



CHURCH @ HOME SERVICE ORDER

**Sunday, 17 August 2025
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**Almighty and merciful God,
it is your gift that your faithful people serve you well.
Help us to run without stumbling
and reach what you have promised.
We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

*Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth"—
not to destroy, but to refine, to renew, and to save.*
**Christ comes with the fire of God's love, to burn away sin and bring new life.
In him, God's kingdom breaks in—not always with ease, but always with grace.
We come, trusting in his mercy, eager to hear his Word and walk in his ways.**
*Come, let us worship the One who gave himself for us,
who calls us to follow him in faith.*
We worship with thankful hearts, for Christ is our peace and our salvation.

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

Your Ways Better – Forrest Frank

**When I'm overwhelmed within
From the weight of all my sin
I need a friend to call my own
I need a house to call my home
When I'm broken down inside
And there's nowhere else to hide
I need a place where I feel known
Can someone help me?
Then I hear Your reply
Bringing teardrops to my eyes
Saying I'm not alone**

**Oh Lord, I need You now more than ever
Would You put my heart back together
I searched the world 'til my head hurt
Just to find out Your way's better
Oh-oh, Your way's better
Oh-oh, Your way's better
Oh, Lord, Your way's better
Jesus, Your way's better**

**Lord, I am so thankful for the ways that You blessed me
Everything You say making waves like a jet ski
You love every part of me, even when I was messy
Now I see the heart in Your beauty
So, I can finally sing Jehovah-Jireh provider
Your way always gets me higher
Even on my darkest days, You're a lighter
My Messiah**

**Oh Lord, I need You now more than ever
Would You put my heart back together
I searched the world 'til my head hurt
Just to find out Your way's better
Oh-oh, Your way's better
Oh-oh, Your way's better
Oh, Lord, Your way's better
Jesus (mmm)**

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Would You put my heart back together
I searched the world 'til my head hurt
Just to find out Your way's better
Oh-oh, Your way's better
Oh-oh, Your way's better
Oh, Lord, Your way's better
Jesus, Your way's better
Oh-oh, Your way's better
Oh-oh, Your way's better
Oh-oh, Your way's better
Jesus, Your way's better

It's better, better, better (oh-oh, Your way's better)
It's better, better, better (oh-oh, Your way's better)
It's better, better, better (oh-oh, Your way's better)
It's better than the rest (oh-oh, Your way's better)

Forrest Frank

LORD HAVE MERCY
(spoken)

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, you came to bring fire to the earth and to awaken our hearts to God's kingdom. Set our hearts ablaze with faith and love, that we may read the signs of your coming, turn from all that distracts us, and follow you with boldness and truth. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, amen.

BIBLE READING

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11–12

"This is what the Lord says: I myself will look for my sheep and take care of them. Just like a shepherd looks after his sheep when they are lost, I will look after my people. I will find them and bring them back from the places where they have been scattered."

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: John 10:14–15

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep."

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-7

Before the reading

Glory be to You, O LORD.

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."

After the reading

This is the gospel of the LORD.

Praise be to You, O Christ.

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

JESUS IS THE KING

**Jesus is the King, ruler over everything
Jesus is the one, promised one the Son of God
Jesus is the Lord, he's the one you can't ignore
Jesus, Jesus, he is the King
He is the King**

**He commanded the fisherman
Hey come follow me
And they did and they did
And they did because**

**Jesus is the King, ruler over everything
Jesus is the one, promised one the Son of God
Jesus is the Lord, he's the one you can't ignore
Jesus, Jesus, he is the King
He is the King**

**He commanded the wind and waves
Hey be still be still
And they did and they did
And they did because**

**Jesus is the King, ruler over everything
Jesus is the one, promised one the Son of God
Jesus is the Lord, he's the one you can't ignore
Jesus, Jesus, he is the King
He is the King**

**He promised that three days after death
He'd rise again
And He did and He did
And He did because**

Paul Sheely

MESSAGE

At this point you may wish to watch the Sermon.
For Church YouTube Channel ([click here](#))
For LCA Worship Resources ([click here](#))

CONFESSION OF SINS

*Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins,
and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.*

**Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to You all my sins,
and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased You and deserve Your
punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask You, for the
sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be
gracious and merciful to me. Amen.**

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to
die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He
has given the right to become children of God, and has given them His Holy Spirit.
Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. Amen.*

GOD FORGIVES

..... peace be with you.
Amen.

LITTLE LIFE

**My little hands together pray to You
My little feet together follow You
I lift my eyes and look to You
And my heart will love You**

**God You are my Father
Jesus Christ my friend
Holy Spirit You help me on my way**

**I believe in Your Name
I believe in Your word
I believe in the cross
I am free**

**This life
For You Jesus
Your life
For me**

Hillsong Kids

OFFERING PRAYER

**Gracious and holy God, thank you for kindling within us faith, hope, love and peace.
In response to your goodness, we bring our gifts — our offerings of thanks and trust.
Use them, and use us, to spread the fire of your love in our world. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray with one voice for all the people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people who cannot or will not pray for themselves.

Gracious and loving Father, thank you for giving Jesus to bear the fire of judgment that should have fallen on us and all people. Thank you that he has won peace for the whole world by his death on the cross. And thank you for bringing us to baptism and faith so that we enjoy the blessings of life and salvation in Jesus' name.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for those families who are united in the faith - support and sustain them by your word, keep them growing in faith and knowledge, and protect them from unbelief.
*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Give strength to those who suffer division over Christ at home, in the workplace, at school, or among friends. Ease their pain, give them the ability to love even when they face opposition and antagonism, and bring their loved-ones and companions to faith and repentance.
*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Give the whole church wisdom in reading the signs of the times, and skill in making your truth and love known in the world today. Make our own endeavours at outreach and witness bear fruit Lord, in your name.
*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

We pray for peace in the world wherever there is division and violence. Bring an end to hatred and hostility, and bring people to live together as children of your one human family. Bring loyalty and harmony to all married couples, to parents and children, and strengthen all family relationships.
*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Have mercy Lord on those who are persecuted for their faith. Stop all religious violence, imprisonment and torture. And give all Christian people perseverance and persistence when pressed to compromise their loyalty to Christ.
*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Supply all that we need for our daily life, dear Father. Thank you for the rain and sunshine you give to us in good measure, and please prosper the work of our farmers. Give healing to those who are not well at this time. Support and strengthen those we know with special needs and whom we now name silently in our hearts... *(brief silence)*
*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Bless the families, students, and staff at all our Grace Places. Today we pray specially for GLPS Students Letty, Alfie & Ivy in Prep, Bryce & Maya in Year 1, Mateo, Chloe & James in Year 2, Ethan in Year 3, Fabiyan & Aria in Year 4, Evie in Year 5, Ellie & Willem in Year 6 and staff members Miya O & Aden H. Please provide for all their needs and guide them into your truth and love.
*Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer***

Father in heaven, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses in the saints who have gone before us. Help us to follow their example of faith, always praying to you for all our needs, because you have promised to hear us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING TO SHARE

May Jesus fill your heart with the fire of his love.
May Jesus fill your heart with the fire of his love.
May the Holy Spirit give you courage to stand for what is right.
May the Holy Spirit give you courage to stand for what is right.
May God's peace stay with you as you follow Jesus each day.
May God's peace stay with you as you follow Jesus each day. Amen.

MY GOD IS SO BIG

**My God is so big, so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do**

**He made the trees
He made the seas
He made the elephants too**

**My God is so big, so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do
My God is so great, so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do
My God is so great, so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do**

**The mountains are His
The rivers are His
The skies are His handy works too**

**My God is so great, so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do
There's nothing my God cannot do
There's nothing my God cannot do
For you**

Moses George Hogan