

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 20, 2025, 8:30 AM

### FOR THOSE DESIRING HOLY COMMUNION

*God's Word teaches the real presence of Christ's body and blood invisibly in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. It is important that every partaker must be a baptized Christian and come with repentant faith. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true presence and its promise and seal of forgiveness. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27-29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession (beliefs) differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination) and yet desire to receive the sacrament, should first speak with the pastor before communing. As a courtesy, guests from sister congregations of the LCMS or from congregations of the American Association of Lutheran Churches (AALC) are also asked to introduce themselves to the pastor before communing.*

### AS WE GATHER



We try to exercise our freedom and planning, but God's way is always better. It was better for Abraham and Sarah in the Old Testament Reading and gets Mary's attention in the Gospel. It was still taking some time for the new believers of Colossae to fathom that God had done so much for them in Christ. And when their friends found the treasure of the Gospel, they, too, must have laughed that God had such gracious plans for them, plans that are always better than they imagined.

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "Reckless Love"

*(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus)*

**Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me  
You have been so, so good to me  
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me  
You have been so, so kind to me**

### Chorus

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God  
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine  
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still You give Yourself away  
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me  
You have been so, so good to me  
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me  
You have been so, so kind to me (Chorus)

### Bridge

There's no shadow You won't light up  
Mountain You won't climb up  
Coming after me  
There's no wall You won't kick down  
Lie You won't tear down  
Coming after me (repeat twice, then Chorus)

## WELCOME

## INVOCATION

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

## OPENING SENTENCES

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,  
**Christ has now reconciled in His body of flesh by His death,**

in order to present you holy and blameless  
**and above reproach before Him.**

Wait for the LORD; be strong,  
**and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE “The Way”

*(Verse, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Last Chorus)*

**All creation cries out with longing  
With groans only You can comprehend  
And with wisdom, You always answer  
And give the words of life, so unfailing**

**And Your glory shines all around us  
Your faithfulness shown for all to see  
When we think of all of Your wonders  
The beauty of Your plan that's been revealed  
When we walk in Your light, when we walk in it**

**Chorus:**

**Shine, bright  
Let Your glory fill this land  
Lift high, the King of Kings and great I am  
Jesus, You are the way, You are the way**

We can see the works of Your loving hands  
With the hope and peace not made by man  
When You poured out Your grace and Your mercy  
And You held out Your arms so we could see  
You bled for all mankind and set the captives free Chorus

**Bridge:**

Na na na na na, Jesus  
Na na na na na, You are the way  
Na na na na na, Jesus  
Na na na na na Chorus

**Last Chorus:**

Shine, bright  
Let Your glory fill this land  
Lift high, the King of Kings and great I am  
Shine, bright  
Let Your glory fill this land  
Lift high, the King of Kings and great I am  
Jesus, You are the way, You are the way.  
Jesus, You are the way, You are the way, You are the way.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing  
needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will;  
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Genesis 18:1–14**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the  
door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He lifted up his eyes and looked, and  
behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran  
from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup>and said,  
“O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, 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>while I bring a morsel of 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 went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup>And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <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 Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” <sup>10</sup>The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Colossians 1:21–29**

<sup>21</sup>You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup>if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

<sup>24</sup>Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, <sup>25</sup>of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now 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>Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all

wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup>For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Luke 10:38–42**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup>but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

#### **CHILDREN'S SONG "Lord Be Glorified"**

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,  
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In my song...

In Your church...

#### **OBJECT LESSON**

#### **SONG "Full Attention"**

*(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Ending)*

May Your voice be louder  
And may Your voice be clearer  
Than all the others, than all the others  
And may Your face be dearer  
And may Your words be sweeter  
Than all the others  
Than all the others in my life

**Chorus:**

**Please keep my eyes fixed on You  
Please root my heart so deep in You  
Keep me abiding keep me abiding  
Keep me abiding that I  
Oh, that I may bear fruit**

**And may Your presence be truer  
And may Your presence be nearer  
Than all the others, than all the others  
And may Your light shine brighter  
And may Your love move deeper  
Than all the others  
Than all the others in my life Chorus:**

**Ending Chorus:**

**Please keep my eyes fixed on You  
Please root my heart so deep in You  
Keep me asking keep me kneeling  
Keep me abiding that I  
Oh, that I may bear fruit**

**MESSAGE “Our Work Among You” (Colossians 1:21-29)**

**OFFERING**

*(Please fill out the fellowship pad beside you in the pew)*

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

We welcome each of these new communicant members. Please join us between services for a reception in their honor.

Barbara Abke	Confirmation
Joseph Borelli	Affirmation
Cheryl Browning	Transfer
Judy Dunton	Reinstatement of Membership
Ashley Gaudett	Confirmation
Jack Lester	Confirmation
Kallie Wegner	Confirmation



## **PRAYERS**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

*(Visitors, please read the statement at the beginning of this service folder)*

### **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

### **PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

### **LAMB OF GOD AGNUS DEI**

**O Christ Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world.**

**Have mercy on us, have mercy on us**

**O Christ Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world.**

**Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.**

### **RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **SONG "We Will Run"**

*(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Chorus, Ending)*

**Create in me a clean heart**

**For I have turned my face from You**

**Save us from our ways O God, O God**

**For we have turned away from You**

**Lord have mercy**

Chorus

**We will run to you, we will run to you**

**Turning from our sin we return to You**

**Father heal your world, make all things new**

**Make all things new**

**Your love and mercy build us, shape us  
Break us and recreate us now  
Lord have mercy Chorus 2X**

**Ending  
Oh, bring us back to you (repeated)**

### **SONG "Enough"**

*(Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus)*

#### **Chorus:**

**All of You is more than enough for all of me  
For every thirst and every need  
You satisfy me with Your love  
And all I have in You is more than enough**

**You are my supply my breath of life  
And still more awesome than I know  
You are my reward worth living for  
And still more awesome than I know  
Chorus:**

**You're my sacrifice of greatest price  
And still more awesome than I know  
You're my coming King You are everything  
And still more awesome than I know  
Chorus:**

#### **Bridge:**

**More than all I want more than all I need  
You are more than enough for me  
More than all I know more than all I can say  
You are more than enough (repeat) Chorus:**

### **PRAYER OF THANKS**

**Amen**

## BLESSING

### SONG "To the Only God"

*(repeat once, then ending)*

**To the Only God  
Who is able to keep us  
Able to keep us from falling  
To the Only God  
Be all glory and honor  
Majesty and power  
For all ages now and forevermore.**

**Ending:  
Forevermore. Be all glory, and honor,  
majesty and power.  
For all ages now, and forevermore.  
Forevermore**

## LEAVING

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