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" <sup>14</sup> So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

<sup>15a, b, c</sup> Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 111**

*(read responsively between lector and congregation, beginning with the lector)*

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with <sup>1</sup> my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the <sup>1</sup> congregation.

<sup>2</sup> **Great are your <sup>1</sup> works, O LORD,**  
**pondered by all who de- <sup>1</sup> light in them.**

<sup>3</sup> Majesty and splendor <sup>1</sup> mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever.

<sup>4</sup> **You cause your wonders to <sup>1</sup> be remembered;**  
**you are gracious and full <sup>1</sup> of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup> You give food to <sup>1</sup> those who fear you,  
remembering forev- <sup>1</sup> er your covenant.

<sup>6</sup> **You have shown your people the power <sup>1</sup> of your works**  
**in giving them the lands <sup>1</sup> of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup> The works of your hands are faithful-<sup>1</sup>ness and justice;  
all of your pre-<sup>1</sup>cepts are sure.  
<sup>8</sup> **They stand fast forev-<sup>1</sup>er and ever,**  
**because they are done in<sup>1</sup> truth and equity.**  
<sup>9</sup> You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove-<sup>1</sup>nant forever;  
holy and awesome<sup>1</sup> is your name.  
<sup>10</sup> **The fear of the LORD is the begin-<sup>1</sup>ning of wisdom;**  
**all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en-<sup>1</sup>dures**  
**forever.**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-15**

A reading from 2 Timothy.

*Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined.  
Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as  
well as in his teaching and preaching.*

<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel,  
<sup>9</sup> for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the  
word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so  
that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> The  
saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

<sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

<sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

he cannot deny himself.

<sup>14</sup> Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling  
over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. <sup>15</sup> Do your best to  
present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed,  
rightly explaining the word of truth.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.*

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" <sup>18</sup> Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** Rev. Angela Zimmann

**\*Please stand as you are able for the final verse**

**HYMN OF THE DAY *Now Thank We All Our God (isometric)* (ELW 840)**



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spirit it blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878  
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

**Please join me as we confirm our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.**

**\*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 THE CHURCH** (Please respond)

*P: God of grace, C: receive our prayer.*

**\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**\*OFFERTORY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (ELW 884)

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Lord of the harvest,  
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.  
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,  
but on you, who richly provides for us.  
Multiply what we have gathered  
to bless all who are suffering and in need,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**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.**

## **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as 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;  
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.**

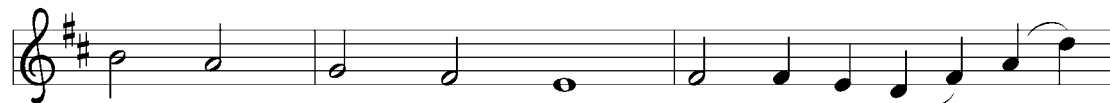
## **\*BLESSING**

The God of righteousness,  
who gives justice to the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry,  
who sets the prisoners free,  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG *Give to Our God Immortal Praise!* (ELW 848)**



1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and  
 2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and  
 3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of



truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to  
 dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to  
 kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er



God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
 God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
 shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES/SILENT PRAYER**

**POSTLUDE** *Give to Our God Immortal Praise* - Wilbur Held

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**SERVING TODAY**

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 Attendance last Sunday..... 56

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The altar flowers** this morning are placed to the glory of God in memory of J. Austin and Nellie Hess & Mary Armstrong given by Susie and Glenn Henicle.

**Please welcome Rev. Angela Zimmann** with a warm “thank you” for preaching this morning.

**Welcome Visitors!** We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

**Prayer requests for the following:** *Kaitlyn Dovey, Norm Kuykendall, Phil Johnson, Nancy Deardorff, Susie Bingaman, Patsy Wildeson, Glenn Wildeson, James Bersch, Evelyn Gomez, Kristen Hardman, Brandan DeShong, Kaitlyn Dovey, Charles Carl, Marty Wenger, Nancy Marshall, Betty Amt, our world & country, Debbie Aschmann, Donna, Karen, Chuck Bedsworth, Linda Mumaugh, Katy Klutz, Becky Ensinger, and all the Homebound. If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire, 717-264-3702.*

**Please Be Aware:** *We wish to be a praying congregation, and especially for those who are sick or experiencing difficult times. We will continue to name person's (first name only) aloud each Sunday, and we will hold each name for a month. In order to keep our list updated we ask that by the final Thursday of the month, but please call Janice McEntire 717 264-3702 to keep the name on for an extra month. Any name can remain for as long as desired, but we need to hear from the person adding the name, or we will presume the name can be removed. Thank you for your understanding.*

### **Weekly Calendar Reminders:**

- October 13 - Council 7pm
- 14 - Christian Ed 7pm
- 15 - Qigong/Tai Chi 7pm
- 16 - Choir 7pm

**Pastoral Coverage in Time of Emergency** - Until Pastor Julia Brown begins her interim work here on November 3, please notify the church office (717-267-2266/office@solomonslutheran.org) of any visitation requests.

**Choir rehearsals continue on Thursday evenings at 7 PM.** The choir continues to look for additional voices to help lead our worship services. Experience is not necessary!

**During the month of November, Social Ministry will be collecting paper products for Maranatha Food Pantry.** You may place items in the totes under the coat rack at the back door.

**Please return your Time and Talent Sheet and Commitment Card for 2026 by either placing them in the offering plate on Stewardship Sunday, October 19, or sending them to the Church Office by October 19.** Your commitments are a vital step in budget and ministry planning for the coming year. Thank you.

**Communion will be served on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month in addition to all church holidays.**

**SpiritTrust Lutheran has discount cards for sale, \$5 each good through August 2026.** If interested, they can be purchased from Bonney Coldsmith, Marjorie Dale, Becky Pecha, and Frances Reichard.

**Qigong/Tai Chi Class - Wednesdays at 7:00pm** at Solomon's Church main Sunday school room. This is an open class. If you can walk independently, you will survive the class. All exercises are mild. For more information contact: Colleen Johnson.

**Power Pack Meals:** We are once again collecting nutritious food for New Franklin Elementary School students in need during the 2025-2026 school year. Please place the items you donate in the tote in the Sunday School room. If you would like to give a monetary donation, please make your check payable to Solomon's Lutheran Church and put Power Pack Meals in the memo of your check.

**If you are not taking your altar flowers home,** please let Kathy Bowen know to whom or to where you would like them donated. Thanks.

**The 2025 Chart for Altar flowers is on the table in the Sunday School room.** The cost of the two vases will be \$60.00 per week. You will continue to provide Kimberly with the information for the bulletin prior to the week before the Sunday you choose. Include the cost of \$60.00 with the bulletin information.

**The 2025 sign-up charts for Acolyte, Lector etc. are on the table in the Sunday School room.** Please sign up for as many as you can.

**Bulletin Announcement Forms** are in both pamphlet racks. Please submit all bulletin announcements to the office by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday for inclusion in the bulletin.

### **Music Notes/Hymn Notes:**

Our gathering hymn this morning, “Voices Raised to You,” uses a text written by Dr. Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr. (1923-2007), and a melody composed by Carolyn Jenings. Dr. Stuempfle lived most of his life in Gettysburg, where at one point he served as President of the Lutheran Theological Seminary (now United Lutheran Seminary) in Gettysburg. Another prolific hymn writer, Dr. Stuempfle was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Gettysburg. A beautiful hymn of praise, the text praises the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the Triune God, as we offer our thanks and praise for all we have been given as part of God’s creation. (hymnary.org)

**Now Thank We All Our God:** Did you know that there are at least 138 passages in Scripture on the subject of thanksgiving? Unfortunately, few hymns are geared exclusively to thanking God. Today’s hymn of the day, “Now Thank We All Our God,” is one of the hymns we have that expresses thanks. German Christians sang this hymn like Americans have sung the doxology. The hymn was written by Martin Rinkart (1586-1649), a Lutheran pastor who lived in the village of Eilenberg, Saxony, during the Thirty Years’ War. The Swedish army had surrounded the city, but inside there was famine, plague, and fear. People were dying in large numbers and Rinkart conducted sometimes as many as 50 funerals a day. Rinkart, eventually the only surviving pastor in the city, was sent out to negotiate a treaty with the Swedes. He did it with such courage and faith that hostilities soon ended. Knowing there was no healing without thanksgiving, Rinkart composed this hymn for the survivors of Eilenberg. It has been sung around the world since. (Then Sings My Soul; Robert J. Morgan p. 17)

Our sending hymn today, "Give to Our God Immortal Praise," was written by Isaac Watts (1674-1748). It is a metrical version of Psalm 136, published in his Psalms of David in 1719. Originally eight verses, only three of those are included in our hymnal. The two greatest qualities of this hymn are in the way the title immediately shows the greatness and immortal “bigness” of God, and also having its roots in Psalm 136. The tune used is 'Duke Street', (note the title of the prelude), and it was first published anonymously in 1793 but later attributed to John Warrington Hatton. Little is known about Hatton but it is reported that he lived in Duke Street, St Helen's in Lancashire. (singhymnal.com)