



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES
Babbtown (Meta 8 am)
Schubert (Jefferson City 10 am)

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The 6th Sunday After Pentecost
July 20, 2025

Order of Worship: Printed below
 (with P for Pastor, C for Congregation)
 or

found on page 15 in The Lutheran Hymnal *TLH*



The Ringing Of The Bell

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn: TLH #5 "Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear" *(Please stand for last verse)*

**Lord, open Thou my heart to hear And through Thy Word to me draw near;
 Let me Thy Word e'er pure retain Let me Thy child and heir remain.**

**Thy Word doth deeply move the heart, Thy Word doth perfect health impart,
 Thy Word my soul with joy doth bless, Thy Word brings peace and happiness.**

**△ To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One,
 Shall glory, praise, and honor be Now and throughout eternity. Amen.**

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Invocation: p. 15 *[Responses Sung]*

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

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father,
 beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Confession of Sins p. 16

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution p. 16

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: [Sung] Amen.

Introit

Gloria Patri: p.16 [Sung]

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Kyrie: p.17 [Sung]

C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Gloria in Excelsis: p. 17-19 [Sung]

C: Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Salutation and Collect: p.19

P: The Lord be with you.

C: [Sung] And with thy spirit!

(Prayed together): 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.

Response: [Sung] Amen.

Old Testament Reading*Genesis 18:1-14*

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. 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 and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, 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." And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. 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. They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." 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. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' 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."

Epistle Reading*Colossians 1:21-29*

You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 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, 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. 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, 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, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. 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. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

The Gradual *(The congregation responds with "Halleluiahs!")*

P: How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,
who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.

Their voice has gone out to all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the world.

C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

As the Gospel reading is announced, the congregation sings...

C: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD!

The Holy Gospel*Luke 10:38-42*

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. 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." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

The Gospel ended, the congregation sings...

C: PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST!

The Nicene Creed p. 22

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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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.

Sermon Hymn: TLH #370 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

**My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, His covenant, and blood Support me in the whelming flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my Hope and Stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand. Amen.**

The Sermon – Text: Luke 10:38-42

(The Offerings are brought forward. Offering plates are at the entrances.)

Offertory p. 22 [Sung]

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayers

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

[We invite those who are communicant members of sister Lutheran Congregations, in the fellowship of LC-MS, and are repentant, to commune with us.]

The Preface: p. 24 [Responses Sung]

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: **It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God ... therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

The Sanctus: p. 26 [Sung]

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He,

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer: p. 27

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;

[Sung] **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Institution:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Pax Domini: p. 27

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

C: *[Sung]* **A - - - - men.**

The Agnus Dei: p. 28 [Sung]

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Grant us Thy peace.

A - - - - men.

The Distribution

Distribution Hymns: TLH #523 "Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me"

Why should cross and trial grieve me? Christ is near With His cheer;
Never will He leave me. Who can rob me of the heaven
That God's Son For my own To my faith hath given?

Though a heavy cross I'm bearing And my heart Feels the smart,
Shall I be despairing? God, my Helper, who doth send it,
Well doth know All my woe And how best to end it.

God oft gives me days of gladness; Shall I grieve If He give
Seasons, too, of sadness? God is good and tempers ever
All my ill, And He will Wholly leave me never.

Hopeful, cheerful, and undaunted Everywhere They appear
Who in Christ are planted. Death itself cannot appal them,
They rejoice When the voice Of their Lord doth call them.

Death cannot destroy forever; From our fears, Cares, and tears
It will us deliver. It will close life's mournful story,
Make a way That we may Enter heavenly glory.

What is all this life possesses? But a hand Full of sand
That the heart distresses. Noble gifts that pall me never
Christ, our Lord, Will accord To His saints forever.

Lord, my Shepherd, take me to Thee. Thou art mine; I was Thine,
Even e'er I knew Thee. I am Thine, for Thou hast bought me;
Lost I stood, But Thy blood Free salvation brought me.

Thou art mine; I love and own Thee. Light of Joy, Ne'er shall I
From my heart dethrone Thee. Savior, let me soon behold Thee
Face to face,— May Thy grace Evermore enfold me! Amen.

TLH #239 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

Come, Thou almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing, Help us to praise.
Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword, Our prayer attend.
Come and Thy people bless And give Thy Word success,
Stablish Thy righteousness, Savior and Friend!

Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour.
Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in ev'ry heart
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of Pow'r!

△ To the great One in Three Eternal praises be Hence ever-more!
His sov'reign majesty May we in glory see
And to eternity Love and adore! Amen.

The Nunc Dimittus: p. 29 [Sung]

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation:
which Thou hast prepared before the Face of all people,
a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Thanksgiving: p. 30

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: [Sung] **And His mercy endureth forever.**

The Thanksgiving Prayer: pp, 30-31

P: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith towards You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

C: [Sung] **A- - - - men.**

The Benedicamus: p. 31

P: The Lord be with you.

C: [Sung] **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: [Sung] **Thanks be to God.**

The Benediction: p. 31

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: [Sung] **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Closing Hymn: TLH #36 "Now Thank We All Our God" (Please stand for last verse)

**Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.**

**Oh, may this bounteous God Thro' all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!**

△ **All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven:
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Have A Blessed Week!

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Hymn # 5: Scripture: Ps. 119:140; Herr, öffne mir die Herzenstür; Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear; Johannes Olearius, 1671; Tr. Matthias Loy, 1880; Tune: Erhalt uns, Herr, "Geistliche Lieder", Wittenberg, 1543

Hymn #370: Scripture: 1 Timothy 1:1; My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less; Author: Edward Mote (c. 1834, cento); Tune: Magdalen; Composer: John Stainer (1873, arr.).

Hymn #523: Scripture: Psalm 73:23; Warum sollt' ich mich denn grämen; Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me?; Author: Paul Gerhardt; Translation composite, based on John Kelly (1867); Tune: Warum sollt' ich mich denn grämen; Composer: Johann G. Ebeling, 1666.

Hymn #239: Text: Revelation 4:8; Author Unknown, c. 1858. ab.; Italian Hymn; Composer: Felice de Giardini, 1769.

Hymn # 36: Scripture: Ecclesiastes 50:22-24: Nun danket alle Gott; Now Thank We All Our God; Author: Martin Rinckart, (1636); Translator: Catherine Winkworth, (1858); Tune: Nun danket alle Gott; Composer: Johann Cruger, (1648).

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