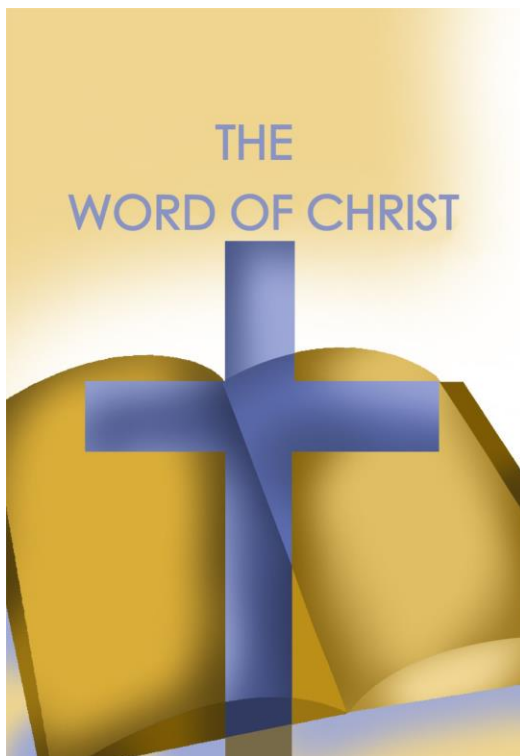


**6th SUNDAY after PENTECOST**  
**The Word of Christ Is the One Thing**  
**Needed**  
**July 20, 2025**  
**8:00 am**



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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **AS WE GATHER**

This week it's all about listening ... to God's word ... and to living it out in compassion, integrity and mercy ... which requires listening to others. This can be harder than it sounds with all the noise that bombards us each day. That's why the discipline of worship is so important. It gives us the time and the space to learn the practice of listening well. As we listen to God's message and implement God's saving reconciling word through simple acts of mercy, compassion and a commitment to truth and integrity, that we find ourselves living out the reality of God's reign in our lives and our world. May your listening abilities be enhanced by your worship this week.

### **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **OPENING HYMN: LSB 475**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;  
Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;  
Let all the world rejoice and say:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Praise we in songs of victory  
That love, that life which cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
And sing today with one accord  
The life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## **INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Friends in Christ: 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.

Pastor: Let us confess together:

**People: 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.**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**INTROIT:** Psalm 27; Antiphon verse 4

Pastor: The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

**People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?**

Pastor: When the wicked advance against me to devour me,

**People: it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.**

Pastor: Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;

**People: though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.**

Pastor: One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek:

**People: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.**

Pastor: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;

**People: he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.**

Pastor: Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;

**People: at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

Pastor: Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me.

**People: My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, Lord, I will seek.**

Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger;

**People: you have been my helper.**

Pastor: Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.

**People: Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.**

Pastor: Teach me your way, Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

**People: Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations.**

Pastor: I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

**People: Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.**

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

**People: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek:

**People: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.**

## **KYRIE**

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People (sing): Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People (sing): Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: 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.

**People (sing): Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**People (sing): Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People (sing): Amen.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE:** This Is the Feast

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray together.

**All: O God, the inexhaustible fount of life, You accepted the offering of Your Son, sacrificed for the salvation of the world. Consecrate us in that unity which is Your Spirit's gift, that we may abide always in Your love and become witnesses of the resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **TIME IN THE WORD**

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**The First Reading:** Genesis 18:1-14

The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground. He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant." "Very well," they answered, "do as you say." So, Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread." Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree. "Where is your wife, Sarah?" they asked him. "There, in the tent," he said. Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son." Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. So, Sarah laughed to herself as she thought,

“After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?” Then the Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Second Reading:** Colossians 1:21-29

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant. Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.



## **RESPONSE**

**People (Sing): Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**The Holy Gospel:** Luke 10:38-42

**People (sing): Glory to You, O Lord.**

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

**Reader:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People (sing): Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN:** LSB 535 How Wide the Love of Christ

- 1    How wide the love of Christ!  
      It knows not class or race  
      But holds our one humanity  
      Within its broad embrace.
- 2    How long the love of Christ!  
      Its patience will not cease  
      Until this broken world is bound  
      In everlasting peace.

- 3    How high the love of Christ!  
      Beyond all thought it soars,  
      And yet upon our passing lives  
      Unmeasured mercy pours.
- 4    How deep the love of Christ,  
      Descending to a cross!  
      He bears within His wounded hands  
      All human pain and loss.
- 5    All praise to You, O Christ,  
      For love whose depth and height,  
      Whose length and breadth fill time and space  
      With endless life and light!

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## **THE SERMON**

## **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 on 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.**

## **OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **OFFERING HYMN:** LSB 547 The Lamb (verses 1-3)

- 1    The Lamb, the Lamb,  
      O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
      Faith sees, believes  
      God will provide the Lamb of price! Refrain
  
- ref   Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
      The Lamb is reigning on His throne!
  
- 2    The Lamb, the Lamb,  
      One perfect final offering.  
      The Lamb, the Lamb,  
      Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. Refrain
  
- 3    The Lamb, the Lamb,  
      As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
      So still, His will  
      On our behalf the Law to fill. Refrain

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## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

### **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary.....evermore praising you and singing:

**People (sing): Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: 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.**

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

#### **PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

### **AGNUS DEI**

**People (sing): Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## **COMMUNION**

### **COMMUNION HYMN:** LSB 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

- 1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish:  
O Lord, have mercy!  
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead  
In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!
- 2 Thy holy body into death was given,  
Life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;  
May this feast thereof remind us!  
O Lord, have mercy!  
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
All our debt Thou hast paid;  
Peace with God once more is made:  
O Lord, have mercy!
- 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
That we follow Christ our Savior  
And live together here in love and union  
Nor despise this blest Communion!  
O Lord, have mercy!  
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;  
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
Days of peace and unity:  
O Lord, have mercy!

## **COMMUNION HYMN:** LSB 702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

- 1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine. Now hear me while I pray;  
Take all my guilt away; O let me from this day  
Be wholly Thine!
- 2 May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart;  
My zeal inspire! As Thou hast died for me,  
Oh, may my love to Thee Pure, warm, and changeless be,  
A living fire!
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread  
And griefs around me spread, Be Thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.
- 4 When ends life's transient dream,  
When death's cold, sullen stream Shall o'er me roll,  
Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!

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## **COMMUNION HYMN:** LSB 565

Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

- 1 Thy works, not mine, O Christ,  
Speak gladness to this heart;  
They tell me all is done,  
They bid my fear depart.  
To whom save Thee, Who canst alone  
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?
- 2 Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ,  
Can heal my bruised soul;  
Thy stripes, not mine, contain  
The balm that makes me whole.  
To whom save Thee, Who canst alone  
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

- 3 Thy cross, not mine, O Christ,  
Has borne the crushing load  
Of sins that none could bear  
But the incarnate God.  
To whom save Thee, Who canst alone  
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?
- 4 Thy death, not mine, O Christ,  
Has paid the ransom due;  
Ten thousand deaths like mine  
Would have been all too few.  
To whom save Thee, Who canst alone  
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?
- 5 Thy righteousness, O Christ,  
Alone can cover me;  
No righteousness avails  
Save that which is of Thee.  
To whom save Thee, Who canst alone  
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

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## **DISMISSAL and PRAYER**

## **BENEDICTION**

## **CLOSING HYMN**: LSB 664 Fight the Good Fight

- 1 Fight the good fight with all your might;  
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Your joy and crown eternally.
- 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;  
Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.  
Life with its way before us lies;  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide;  
His boundless mercy will provide.  
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove  
Christ is your life and Christ your love.

4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;  
He changes not who holds you dear;  
Only believe, and you will see  
That Christ is all eternally.

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### **SEND OFF**

Pastor: At Zion Lutheran we are committed to reaching out,  
strengthening the saved,

**All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!**