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Sixth Sunday After Pentecost † † July 5, 2026

P - Pastor ♦ C - Congregation ♦ A - Assisting Minister
ELW-Evangelical Lutheran Worship-Red ♦ **WOV**-With One Voice-Blue

PRELUDE *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* arr. Mark Hayes

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

SPECIAL MUSIC *This is My Song* arr. Marty Haugen

Pop-up choir

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, source of hope in every nation,
rest for the weary, glory and peace to the ends of the earth.

C Amen.

P Let us bring every burden to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of all mercy,

C we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your creation.

Within ourselves and our communities, our desire to do what is good is at war with the evil that dwells in us. We lament the evil that holds us captive.

We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us for lives of compassion and courage through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

P All-merciful, Almighty God forgive you all your sins through the grace of +
Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit's power strengthen you in doing what is good.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW# 742 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

GREETING

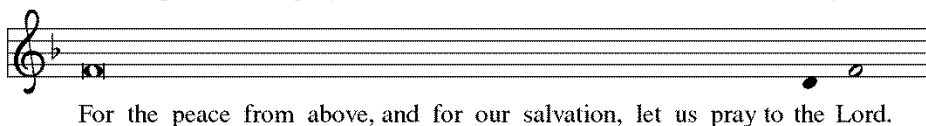
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

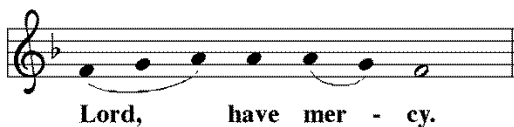
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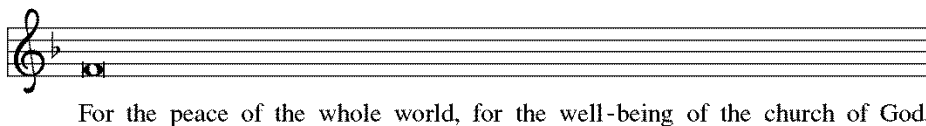
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



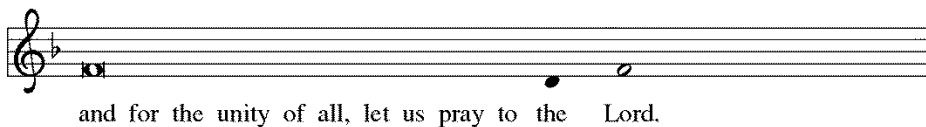
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

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

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

P Lord of all the worlds, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all living in these lands the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:8-14

⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,**

¹² that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

SECOND READING Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please rise in body or spirit)

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

GOSPEL Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶ “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ ¹⁸ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a

glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW # 888 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

(accompanied by Tom Jenny)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

NICENE CREED *(please rise in body or spirit)*

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one

Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS

A Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us pray for the church, the nations, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Gathering God, send your Spirit on the church you have called out from every nation. Knit us together into one body and heal the divisions we have caused. Overcome our timidity to witness and act in the public square when your purpose is being thwarted. Bless rostered and lay leaders with clarity and courage as they center your people in the gospel. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A All your works praise you, O God. From the Arctic to the Caribbean, from the Atlantic to the western islands, these lands and waters have sustained its peoples over many centuries. As we take our part in creation's praise, revive our wonder at what you have fashioned, and enliven our will to ensure its health for future generations. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

A Holy Trinity, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. We come from many nations with many languages; make us a united people that delights in our many different gifts. As the United States of America marks its declaration of independence, give those whom we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, and curb every abuse of that trust, so that both here and abroad, justice, humility, and peace may flourish. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A You are the Mother of exiles, O God. Extend your arms to all who are tired, who live with poverty, the tempest-tossed, all who yearn to breathe free.

Embrace people seeking refuge; those incarcerated, detained, or disappeared; and neighbors fearing those they once trusted. Give healing and hope to people in any oppression and need, especially these we name before you now. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We remember before you those who have died in every generation: Jan Hus, executed for protesting the ecclesial system; Benedict, teacher of a prayerful life; and those who have died ensuring the freedoms of this country: people in the armed services, peace officers, advocates, and activists. Gather us, together with those who have gone before us, and with saints of every tribe and nation, into the holy city you have prepared. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into your mercy, O God, we entrust our restless hearts and all our cares, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *The Gift of Love* arr. Joel Raney

THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING  (please rise in body or spirit)

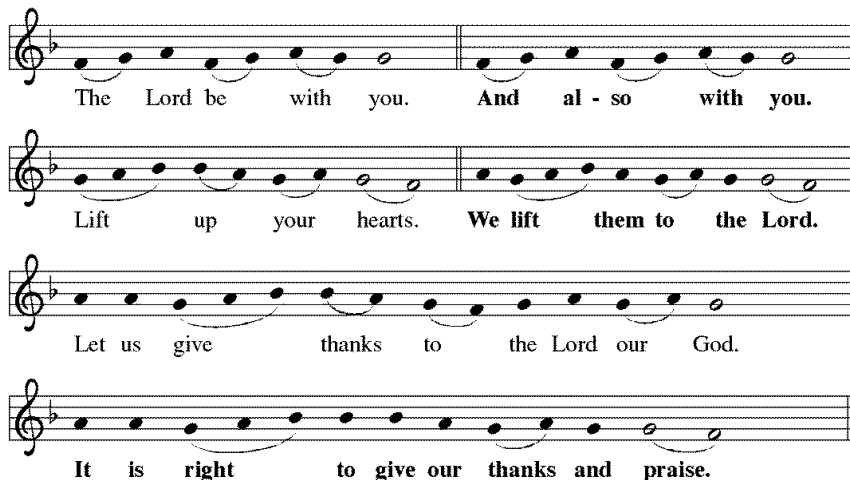
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PEACE

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

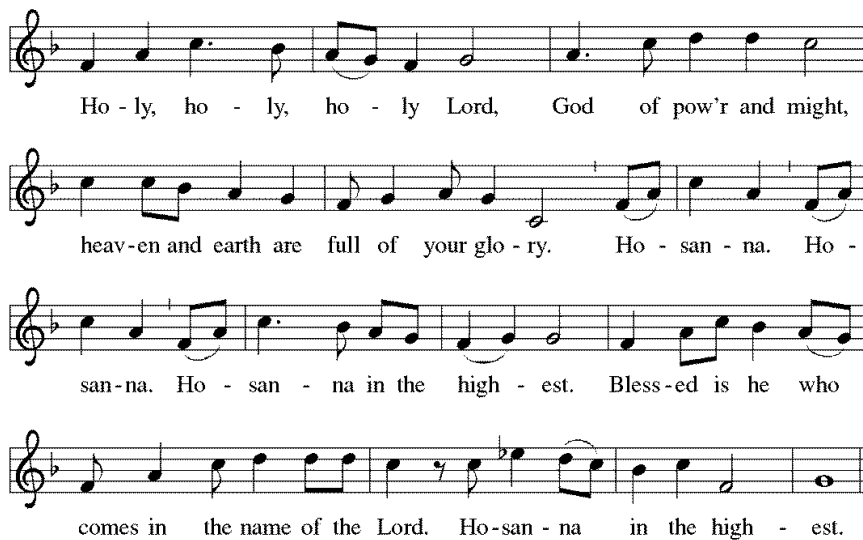
C **And also with you.**

HOLY COMMUNION



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER (please rise in body or spirit)

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

This is God's table. All are welcome here!

COMMUNION HYMN *ELW # 496 One Bread, One Body*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Christians Come, Gather at the Table* by Don Besig and Nancy Price
Pop-up Choir

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C **Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN VOCATION

P People of God, you are chosen and named as God's beloved. You have received the gift of Christian vocation, a holy calling lived out in various dimensions of your life, your relationships and communities, your work and your rest. Daily and richly we live in the promises of holy baptism, sustained by grace to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. I ask you, therefore: Will you endeavor to pattern your life on Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others?

C I will and I ask God to help me.

P Will you strive to pursue the common good in public life, nurturing mutual care among neighbors near and far?

C I will and I ask God to help me.

P Will you pledge to bear witness in word and action, commending what is true and right, renouncing what is unjust and harmful, and working to mend what is flawed?

C I will and I ask God to help me.

P Sovereign God, your Son Jesus lived within the structures of society even as he spoke truth to those in power and challenged systems of oppression. Give to your servants courage, patience, and vision in their commitment to serve in Christ's name. Empower us all in our Christian vocation to be courageous disciples and responsible citizens. Grant that our life in the public realm be grounded in love for our neighbors, care for the most vulnerable, and respect for the common life we share, through Jesus Christ our Savior

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SENDING HYMN ELW #756 *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

POSTLUDE *Fanfare for the Common Man* by Aaron Copland arr. Les Deutsch

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This week please hold in prayer: Mary Lou Zwiebel, Paul & Connie Long, Ed Panning, Lee Weirauch, Bob Lulfs, Ken Lange, Oneta Wiechers, Matt Von Seggern, Jude Gerken, Linda Hill, Scott Vasher, Terry Roehl, Joanne Neu, Natalie Long, Nancy Bressler, Cheryl Huffman, for all those on our hearts and minds, and for peace in our nation and the whole world.

Altar Flowers

The Flowers are given by the Plummer Family in Honor of America's 250th.

Altar Flower Price Increase

Due to rising costs, the altar flowers will now be \$35 each starting July 5th. Please make note of this and increase your payment. If you're unable or unwilling to make this price jump, just let us know and we will update the list. Additionally, remember to bring the container back to Emanuel so it can be reused. On weeks that flowers have not been ordered, we will use a silk arrangement that matches the season. Thank you!

Soaring Arts Gallery Opening

Join us on Thursday July 9th from 5:30-7pm for "Drawings that Come Alive" in the elevator space. It will feature the art of Amanda Etter and Emma Ashby!

Summer Sunday Coffee Hour is in the Bible Study Room off the overflow...look forward to spending some time with your church family and enjoy some breakfast treats as well! There is no Coffee Hour 7/5/26 due to the holiday weekend. July 12 Host will be Brass Ensemble.

Caring Corner for July and August will be collecting school supply items as well as LWR kits. Here are the items we will be collecting: 70 notebooks wide rule or college rule, 30 centimeter rulers, hand pencil sharpeners, blunt safety scissors, #2 pencils with eraser, black or blue point pens, box of crayons (16 or 24), 2 1/2 inch erasers. Thank you all for your continued support of the caring corner.

Old Hymnals We have many of our old green hymnals that we no longer need. You are welcome to take as many as you like for free. They will be located at the front and the back entrances of the church. Any questions please see Peggy Snyder.

Summer Office Hours

As we shift into summer patterns, Emanuel's office hours will be MWF 12:30pm-5:00pm and TTh 7:30pm-2:30pm. Sally will be here hours beyond official office hours, but those times shift day to day. Pastor and Vanessa are around, too, at times beyond office hours. It's easiest to schedule with Pastor and Vanessa via email or text to make sure they are available. Stop by and say hi!

Summer Office Hours Are Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:30-5:30 and Tuesday and Thursday 7:30am-2:30 pm.

Church Attendance 6/25/26 **26**, 6/28/26 **64**, online **59**.

*The number used is the Viewers number at the beginning of the week. This reflects anyone who has watched it up until then.



This Week

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| Wednesday | 7/8/26 | 11am 1-2:30 | ALZ Support Group Open Office Hours |
| Thursday | 7/9/26 | 9:30am 12:30pm 5:30-7 7:00 pm | Bible Study Staff Meeting Soaring Arts Gallery Opening Worship |
| Sunday | 7/12/26 | 9am | Worship |



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