



Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

The Time After Pentecost

July 5, 2026

9:30 a.m.

Psalm 45

Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear;
forget your people and your father's house,

¹¹ and the king will desire your beauty.

Since he is your lord, bow to him;

¹² Daughter Tyre will seek your favor with gifts, the richest of the people

**¹³ with all kinds of wealth. The princess is decked in her chamber
with gold-woven robes;**

¹⁴ in many-colored robes she is led to the king;
behind her the virgins, her companions, follow.

**¹⁵ With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace of the king.**

¹⁶ In the place of ancestors you, O king, shall have sons;
you will make them princes in all the earth.

**¹⁷ I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations;
therefore the peoples will praise you forever and ever.**

Gathering Song

“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”



1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of lib - er - ty,
2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the no - ble free,
3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees
4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of lib - er - ty,



of thee I sing: land where my fa - thers died, land of the
thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and
sweet free - dom's song; let mor - tal tongues a - wake; let all that
to thee we sing: long may our land be bright with free - dom's



pil - grims' pride, from ev - 'ry moun - tain - side let free - dom ring.
tem - pled hills; my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.
breathe par - take; let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.
ho - ly light. Pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our king.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

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.

Hymn of Praise

Leader



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!

All



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!

Leader



To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!

All



To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!

Leader



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Leader



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Leader



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2, 3



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!

Prayer of the Day

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.

Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

[Laban received a visitor who said,] ³⁴ “I am Abraham’s servant. ³⁵ The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. ³⁶ And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old, and he has given him all that he has. ³⁷ My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites in whose land I live, ³⁸ but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’ ⁴² “I came today to the spring and said, ‘O LORD, God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! ⁴³ I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” ⁴⁴ and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also”—let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master’s son.’ ⁴⁵ “Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder, and she went down to the spring and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ ⁴⁶ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. ⁴⁷ Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms. ⁴⁸ Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. ⁴⁹ Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.” ⁵⁸ And they called Rebekah and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” ⁵⁹ So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. ⁶⁰ And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” ⁶¹ Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man, and the servant took Rebekah and went his way. ⁶² Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi and was settled in the Negeb. ⁶³ Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field, and, looking up, he saw camels coming. ⁶⁴ And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel ⁶⁵ and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. ⁶⁶ And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. ⁶⁷ Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

Alleluia Verse



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

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

The image shows a musical score for the Alleluia Verse. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system has lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The second system has lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for children's use.

Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11th chapter.

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’; ¹⁹the 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.” ²⁰Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent. ²¹“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²²But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ²³And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. “For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.” ²⁵At 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song: “Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty”



- 1 “Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
- 2 “Come to me, all trav-’lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
- 3 “Come to me, be - liev-ers bur - dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.
- 4 “Come to me, re - pen-tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.



If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live.”
 Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest.”
 Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face.”
 Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name.”

Refrain



Je - sus, ev - er - flow-ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5 “Come to me, distressed and needy;
 I would be your trusted friend.
 Come and seek the gift I offer,
 come, your open hands extend.” <i>Refrain</i> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6 “Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
 lonely ways no longer roam.
 Come and take the gift I offer,
 let me make in you my home.” <i>Refrain</i> |
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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

**On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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 the People

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

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Offering Prayer

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

**Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all
creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

MEAL

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Lord be with you

And also 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.

Blessing at the Table

Lord's Prayer

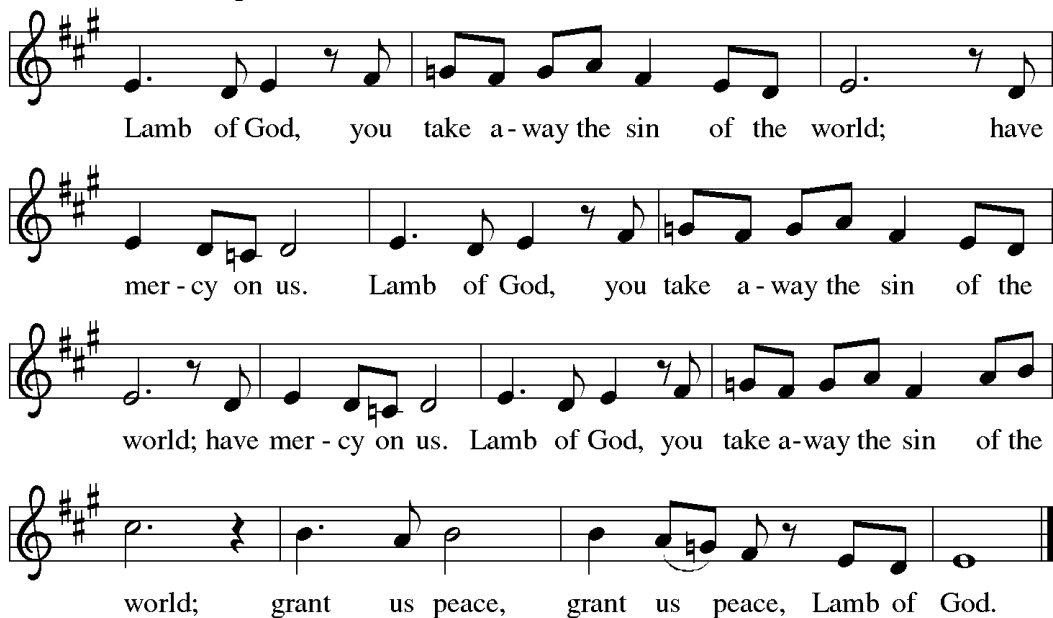
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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**

Distribution of Holy Communion



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymn: "This is My Song"



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

SENDING

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen

Prayer after Communion

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. Amen.

Blessing

Sending Song: "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"



- 1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
- 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
- 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun-tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit-ed plain:
who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

Dismissal

As people of the Good Shepherd ...

We are a Christian community rooted in grace, connected through inclusive worship and fellowship.

Together

We embrace and value all people and serve our broader community with compassion.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

July Missions of the Month – Bethesda House & Booth House

Bethesda House - cares for the chronically homeless, disabled adults in Schenectady. They provide housing, food and social services.

Booth House - Homeless Shelter in Schenectady for women and children. They provide a bed, 3 meals and snack, laundry and telephone.

Blessing Box Needs

canned soup/meat, pasta, cereal, canned fruit, laundry detergent, baby supplies/infant cereal, boxed milk, tea/coffee, pancake mix/syrup, microwave meals, shampoo/conditioner, paper towels, toothbrush/paste, hand/dish soap, deodorant

God's Work – Our Hands Work Project

Monday, August 10th at Double H Ranch

Cabin clean- up and prep for incoming campers.

Cabin cleanup and prep will begin between 8:30 and 9:00 AM, and will be completed before 12 noon. After which, we will all be given a complimentary tour of the camp for physically challenged children and young adults.

Sign-up in the foyer.

*Today's altar flowers were given by:
Andy Tomka in loving memory of Peg Tomka.*



BROS, BIBLES & BEER

Monday, July 6th | 7 - 8 PM

Guys are invited to this casual bible discussion in the beautiful Good Shepherd outdoor Chapel area. Bring a lawn chair and favorite beverage.

Contemplative Prayer

Saturday, July 25th
10am - at the church

Everyone is welcome.
Give it a try for personal meditation and for searching for a deeper, more personal relationship with our God.

GOOD SHEPHERD HIKING

Sunday, July 26th at 1PM

Levine Preserve - Centerline Road in the town of Providence. We'll meet at the trailhead at 1PM & will hike most of the trails in the preserve for a distance of 2.5 miles. If you would like to join please text/call 518-380-3303. We'll send more detailed directions including the possibility of carpooling closer to the date of the hike.

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