Welcome!

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, July 27, 2025 - 11:00am

To Our Guests: We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today! Please stop by our Welcome Desk for more information about all our ministries. Please read below for more information about worshiping with us.

We love children at Christ Our Savior. Parents are encouraged to sit in the front pews so young children can see what is happening during worship. A nursery for children, infant to 3 yrs, and a family lounge off the Advent Lobby are available for those who prefer these areas. Ask an usher for directions.

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Please check in with the Friendship Pad or Online. Remove the Friendship pad from the hymn rack on the center aisle and fill out your information. Take note of the people sitting around you – welcome each other by name! Or check in online by clicking here: \rightarrow



We welcome guests to Sunday School and Bible classes, from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Summer Sunday School	Lead by:	Where:
Preschool thru 6 th grade		Rooms 8 & 9
Adult Bible Studies		
Bethel Bible Series Old Testament History	Judy Mayle	Gethsemane Chapel
What makes you Lutheran?	Pastor Davenport, Pastor Joel, Vicar Fritz & Josh Kittleman	Gym

The Lord's Supper. When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we confess our common belief that Christ offers His Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine, for our forgiveness, life and salvation! We truly believe God's Word when He says, "whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord" *1 Corinthians 11:27*. We want you to receive the Lord's Supper as God intended it – for your blessing – so those who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are asked to speak with a pastor or elder prior to communing. If you are not communing today, you are welcome to come to the communion rail to receive a blessing, the assurance that God loves you, or you may remain in your seat and use the time for prayer and meditation. **For those desiring to receive the Lord's Supper but are unable to come forward, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant as they come out into the congregation during distribution. They will commune you at your seat. God bless your worship!**

AS WE GATHER

God's Word instructs us to stay connected to Christ. We experience that connection as we gather to hear God's Word, dine at our Lord's Table, and pray persistent, bold prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, communities, and world. Today we hear Abraham pleading with God on behalf of Sodom and Gomorrah. We hear Jesus teaching His disciples to pray. Jesus then illustrates the power of bold, persistent prayer and affirms the goodness of the One who hears our prayers. "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time" (1 Timothy 2:5–6).

Order of Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Matt Fremder

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

→ Preparation →

OPENING HYMN

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

LSB 905

- 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.
- 2. Come, Thou incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword;
 Our prayer attend.
 Come and Thy people bless. And give Thy Word success.

Come and Thy people bless, And give Thy Word success, And let Thy righteousness On us descend.

- 3. 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.
- △ 4. To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be Hence evermore!
 Thy sov'reign majesty May we in glory see, And to eternity Love and adore.

INVOCATION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 50:1, 3–5, 14–15; John 15:7, 16; Romans 12:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:17–18*

- Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
- The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Our God comes; He does not keep silence; before Him is a devouring fire, around Him a mighty tempest.
- Desus says, "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."
- He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge His people.
- P The apostle Paul writes, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."
- God says, "Gather to Me My faithful ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!"
- P Jesus said, "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you."
- "Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."
- Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- **P** Most merciful God,
- we call upon You because we are troubled by our sins—our sinful thoughts, words, and actions. We are equally troubled by those times when we have failed to act or speak up. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, who delivered us through His perfect life, death, and resurrection so that we may glorify You with our lives.
- Our God hears our prayers for mercy and graciously forgives our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace.
- C Amen.

→ Service of the Word →

KYRIE

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.
- P Lord, have mercy.
- P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship"

LSB 949

- Heav'nly hosts in ceaseless worship "Holy, holy, holy" cry;
 "He who is, who was and will be, God Almighty, Lord Most High."
 Praise and honor, pow'r and glory, Be to Him who reigns alone!
 We, with all His hands have fashioned, Fall before the Father's throne.
- 2. All creation, all redemption, Join to sing the Savior's worth; Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us, Kings and priests, to reign on earth. Wealth and wisdom, pow'r and glory, Honor, might, dominion, praise, Now be His from all His creatures And to everlasting days!

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- Let us pray. Heavenly Father, Your grace and mercy have strengthened Your people throughout the ages and emboldened them to come before You in all circumstances. Strengthen our faith and confidence so that we come to You boldly, consistently, and persistently; through Jesus Christ with whom You rule and reign with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

²⁰Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know." ²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find fortyfive there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." 30 Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." 32Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." ³³And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE (Stay rooted in Christ to be able to stand firm in your faith.) Colossians 2:6–19

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the

uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. ¹⁶Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.



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HOLY GOSPEL

(Jesus teaches His disciples to pray.)

le-lu-ia.

Luke 11:1–13

al - le-lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

C Al - le - lu - ia,

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation." ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived

on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

"Come, My Soul, with Every Care"

LSB 779

- Come, my soul, with ev'ry care, Jesus loves to answer prayer; He Himself has bid thee pray, Therefore will not turn away.
- 2. Thou art coming to a King,
 Large petitions with thee bring;
 For His grace and pow'r are such
 None can ever ask too much.
- With my burden I begin:
 Lord, remove this load of sin;
 Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt,
 Set my conscience free from guilt.
- Lord, Thy rest to me impart,
 Take possession of my heart;
 There Thy blood-bought right maintain
 And without a rival reign.
- While I am a pilgrim here,
 Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
 As my guide, my guard, my friend,
 Lead me to my journey's end.
- Show me what is mine to do;
 Ev'ry hour my strength renew.
 Let me live a life of faith;
 Let me die Thy people's death.

THIS IS WHAT WE BELIEVE

Nicene Creed

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 Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in 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 \pm of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Brothers and sisters in Christ, I encourage you to lift your hearts to God and pray with me as Jesus has taught us and promises to hear us.
- Our Father in heaven,
- P Heavenly Father, mercifully hear the prayers of your people on behalf of our congregation, community, nation, and world.
- **G** Holy be Your name.
- P Holy Lord, we know Your name is holy. We ask that it be kept holy among us as we bear that name and live as Your people in this world.
- **Q** Your Kingdom come.
- Lord Jesus, we thank You for planting Your Kingdom among us as You nourish us with Your body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. We eagerly anticipate the fullness of Your kingdom coming and ask that You continue to do Your good and gracious work in, through, and among us while we wait for Your return.
- Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

- P Heavenly Father, we know that it is Your will that all people come to the knowledge of the truth and are saved. Work Your will here on earth. Work through our governing authorities and their agents to bring Your will to all people.
- **G** Give us today our daily bread.
- Loving Father, we thank and praise You for providing everything we need for our bodies and lives. Prevent us from being selfish and greedy. As You generously bless us, lead us to be a blessing to others, especially those who are in need.
- **©** Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
- P O Jesus, forgive and empower us to forgive others so that our relationships are ruled by Your peace. Create clean hearts within us so that we may approach You boldly, with confidence.
- Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
- P Almighty God, as we face trials and temptations, strengthen us by the power of Your Spirit so we can stand firm against the devil, the world, and our sinful nature. Watch over all we name before You this day. Deliver us from evil now and forever.
- For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING

The ushers bring forward our gifts as a response to His blessings in our lives.

Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary both before and after services.

Or give online using the QR code in the front of the bulletin.

PRAYER AT OFFERING

- P Heavenly Father, receive these gifts joyfully brought to you this day for Your use in Your kingdom. Bless them and all the gifts which you have entrusted to us so that with them, the kingdom is strengthened to Your glory. Strengthened to sustain the saints and for their witness to those who have not yet awakened to know Jesus, Your Son, as their Lord and Savior.
- All that I have is Yours, Lord Jesus. All that I have is You.
- P Use then all of our gifts for works of love, mercy, witness, and unto the increase of Your glory.
- Amen

OFFERTORY

+ Service of the Sacrament +

PREFACE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and for our salvation that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, our God, King of the universe, for You blessed us by sending Your Son, the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us. We continue to be blessed by His presence today as we heard His gracious words of forgiveness, as He has taught us to pray, and as He comes to dwell with us through His body and blood given and shed for us for the forgiveness of our sins. Lead us to walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith we have been taught, abounding in thanksgiving. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS (sung) Holy, Holy, Holy LSB 208

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on all whom You have created by sending Your Son, Jesus, to be a life-giving sacrifice for the sins of the world. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Lead us to do as Jesus bids us to do—to faithfully eat and drink His body and blood. Gather us together as we celebrate Your kingdom come to earth at this altar. In Your mercy, receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P 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 ⅓ 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."

PAX DOMINI The Peace of the Lord LSB 209

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

AGNUS DEI (sung) Lamb of God LSB 210

- 1. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
- 2. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The ushers will direct the congregation to the communion rail via the side aisles. When at the communion rail, you are welcome to kneel, as you are able, or remain standing. If you have come to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. As the pastor/elder offers you the bread (host) please hold out your hand to receive it. If you require a gluten-free host, please signal to the pastor/elder and take a gluten-free host from the center of the plate. Similarly, if you require an alcohol-free alternative to the wine, please take one of the individual cups from the center of the tray. After receiving the Lord's Supper, please return to your seat by the center aisle. If you are communing at your seat, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant, and they will commune you there.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

LSB 623

- 1. Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray That we may feast on You today; Beneath these forms of bread and wine Enrich us with Your grace divine.
- 2. Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood, The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n, The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.
- 3. By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the gift of love retold; All that You are we here receive, And all we are to You we give.

- 4. One bread, one cup, one body, we, Rejoicing in our unity,
 Proclaim Your love until You come To bring Your scattered loved ones home.
- Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O keep us steadfast till that day When each will be Your welcomed guest In heaven's high and holy feast.

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

LSB 739

- Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;
 I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

 Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
 Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.
- When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near, When my life is almost gone, Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall. Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.
- When the darkness appears And the night draws near And the day is almost gone,
 At the river I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,
 Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

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NUNC DIMITTIS

Song of Simeon

LSB 211

- O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
 A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
 The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.
- All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- Let us pray. O God our Father, You are the source of all that is good. In Your mercy, You canceled the record of our debts that stood against us by nailing them to the cross. We thank You for nourishing us with the body and blood of Your Son. Continue to build us up into Him as You knit us together in one holy communion. Lead us to walk in Him, established in the faith that we have been taught; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

BENEDICTIONNumbers 6:24–26

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 HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

LSB 770

- 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 thy friends despise, forsake thee?
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
 Thou wilt find a solace there.

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE



ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

By Arlo and Lori Wiltenburg, in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary today.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS -

Preaching: Pastor Davenport

Liturgist: Pastor Werner

Director of Music: Tom Schroeder

Elder: Andrew MacAfee

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