

Welcome!

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, June 28, 2026 – 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 worshipping 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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We welcome guests to Sunday School and Bible classes, from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Summer Sunday School	Lead by:	Where:
Pre K thru Kindergarten		Room 15
1 st thru 3 rd grade		Room 8
4 th thru 6 th grade		Room 10
7 th thru 8 th grade		Room 12
High School Youth		Youth Room
Adult Bible Studies		
Intergenerational Bible Study	Josh Kittleman & Karla Schettenhelm	Rooms 1-3
The Readings	Preacher of the Day	Gym
Bethel: The New Testament	Judy Mayle	Gethsemane Chapel

AS WE GATHER

Jesus has not come to calm the world but to lead us into battle. That battle is inside of us—the call to take up the cross, to deny self, and to follow Jesus. He has already won the victory over death and the devil, and now He works to sanctify us in this truth. While this might appear to be surrender, it is the only path to finding our lives and keeping them to everlasting life. We are bearers of this message to the world and accompanied with the promise that Christ is working in us and through us to make the Gospel known. Yet in the midst of this, we are encouraged that the smallest good work will not be overlooked by the Father, and those redeemed by Christ have a heavenly reward awaiting their faithful believing and living.

Order of Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Joann Rogers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ Preparation ✠

OPENING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

LSB 803

- 1. Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.**
- 2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.**
- △ 3. Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!**

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 38:3

- P** There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin.
- C** I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.
- P** Holy and gracious God,
- C** I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver according to Your mercy and grant peace to my heart so that I may serve You with all my mind, body, and soul.
- P** By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven.
- C** Amen.

P He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you. Amen.**

✠ Service of the Word ✠

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

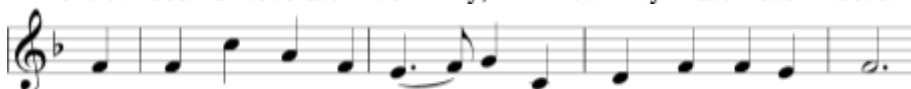
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the Highest

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; 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

Jeremiah 28:5–9

("It will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.")

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 7:1–13

(If you have died to the Law in Christ, you have been raised to bear eternal fruit.)

¹Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ²Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. ⁴Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit. ⁷What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." ⁸But sin, seizing an opportunity through

the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. ⁹I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. ¹⁰The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. ¹¹For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. ¹²So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. ¹³Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 205

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10:34–42

("Whoever does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.")

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁴[Jesus said:] "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will

lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ⁴⁰Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

LSB 685

- 1. Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father's bidding. Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.**
- 2. Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter. Jesus, here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.**
- 3. Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven. Jesus, here with You I die,
There to live with You on high.**
- 4. Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever. Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.**

THIS IS WHAT WE BELIEVE

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

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PRAYER AT OFFERING

- P** Oh, give thanks to the Lord for He is good and His mercies, which are new every morning, endure forever. We bring to you Heavenly Father our gifts of thanks and we humbly ask You to bless them to the glory of Your kingdom.
- C** **All that I have is Yours, Lord Jesus. All that I have is You.**
- P** Use these and all of our gifts according to Your infinite wisdom for the needs of Your kingdom and to the increase of Your glory.
- C** **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Lord, bend near to Your people and hearken to the sound of their voices in prayer, for You have promised to hear and grant us all things good and right through Jesus Christ, Your Son. O merciful Lord, grant that those who have been redeemed by a cross the power and strength to bear the cross and so follow Christ. Give to us the pattern of sound words in the doctrine we confess and the pattern of good works in the lives we lead. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O blessed Lord, You have promised us the wisdom and guidance of the Spirit, that we might rightly distinguish Your commands and promises, and, having been saved by Your grace, take heed to Your Law in the ordering of our days. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P O mighty God, all things are Yours and yet You have entrusted into our care all that You have made. Help us to be wise and discerning people as we use Your resources for Your glory and for the good of our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O loving God, You bear with all the wounds and suffering of Your people, and deliver them now according to Your fatherly wisdom and forever according to Your promise of redemption. Hear us on behalf of all the sick, the suffering, those in need, the dying, and those grieving. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O great God, You have ordered all things in Your wisdom and imparted to Your people the voice of Your Word and Spirit to guide us in all things. Deliver our world from war, our nations from inept or evil government and leaders, and our people from want or fear. Grant us grace to be honorable citizens of this union and to demonstrate the noble virtues of integrity and truth in all our dealings. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O holy God, You established the love of man for woman and woman for man and ordered the home to be a place of blessing and faith, for the raising of honorable children and for the care of those in need. Bless the homes of Your people and help them to fulfill their duties and vocations with faithfulness and contentment of heart. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Endless Your mercy and eternal Your reign, O Lord, God of our fathers, who would have us pray, trusting in Your mercy and confident You will grant to us all that is needful; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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

C **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.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P 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

"On What Has Now Been Sown"

LSB 921

1. **On what has now been sown
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow'r is Thine alone
To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!**
2. **To Thee our wants are known,
From Thee are all our pow'rs;
Accept what is Thine own
And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,
And to Thy Word a blessing give.**
3. **O grant that each of us,
Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus
When Thou and Thine appear
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!**

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

arr. Richard Hillert



ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

By Phil and Wendy Kamrath, in honor of their 47th wedding anniversary on June 22.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS –

Liturgist: Vicar Fritz Quitmeyer
Preaching: Pastor Drew Gruenhagen; St. Michael Lutheran Church, Wayne
Organist: Matt Fremder
Elder: Mark Ingersoll
Acolyte: Gabriella Buczek
Lector: Kathy Kangas
Altar Guild: Bobbie Lucier and Yetta Hrushka
Greeters: Rich and Phyllis Nader
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