



**July 5, 2026**

6th Sunday after Pentecost

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

(Congregation greets one another in the name of the Lord.)

### GATHERING HYMN

*My Country 'Tis of Thee p. 566 (G)*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS LBW 77

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

L: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[Moment for reflection]

L: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. 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.**

L: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us, and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

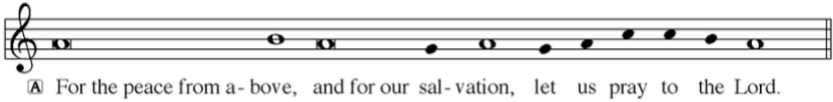
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

# KYRIE LBW 78-79 (music cue on each slide)



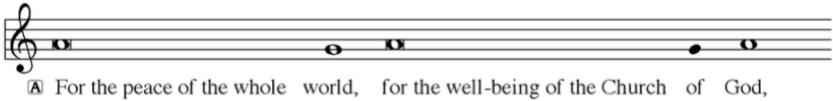
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord.    ⓐ Lord,    have mer - cy.



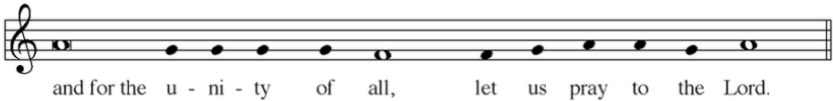
Ⓐ For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



ⓐ Lord,    have mer - cy.



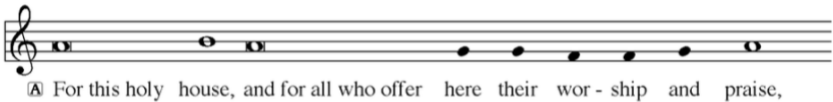
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



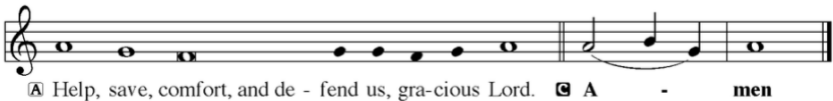
ⓐ Lord,    have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



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



Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord.    ⓐ A - men

# HYMN OF PRAISE LBW 81

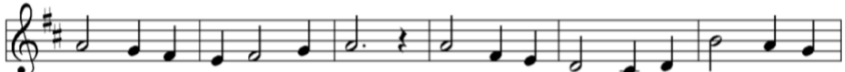
## *This Is the Feast (TIMELINE)*



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



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



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



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



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



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

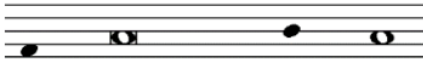


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

## GREETING (ACAPPELLA)



The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**ALL: O God, you never undermine your purpose, as you perfectly provide for all that you create. Remove from our way all that is harmful and give us what will profit that we may share in your invincible grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

### **Zechariah 9:9-12**

L: The First Lesson is from the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter of Zechariah.

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.  
L: Here ends the reading.

### **PSALM 145:1-15**

L: We will read the Psalm responsively.

1 I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

**2 Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.**

3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;  
his greatness is unsearchable.

**4 One generation shall extol your works to  
another  
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

5 They will recount the glorious splendor of your  
majesty,  
and on your wondrous works I will meditate.

**6 They will proclaim the might of your  
awesome deeds,  
and I will declare your greatness.**

7 They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant  
goodness  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**8 The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast  
love.**

9 The Lord is good to all,  
and his compassion is over all that he has made.

**10 All your works shall give thanks to you,  
O Lord,  
and all your faithful shall bless you.**

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

**12 to make known to all people your mighty  
deeds  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all  
generations.

The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and gracious in all his deeds.

**14 The Lord upholds all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

15 The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

### **Romans 7:14-25a**

L: The Second Lesson is from the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter of  
Romans.

14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of  
the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. 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? 25 Thanks be to  
God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

L: Here ends the reading.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION LBW 83 (ACAPPELLA)

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

### Matthew 11:25-30

L: The gospel reading according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

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."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.



## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

*"Rest for Your Soul"*

### **HYMN AFTER SERMON**

*America The Beautiful (VIDEO)*

### **NICENE CREED LBW 84**

**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 worshipped  
and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian 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 OF THE CHURCH LBW 85**

L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ  
Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

L: Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for  
whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

## **RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS**

### **OFFERTORY**

*Offering (VIDEO)*

### **OFFERING PRAYER LBW 87**

**C: Gracious God, we are grateful that you  
welcome all who seek your love. Let these gifts  
be joined with our prayers, our presence, and  
our service, that we may live as faithful  
disciples. Use all that we offer to bring hope  
and healing to your people. Amen.**

## DIALOGUE LBW 88 (ACAPPELLA)

Ⓐ 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 him thanks and praise.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with the first staff having two parts (A and B), the second staff having two parts (A and B), and the third and fourth staves each having one part (A and B respectively).

## PREFACE LBW 88

L: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ⓐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (D major). The lyrics are written below the notes, with the first staff having one part (A), the second staff having one part (A), and the third and fourth staves each having one part (A).

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

L: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **LORD'S PRAYER LBW 91**

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

(The wine is red, and the grape juice is white)

## **COMMUNION**

### **SONGS DURING COMMUNION**

*10,000 Reasons (VIDEO)*

*Here I Am Lord (VIDEO)*

*What a Beautiful Name (TIMELINE)*

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE LBW 92 (ACAPELLA)



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## COMMUNION PRAYER LBW 94

L: We give you thanks, almighty God that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

## BENEDICTION LBW 95

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

## CLOSING SONG

*God Bless America (VIDEO)*

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**

*God Bless America (VIDEO)(Quietly)*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

July 7 - @ 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast

@ 10:30 AM Devotions Sunporch and SCHR

@ 6:30 PM - Pastor Ann's Bible Study - Book of Romans

July 8 - @ 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study

@ 9:00-12:00 Pastor Ann's Office Hours

July 9 - @ 1:30 PM - Bible Study at Sunporch

FUTURE EVENTS: Help us Celebrate!

July 15 - Youth Cookout - Hotdogs and S'mores 5:30 PM

July 17-18 - Heartland LCMC District Gathering

July 19 - Fair Service - 11:00 AM - SCMA sponsored.

July 23-25 - Love Packages Road Trip! Let's Go on Mission! Youth and Adults Welcome

New Bible Study with Pastor Ann!

The book of Romans is considered by many to be one of the most important books ever written on the Christian faith. Writing to Christians, the apostle Paul defines the gospel, explores its depths, and discusses its significance and implications for the Christian life. Come join us!

Update: Watermelons continue to make good progress! (No deer prints sighted!)

Scriptures for 7th Sunday after Pentecost - July 12th

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-14

2nd Reading: Romans 8:12-17

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon Title: "Sowers, Seeds, and Soils"

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