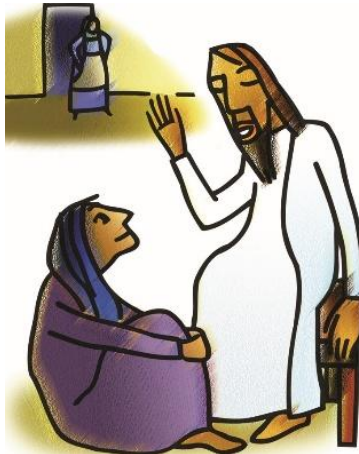




**July 20, 2025**  
***6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost***



*Perhaps the church, at its best, is “all ears.” God urges the faithful, again and again, to “listen up!”—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.*

***Good Morning and Welcome!***

If you are an online worshiper or guest today, please leave a record of your time with us online. Thank you!

**[Online Guest Form](#)**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## *Now the Feast and Celebration*

*\* Please stand as you are able*

**PRELUDE** “Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me ” (Robinson, Thompson, Farren)

Band

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTERLUDE**

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

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

*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.**

We belong to Christ Jesus and we are God’s children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, we are a new creation. **Amen.**

### **\*GATHERING SONG “Lord, Speak to Us That We May Speak”**

ELW 676

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the Soprano part, with the other parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are as follows:

Part	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Soprano	Lord,	lead	us,	Lord,	that	we	may	speak	in	
Alto	Oh,	lead	us,	Lord,	that	we	may	lead	the	
Tenor	Oh,	teach	us,	Lord,	that	we	may	teach	the	
Bass	Oh,	fill	us	with	your	full	-	ness,	Lord,	un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that  
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and

let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.  
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.  
Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

### \*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.**

### \*KYRIE

Leader  
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

**Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have**

For the reign of God, and for  
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your  
Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

peo-ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.  
mer-cy. A-men.

## \*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



*Refrain*  
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



*Refrain*  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



*Refrain*  
God; to make all things new.

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## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Genesis 18:1-10a

<sup>1</sup> The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup> He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup> Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup> And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup> Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup> Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup> They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” <sup>10a</sup> Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 15

<sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?  
<sup>2</sup> **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**  
<sup>3</sup> they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.  
<sup>4</sup> **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**  
<sup>5</sup> They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:15-28

<sup>15</sup> [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup> And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, <sup>23</sup> provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

<sup>24</sup> I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. <sup>25</sup> I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup> the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup> To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup> It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lisa Bartel

## GOSPEL FANFARE

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### \*GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### \*GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

<sup>38</sup> Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** “Yes and Amen” (McClarney, Moore, Brown)

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**Verse 1**

Father of kindness You have poured out grace  
You brought me out of darkness  
You have filled me with peace  
Giver of mercy You're my help in time of need  
Lord I can't help but sing

**Chorus 1**

Faithful You are  
Faithful forever You will be  
Faithful You are  
All Your promises are Yes and Amen  
All Your promises are Yes and Amen

**Verse 2**

Beautiful Savior You have brought me near  
You pulled me from the ashes  
You have broken ev'ry curse  
Blessed Redeemer You have set this  
captive free  
Lord I can't help but sing

**Chorus 2**

Faithful You are  
Faithful forever You will be  
Faithful You are yes You are  
All Your promises are Yes and Amen

**Bridge**

I will rest in Your promises  
My confidence is Your faithfulness  
(REPEAT)

**Ending**

All Your promises are Yes and Amen  
All Your promises are Yes and Amen

**\*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**

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

**\*PEACE**

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



## OFFERING

“Speak O Lord” (Getty, Townend)

Band

\*Presentation of Gifts “As the Grains of Wheat”

ELW 465

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*



may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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## \*OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God,

**gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING AND PREFACE

*Musical Assistant:* *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with

*Musical Assistant:* *Congregation:*

you. Lift up your hearts. We

*Musical Assistant:*

lift them to the Lord. Let us give

*Congregation:*

thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## \*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.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.

## \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

## COMMUNION SONG "Lamb of God"

*Congregation:*



Lamb of God,      you    take   a - way   the   sin   of   the  
\* you   break   the   chains   of   ha - tred   and  
you   are   the   way   of   jus - tice   and  
you   are   the   way   of   mer - cy   and

*Congregation:*



world:  
fear:                    have mer - cy on us,                    mer - cy on us,  
peace:  
love:



mer - cy    on    us.                    Lamb of God,                    you



take a - way the sins of    the world:                    grant    us peace,



grant    us peace,                    grant    us                    peace.

## DISTRIBUTION

### HYMN “God of Wonders” (Byrd, Hindalong)

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#### Verse 1

Lord of all creation  
Of water earth and sky  
The heavens are Your tabernacle  
Glory to the Lord on high

#### Chorus 1

God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy holy  
Lord of heaven and earth  
Lord of heaven and earth

#### Verse 2

Early in the morning  
I will celebrate the light  
When I stumble in the darkness  
I will call Your name by night

#### Bridge

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)  
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)  
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)  
You are holy

#### Chorus 2

God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy holy  
Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me  
Father hold me hold me  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy holy holy holy

#### Chorus 3

God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy holy  
Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me  
Father hold me hold me

#### Ending

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)  
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)  
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)  
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#### \*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE “Praise to You, O God of Mercy”

ELW 208

1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -  
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -  
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -

ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:  
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:

3rd time to Coda  $\oplus$  1 2

thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
 thanks be to you for -

Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -

to stanza 3

mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

$\oplus$  Coda

ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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## \*BLESSING

*Presider:* May God bless and keep us.  
 May God's face shine on us and be gracious.  
 May God look on us with favor and  $\boxtimes$  give us peace.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

— give us peace. A - men.

**Verse**

Blessing and honor glory and power  
Be unto the Ancient of Days  
From ev'ry nation all of creation  
Bow before the Ancient of Days

**Chorus**

Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth  
Shall declare Your glory  
Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne  
In worship  
You will be exalted O God  
And Your kingdom shall not pass away  
O Ancient of Days

**Bridge**

Your kingdom shall reign  
Over all the earth  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days  
For none can compare  
To Your matchless worth  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days

**\*DISMISSAL**

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

## WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Norma Freymuth  
Don & Lizzie Palmer  
Rich  
Lindsey & the Porter Family  
Cindy  
Kenneth

Kevin  
LeighAnn  
Melissa  
Connie Stanger  
Stephen Fesler

**THE FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God by Joanne Weber in memory of her father.

**ALL ARE INVITED** to enjoy coffee and fellowship after service in the Fellowship Hall.

**A NURSERY** staffed by Katrina Strand, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers, and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

**MISSION TRIP Q+A AFTER WORSHIP TODAY.** Meet the mission trip team in the Fellowship Hall as they share photos, stories and take questions of their time in Augusta, GA.

**TEXAS FLOOD EMERGENCY – YOU CAN HELP.** Lutheran World Relief calls on us to respond to the flooding in Texas. Here's how you can help: Give through Messiah and specify 'Texas', give online at [lwr.org/help texas](http://lwr.org/help texas). Mail a check to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Write Texas in the memo.

**END OF SUMMER BRUNCH AND KIT PACKING, SUNDAY, JULY 27.** Gather around for great food and fellowship to celebrate the end of summer after service next week, July 27<sup>th</sup>. No cost, but freewill donations gladly accepted.

**GET READY FOR RALLY DAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 3.** We invite youth from PreK to Grade 12 to get registered for Sunday School. Join us as we Zoom in on God's Love for the coming school year. Rally Day takes place between services and Backpack Blessings during services on August 3.



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**KIT MINISTRY** – Crayons, 24 ct. box    **FOOD PANTRY** – Bars / Crackers

Pastor	Kristine Schroeder
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Organist/Accompanist	Melanie Payne
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Lector	Timothy Pitchko
Ushers	Tom McNamara
Altar Guild	Janet Smith, Joanne Weber
Stream Team	Joe Huwaldt, Lee Seitz
Flower Guild	Mary Burke

## **\*\*CHURCH CALENDAR\*\***

### **Sunday, July 20**

8:30 a.m. - Adult Bible Study

9:30 a.m. – Band Led, Service of Worship Now the Feast with the Lord's Supper

10:30 a.m. – Mission Trip Q&A

### **Tuesday, July 22**

5:30 p.m. – MoMs @ Hops N Guac

6:30 p.m. – Pub Theology

### **Thursday, July 24**

6:30 p.m. – Kit Ministry

### **Sunday, July 27**

8:30 a.m. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

8:30 a.m. - Adult Bible Study

9:30 a.m. – Service of Worship ELW Setting 4 with the Lord's Supper

10:30 a.m. – End of Summer Brunch and Kit Packing

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

August 3 – Rally Day, Two Sunday Worship Services Resume

August 17 – Stephen Ministry Commissions, both services

August 24 – LWR Truck Loading of Quilts and Kits

August 27 – First Communion Instruction

**ATTENDANCE**     July 6 Online: 34

July13: 117