Welcome!

# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# Sunday, June 29, 2025 – 8:30am

**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.

**Joyful Giving Opportunities:** The offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary. You are welcome to place your offering there before and after the worship services. Or give online! Click on the QR code to the right.  $\rightarrow$ 

**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 <sup>th</sup> 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**

If you have ever enjoyed a homegrown tomato or plucked a ripe peach straight from the tree, you know there is no substitute for good fruit. Today, the Holy Spirit is continuing the work begun in your Baptism, bringing forth good fruit. Too often, we imagine bearing good fruit is a result of our own careful cultivation, paying special attention to getting things right. The Spirit takes another approach. Just as the flavor of fresh fruit is a delight to our senses, the Spirit delights our soul with the tantalizing tastes of joy, kindness, gentleness, and love! The Spirit teaches us to crave what is good and, in so doing, leads believers to produce the fruit the Lord always intended.

# Order of Worship

### **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

Michele Ciscon

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# + Preparation +

**OPENING HYMN** 

"Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing"

- Faith and truth and life bestowing, Open now the Scriptures, Lord, Seed to life eternal sowing, Scattered on the wind abroad. Let not hearts, Your Word receiving, Like a barren field be found, Choked with thorns and unbelieving, Shallow earth or stony ground.
- May the Spirit's pow'r unceasing Bring to life the hidden grain, Daily in our hearts increasing, Bearing fruit that shall remain.
   So in Scripture, song, and story, Savior, may Your voice be heard.
   Till our eyes behold Your glory Give us ears to hear Your Word.

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# INVOCATION

- $\mathbf{P}$  In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### **OPENING SENTENCES**

- **P** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
- **G** and kindle in them the fire of Your love.
- P Thus says the Lord GOD: "I Myself will take a sprig and plant it on a high and lofty mountain,
- **C** that it may bear branches and produce fruit.
- P And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD;
- I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree,
- **P** dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish.
- I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

Ezekiel 17:22–24, adapt.

LSB 584

# **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- Almighty Father, we confess that by our inability, insolence, and inaction, we have not made Your ways our ways.
- **G** For our failure to walk in the ways of love, joy, and peace, forgive us, Lord.
- Lord Jesus, we admit we too often conform our desires to the world around us, adopting its compromised standards for living.
- **G** For our failure to value the gifts of patience, kindness, and goodness, forgive us, Lord.
- Holy Spirit, our very natures are set against You, Your Gospel proclamation, and the fruit You intend to bring.
- G For our failure to manifest the fruits of faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, forgive us, Lord. For Jesus' sake, melt our sinful hearts, and mold us into the reflections of Your righteousness that You call us to be.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake forgives You all Your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh and by His authority, I therefore forgive You all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 
  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

# + Service of the Word +



# **HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship



- 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. Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

# **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

1 Kings 19:9b-21

# (The Lord brings Elijah assurance that he is not alone in resisting the temptations of idolatry.)

Behold, the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup>He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." <sup>11</sup>And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup>And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. <sup>13</sup>And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>14</sup>He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." <sup>15</sup>And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. <sup>16</sup>And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." <sup>19</sup>So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. <sup>20</sup>And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup>And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

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

#### **EPISTLE**

(Rather than the desires of the flesh, the Spirit cultivates in believers the craving and the capacity for bearing good fruit.)

<sup>1</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery....<sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. <sup>16</sup>But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

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



#### **ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

# HOLY GOSPEL

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(Jesus faces the lonely task of ministry, setting His face on the saving task ahead of Him in Jerusalem.)

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

# Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. <sup>53</sup>But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>And they went on to another village. <sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup>To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

#### SERMON HYMN

"Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing"

- 1. Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, May we ripen and increase, Fruit to life eternal growing, Rich in love and joy and peace.
- 2. Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness, gentleness.
- 3. Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly faster, Goodness, faith, and self-control.
- 4. Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, May we grow till harvests cease; Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven's love and joy and peace.

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#### SERMON

#### CREED

- 1. We all believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Ever-present help in need, Praised by all the heav'nly host; All He made His love enfolds, All creation He upholds.
- 2. We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, Who descended from His throne And for us salvation won; By whose cross and death are we Rescued from all misery.
- 3. We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both in truth proceeds, Who sustains and comforts us In all trials, fears, and needs. Blessèd, holy Trinity, Praise forever be to Thee!

#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Gracious Holy Spirit, grow the faith of all those who believe. Bring forth the fruit of holiness and supply them with opportunities to display that fruit for the sake of their neighbor. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Abiding Holy Spirit, be a companion for all who feel lonely and isolated, and preserve them from depression and despair. Send us, Your people, to be visible and tangible witnesses that Your presence is with them always. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### **C** hear our prayer.

Ministering Holy Spirit, safeguard and support all those You have called into ministry. Encourage them amid the challenges of their Gospel work that they do not face the trials and triumphs of this mission alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### **C** hear our prayer.

Interceding Holy Spirit, plead for all who face sorrow, sickness, or adversity, comforting them with Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

Sanctifying Holy Spirit, strengthen Your church. Give all the baptized passion for Your Word, eagerness for service, and courage to reject the world's faulty wisdom and misplaced priorities. Fan into flame hearts that might be a beacon for those in darkness. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### **C** hear our prayer.

- Eternal Holy Spirit, preserve Your church until the day of the return of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.
- C 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

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- 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.
- C Amen

**OFFERTORY** 

#### "For the Fruits of His Creation"

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- For the fruits of His creation, Thanks be to God.
   For His gifts to ev'ry nation, Thanks be to God.
   For the plowing, sowing, reaping, Silent growth while we are sleeping,
   Future needs in earth's safekeeping, Thanks be to God.
- For the harvests of the Spirit, Thanks be to God.
   For the good we all inherit, Thanks be to God.
   For the wonders that astound us, For the truths that still confound us, Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

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# + Service of the Sacrament +

#### PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.
- 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.
- **G** 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by His perfect obedience fulfilled the Law on our behalf, and by His death and resurrection secured the blessings of salvation for all who would believe and trust in Him. You feed Your faithful people, grafted as branches onto Christ, the Vine, in this Supper with the fruits of His cross, that in receiving the true body and blood of the Savior, we might be forgiven and equipped for every good work, until in eternity we join with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to honor and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

 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

- IP Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, we praise and adore You for the gift of faith that You give and cultivate among Your people, connecting us to the redeeming work of Jesus. Receive our thanks and strengthen our hearts yet again as we partake of this Holy Meal, secure in faith and forgiveness, and emboldened to display the hallmarks of having been made righteous through the victorious sacrifice of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, 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 + → 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."

#### LORD'S PRAYER

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,
- 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.

PAX DOM	NI	The Peace of the Lord	LSB 209
	e peace of the Lord <b>1en.</b>	be with you always.	
AGNUS DE	l (sung)	Lamb of God	LSB 210
		true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord	-
		true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lo	•
DISTRIBUT	TION HYMNS	"Just as I Am, without One Plea"	LSB 570
1.		nout one plea But that Thy blood was shed idd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I d	
2.		waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blo blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of Go	
3.		ugh tossed about With many a conflict, ma ars within, without, O Lamb of God, I come	•
4.	•	r, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I cor	
5.		u wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, clean mise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I co	
6.	•	love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier do , yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come,	

- The gifts Christ freely gives He gives to you and me To be His Church, His bride, His chosen, saved and free! Saints blest with these rich gifts Are children who proclaim That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
- 2. The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own; New life He gives that makes Us His and His alone. Here He forgives our sins With water and His Word; The triune God Himself Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
- 3. The gifts of grace and peace From absolution flow; The pastor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know. Forgiveness that we need Is granted to us there; The Lord of mercy sends Us forth in His blest care.
- 4. The gifts are there each day The holy Word is read; God's children listen, hear, Receive, and they are fed. Christ fills them with Himself, Blest words that give them life, Restoring and refreshing Them for this world's strife.
- 5. The gifts are in the feast, Gifts far more than we see; Beneath the bread and wine Is food from Calvary. The body and the blood Remove our ev'ry sin; We leave His presence in His peace, renewed again.
- All glory to the One Who lavishes such love;
   The triune God in love Assures our life above.
   His means of grace for us Are gifts He loves to give;
   All thanks and praise for His Great love by which we live!

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#### NUNC DIMITTIS

#### Song of Simeon

LSB 211

- 1. 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**

In Let us pray. Spirit of faithfulness and truth, we rejoice that by faith we have been made fit to receive the nourishment of Christ's true body and blood. Safeguard this holy people from temptation and danger, and prepare us to represent the name of our loving and living Savior, Jesus, that by our actions and interactions, more may be brought into the eternal kingdom of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

### BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

LSB 923

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**

"Almighty Father, Bless the Word"

- 1. Almighty Father, bless the Word Which through Your grace we now have heard. Oh, may the precious seed take root, Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!
- 2. We praise You for the means of grace As homeward now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here May all at last in heav'n appear.
- △ 3. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

POSTLUDE

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# ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

In honor of Gudi French's birthday, today.

# **SERVICE PARTICIPANTS –**

Liturgy:	Pastor Werner
Preaching:	Pastor Nick Gapski, Family of God
Director of Music:	Tom Schroeder
Elder:	Nathan Troike
Communion Assistants:	Rol Schlosser, Mark Anders, Kevin Brown, Caleb O'Hara
Acolyte:	Claire Campbell
Altar Guild:	Karen and Natalie Hansen, Maureen Osborne
Greeters:	Rich and Phyllis Nader
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