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A circular frame containing a white dove in flight at the top and a person with arms raised in the center, set against a light, textured background.

**Our mission is to share
the Good News
of grace and love with all
through worship, service,
and fellowship.**



Our Vision:
Joy is a spiritual community
sharing the love of Christ in a
challenging world.

Come to me
all you who are weary
and burdened
and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28 NIV



6th Sunday After Pentecost-July 5, 2026

PRELUDE

A scenic landscape at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over a green field. In the foreground, several cows are grazing. A large tree silhouette is visible on the right side of the field. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue.

Spirit OF God
Descend Upon
My Heart

Arr. Mark Hayes

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
source of hope in every nation,
rest for the weary,
glory and peace to the ends of the earth.

C Amen.

P Let us bring every burden to God.
Silence is kept for reflection



P God of all mercy,
C we have sinned against you,
our neighbors, and your creation.
Within ourselves and our communities,
our desire to do what is good
is at war with the evil that dwells in us.
We lament the evil that holds us captive.



**C We repent of the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us
for lives of compassion and courage
through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**P All-merciful, Almighty God forgive you all your sins
through the grace of ✝ Jesus Christ, and by the
Spirit's power strengthen you in doing what is good.**

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:

***“O Beautiful For
Spacious Skies”***

ELW # 888

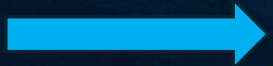


1

**O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain:**



**America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good
with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.**



2

**O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self
their country loved,
and mercy more than life:**

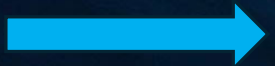


America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness,
and ev'ry gain divine.



3

O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears:



**America! America!
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul
in self-control,
thy liberty in law.**

Greeting

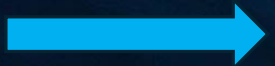
P: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

“This Is The Feast”

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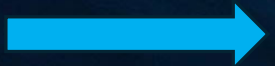


Pastor:
This is the feast of
victory for our God.
Alleluia.



All:

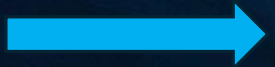
**Worthy is Christ,
the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free
to be people of God.**



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



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



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



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



**This is the feast
of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C 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



**C believe in you, call upon you, know you,
and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:



*For My yoke is **easy**
and My burden is **light***

Matthew 11:30

Knowing-Jesus.com

Zechariah 9:9-12

*The king will
come in
humility and
peace.*





P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:8-14

1.

**Gracious is God and merciful,
plenteous in love, to anger slow.
Good is the LORD to all he made;
mercy to all his works he shows.**



2.

**All of your works will praise, you LORD.
Saints will unite to bless your name!
They will declare your awesome power,
praising the glory of you reign.**



3.

**So shall the sons of man be taught
your mighty deeds and glorious reign.
Through ev'ry age your reign endures;
endless your kingdom shall remain.**



4.

**Faithful is he in all his words;
kind is the LORD in all his deeds.
All those who fall the LORD upholds;
he will upraise those bowed with grief.**



**Romans
7:15-25a**

*The struggle
within self.*



P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC



Pr. Art Wuertz

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

“Alleluia”

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Alleluia.


Lord, to whom shall we go?

**You have the words
of eternal life.**

Alleluia.

**P: The Holy
Gospel
According to
Matthew
11: 16-19,
25-30**

**C: Glory to
you O Lord**



**“YOU WILL FIND
rest for your souls.”**

MATTHEW 11:29



P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



Is Anybody Weary?

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Bob Wertz

***Today's
Message Is
Given By:***

***Pastor
Art
Wuertz***

***a moment of silence
for reflection***

Hymn of the Day

“THIS IS MY SONG”

ELW # 887



1

**This is my song,
O God of all the nations,
a song of peace
for lands afar and mine.**



**This is my home,
the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes,
my dreams, my holy shrine;**



**but other hearts
in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams
as true and high as mine.**



2

**My country's skies
are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams
on cloverleaf and pine.**



**But other lands
have sunlight too,
and clover,
and skies are ev'rywhere
as blue as mine.**



**So hear my song,
O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for
their land and for mine.**



3

**This is my prayer,
O God of all earth's kingdoms,
your kingdom come;
on earth your will be done.**



**O God, be lifted up
till all shall serve you,
and hearts united
learn to live as one.**



**So hear my prayer,
O God of all the nations;
myself I give you;
let your will be done.**

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 the PEOPLE

**Response after each petition is:
“Hear Our Prayer”**

Passing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

(Share the sign of peace in the manner you feel most comfortable.)



OFFERTORY



“Father Most Holy” - com. Traditional

CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY

"We Are An Offering"

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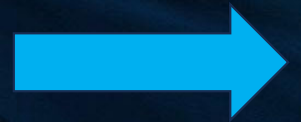
Chorus 1

We lift our voices

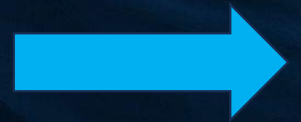
We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering



**Lord use our voices
Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives
they are Yours
We are an offering**



Bridge

All that we have

All that we are

All that we hope to be

We give to You

We give to You



Chorus 2

We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

We are an offering

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Blessed are you, O God,
for waves of grain and harvesters,
fruitful vines and winepresses,
for our labor and our rest,
for the gifts of your hand in this land.



A: Transform us and what we offer
into the banquet of your compassion,
serving your love without limits
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.



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

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

*It is indeed
right...*



SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

ELW page 153



**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth
are full of your glory.**



**Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution



The 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.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Citizens of the commonwealth of heaven:
Taste and know that God is good to all.

C: Amen.

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*ALL* baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table.

**STATION communion will be observed today.**

*Gluten-free wafers and clear apple juice are available.*

***If you would like to receive communion at your seat,  
please let the usher know.***

***“LAMB OF GOD”***

**ELW page 154**



**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,  
grant us peace.**

*DISTRIBUTION HYMN*

*“LIGHT DAWNS ON  
A WEARY WORLD”*

*ELW # 726*



**1**

**Light dawns on a weary world  
when eyes begin to see  
all people's dignity.**

**Light dawns on a weary world:  
the promised day of justice comes.**



## *Refrain*

**The trees shall clap their hands;  
the dry lands, gush with springs;  
the hills and mountains shall break  
forth with singing!**



**We shall go out in joy,  
and be led forth in peace,  
as all the world in wonder echoes  
shalom.**



**2**

**Love grows in a weary world  
when hungry hearts find bread  
and children's dreams are fed.**

**Love grows in a weary world:  
the promised feast of plenty comes.**



## *Refrain*

**The trees shall clap their hands;  
the dry lands, gush with springs;  
the hills and mountains shall break  
forth with singing!**



**We shall go out in joy,  
and be led forth in peace,  
as all the world in wonder echoes  
shalom.**



**3**

**Hope blooms in a weary world  
when creatures, once forlorn,  
find wilderness reborn.**

**Hope blooms in a weary world:  
the promised green of Eden comes.**



## *Refrain*

**The trees shall clap their hands;  
the dry lands, gush with springs;  
the hills and mountains shall break  
forth with singing!**



**We shall go out in joy,  
and be led forth in peace,  
as all the world in wonder echoes  
shalom.**

*“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”*

*ELW #609*

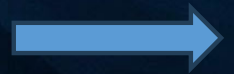


**1**

**Chief of sinners though I be,  
Jesus shed his blood for me,  
died that I might live on high,**

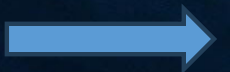


**lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine,  
I am his, and he is mine.**



2

**Oh, the height of Jesus' love!  
Higher than the heav'ns above,  
deeper than the depths of sea,  
lasting as eternity.**

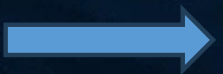


**Love that found me—  
wondrous thought—  
found me when  
I sought him not.**

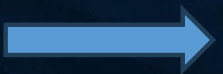


**3**

**Only Jesus can impart  
balm to heal  
the wounded heart,  
peace that flows  
from sin forgiv'n,**

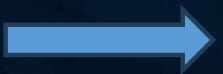


**joy that lifts  
the soul to heav'n,  
faith and hope  
to walk with God  
in the way that Enoch trod.**



4

**Chief of sinners though I be,  
Christ is all in all to me;  
all my wants to  
him are known,**



**all my sorrows  
are his own.**

**He sustains  
the hidden life  
safe with him from earthly strife.**



**5**

**O my Savior, help afford  
by your Spirit and your word!  
When my wayward  
heart would stray,**

**keep me in the narrow way;  
grace in time of need supply  
while I live and when I die.**

***“Around You, O Lord Jesus”***

***ELW # 468***



**1**

**Around you, O Lord Jesus,  
your own you gather still  
to share the feast you give us  
with grace our lives to fill.**



**You say to us so lovingly,  
“Take, eat! This is my body!  
Take, drink! This is my blood!”**



2

**We hear your invitation,  
and heed, O Lord, your call;  
your word of consolation  
is spoken here to all.**



**It draws us to your loving heart;  
it brings to us your blessing,  
which never will depart.**



**3**

**We are your own forever;  
until our final breath  
we will be true and never  
in joy, in grief, in death**



**depart from you, for you are still  
among your people dwelling,  
as you have said you will.**

***“What a Friend  
We Have in Jesus”***

***ELW # 742***



1

**What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!**



**Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
oh, what needless pain we bear--  
all because we do not carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!**



**2**

**Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.**



**Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.**



**3**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.**



**Do your friends despise,  
forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take  
and shield you;  
you will find a solace there.**

# ***Communion Blessing***

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

## *Prayer After Communion*

A: We thank you, God of heaven and earth, that you fill our deepest need with the very gift of Jesus Christ, broken and poured out for us.  
Pour us out into a broken world.



A: Channel our common life  
toward the common good,  
following the way our Savior leads us  
now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

# BLESSING

P: The Author of life,  
the Word of salvation,  
the Breath of new birth,  
✝ one God, bless you  
and equip you for living and serving,  
today and every day.

**C: Amen**

***SENDING HYMN***

***“In Christ There Is  
No East Or West”***

***ELW # 650***



**1**

**In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one community of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.**



2

**In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.**



**3**

**Join hands, disciples of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.**



4

**In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north;  
all Christly souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.**

# ***Sending***

**A:** Go in peace.

Seek liberty and justice for  
all.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

**Celebration  
of Life**

**Com. Gary Davidson**

**Come to me**  
all you who are weary  
**and burdened**  
and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28 NIV

