

Sunday, July 5, 2026

9:30 AM

6th Sunday in Pentecost

Gathered to Worship!



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use the link below:
- no livestream this week -**

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GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

The assembly stands.



GATHERING SONG

Morning Has Broken

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1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
 born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.



CANTICLE OF PRAISE: THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



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

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

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.**

You may be seated.

WORD

First Reading - Luke 1:68-72

⁶⁸ “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people,
⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,
⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies,
and from the hand of all who hate us;
⁷² to perform the mercy promised to our fathers,
and to remember his holy covenant.

The Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

NARRATIVE PREACHING TEXT**Esther 7:1-10, 9:1-2, 20-22, 29-32**

The good news according to Esther.

Glory to you, O Lord.

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. ² And on the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” ³ Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request. ⁴ For we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; for our affliction is not to be compared with the loss to the king.” ⁵ Then King Ahasu-e’rus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, that would presume to do this?” ⁶ And Esther said, “A foe and enemy! This wicked Haman!” Then Haman was in terror before the king and the queen. ⁷ And the king rose from the feast in wrath and went into the palace garden; but Haman stayed to beg his life from Queen Esther, for he saw that evil was determined against him by the king. ⁸ And the king returned from the palace garden to the place where they were drinking wine, as Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was; and the king said, “Will he even assault the queen in my presence, in my own house?” As the words left the mouth of the king, they covered Haman’s face. ⁹ Then said Harbo’na, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, “Moreover, the gallows which Haman has prepared for Mor’decai, whose word saved the king, is standing in Haman’s house, fifty cubits high.” ¹⁰ And the king said, “Hang him on that.” So they hanged Haman on the gallows which he had prepared for Mor’decai. Then the anger of the king abated.

⁹ Now in the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king’s command and edict were about to be executed, on the very day when the enemies of the Jews hoped to get the mastery over them, but which had been changed to a day when the Jews should get the mastery over their foes, ² the Jews gathered in their cities throughout all the provinces of King Ahasu-e’rus to lay hands on such as sought their hurt. And no one could make a stand against them, for the fear of them had fallen upon all peoples.

²⁰ And Mor’decai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasu-e’rus, both near and far, ²¹ enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same, year by year, ²² as the days on which the Jews got relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending choice portions to one another and gifts to the poor.

²⁹ Then Queen Esther, the daughter of Ab’ihail, and Mor’decai the Jew gave full written authority, confirming this second letter about Purim. ³⁰ Letters were sent to all the Jews, to the hundred and twenty-seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasu-e’rus, in words of peace and truth, ³¹ that these days of Purim should be observed at their appointed seasons, as Mor’decai the Jew and Queen Esther enjoined upon the Jews, and as they had laid down for themselves and for their descendants, with regard to their fasts and their lamenting. ³² The command of Queen Esther fixed these practices of Purim, and it was recorded in writing.

The Word of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Luis Ochoa

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ, Be Our Light

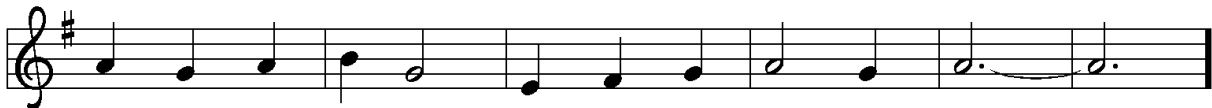
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1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



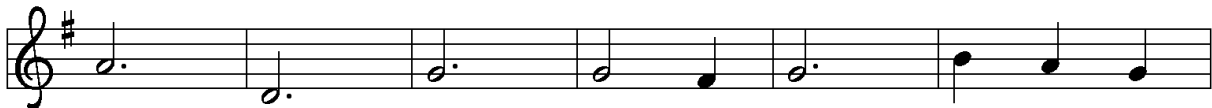
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

Gathering God, send your Spirit on the church.....

God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your mercy, O God, we entrust our restless hearts and all our cares, through Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

A: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

A: Let us share a sign of God's peace.



ANTHEM

"Jesus, Hold My Hand"

Duet

OFFERING

THE DOXOLOGY

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Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
 crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
 heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you:

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts:

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Give thanks to the Lord our God:

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
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 all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: 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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

P: The Gifts of God for the people of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

LAMB OF GOD

The assembly sits. We receive communion by kneeling at the altar; after receiving communion you may return to your seat.

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.

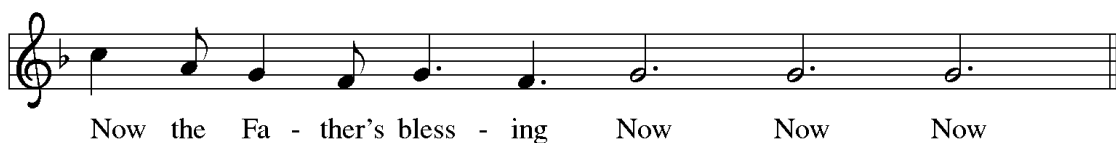
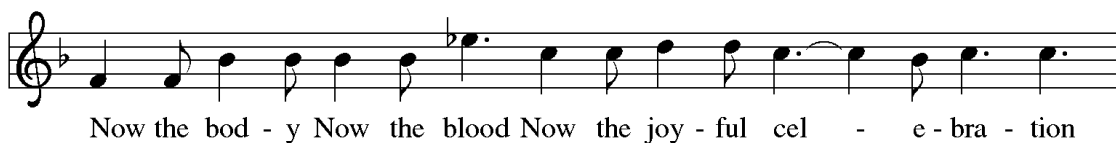
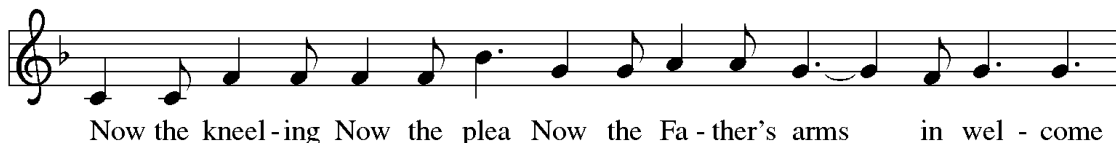
COMMUNION

P: The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION SONG

Now the Silence

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BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, 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**

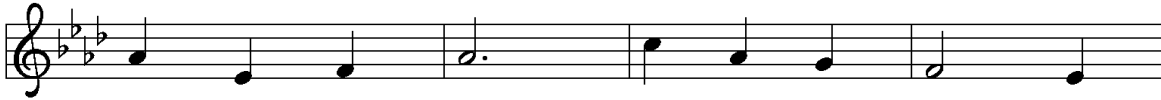
SENDING

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

*Earth and All Stars**ELW 731*

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|---|---------------|-----|--------|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | Earth | and | all | stars! | Loud | rush - ing | plan - ets! |
| 2 | Trum - pet | and | pipes! | Loud | clash - ing | cym - bals! | |
| 3 | En - gines | and | steel! | Loud | pound - ing | ham - mers! | |
| 4 | Class - rooms | and | labs! | Loud | boil - ing | test tubes! | |
| 5 | Knowl - edge | and | truth! | Loud | sound - ing | wis - dom! | |



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| Sing | to the | Lord | a | new | song! |
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| Hail, | wind, | and | rain! | Loud | blow - ing | snow - storm! |
| Harp, | lute, | and | lyre! | Loud | hum - ming | cel - los! |
| Lime - stone | and | beams! | Loud | build - ing | work - ers! | |
| Ath - lete | and | band! | Loud | cheer - ing | peo - ple! | |
| Daugh - ter | and | son! | Loud | pray - ing | mem - bers! | |



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Refrain
God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God!



Altar Servers

TODAY

Opening Prayer: Ellen Riske
 Assisting Minister: Laura O'Connell
 Lector: Diane Johnson
 Communion Asst: Elizabeth Orozco
 Altar Guild: Susan Potter

July 12

Opening Prayer: Susan Potter
 Assisting Minister: Marilyn Bloom
 Lector: Sharon Shields
 Communion Asst: Sharon Shields
 Altar Guild: Susan Potter

**Join the First Family Singers**

We will practice after worship the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month and sing in worship the 2nd and 4th Sundays. We will keep this schedule through August. Join us!!

July – September Change for Change:

This quarter's Change for Change offering will support **Rancho del Arte!** We are collecting art supplies and snacks to bless their program.

- **Items Needed:** Thick & thin markers, mechanical pencils, acrylic paint, small canvases, peanut-free snacks, and juice boxes.
- **How to Help:** Drop your loose change in the *Change for Change* jar, or place donated items in the collection box located in the Narthex.



Thank you for your generosity!

 **Scoop There It Is! Town Hall Ice Cream Social** 

Join us for great conversation and a sweet treat! The council will be providing the ice cream, but we need your help to make it a true sundae bar.

- **When:** August 2, immediately following service
- **What:** Town Hall Meeting & Sundae Bar
- **How to Help:** If you are able to bring a topping to share (sauces, sprinkles, crushed cookies, etc.), please grab a spot on the sign-up sheet located on the **office door**.

Have you ever thought about learning to play the piano?



Our pianist, Erin Hales,
will be teaching piano
throughout the summer!
Please contact her at 480-510-4547 or
visit her website at
parnassuspiano.com
for more information!

