



FAITH
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Season of Pentecost

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Service Theme

The church fulfills its role as its brother's keeper.

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Nikolaus Hermann (c. 1500–1561) served for nearly forty years as a teacher and cantor in the mining town of Joachimsthal, Bohemia, during the early years of the Lutheran Reformation. There he worked closely with Pastor Johannes Mathesius, a friend and colleague who was also one of Martin Luther’s early biographers. Luther himself wrote to Hermann in 1524, encouraging him to remain faithful in his difficult circumstances.

*Hermann understood the power of music to teach and proclaim the gospel. Many of his hymns were written especially for the children he taught and for Christian families, putting the truths of Scripture into memorable songs that could be sung at church, at home, and even among the miners of Joachimsthal. His collection *The Sunday Gospels in Songs for Children and Christian Fathers* was published in 1560.*

Hermann wrote both hymn texts and melodies. Among his best-known hymns is “Let All Together Praise Our God” (Lobt Gott, ihr Christen allzugleich), a joyful Christmas hymn still sung today. His hymns remind us that Christian song is more than decoration for worship—it is a way for God’s Word to be taught, remembered, confessed, and passed from one generation to the next. It is one of Herman’s hymns that takes us through confession and absolution this morning.

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

1 “As sure - ly as I live,” God said, “I would not
2 And so our Lord gave this com - mand: “Go forth and
see the sin - ner dead, but that he turn from
preach in ev - 'ry land; be - stow on all my
er - ror's ways, re - pent, and live through end - less days.”
par - d'ning grace who will re - pent of sin - ful ways.

Confession

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

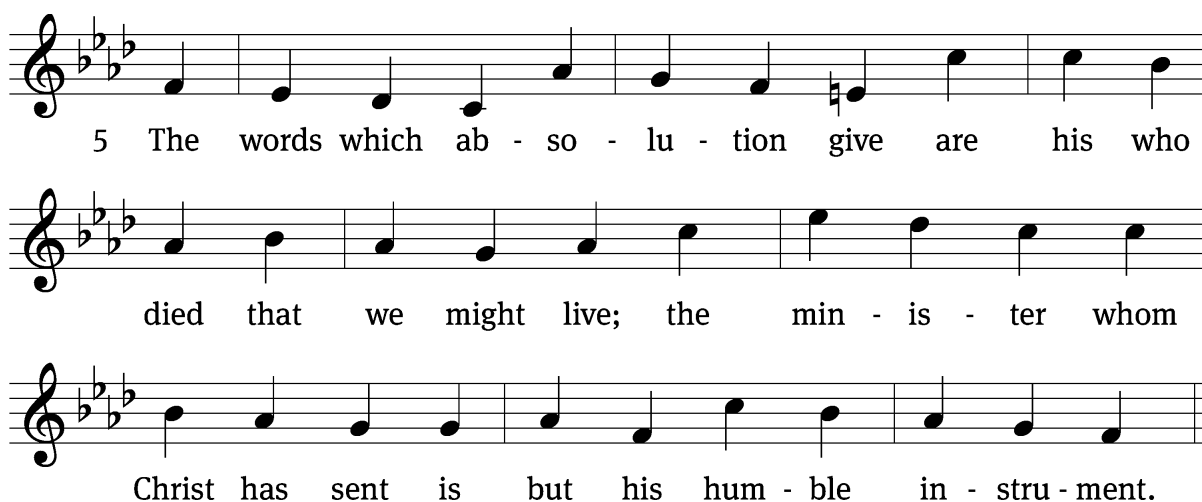
I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

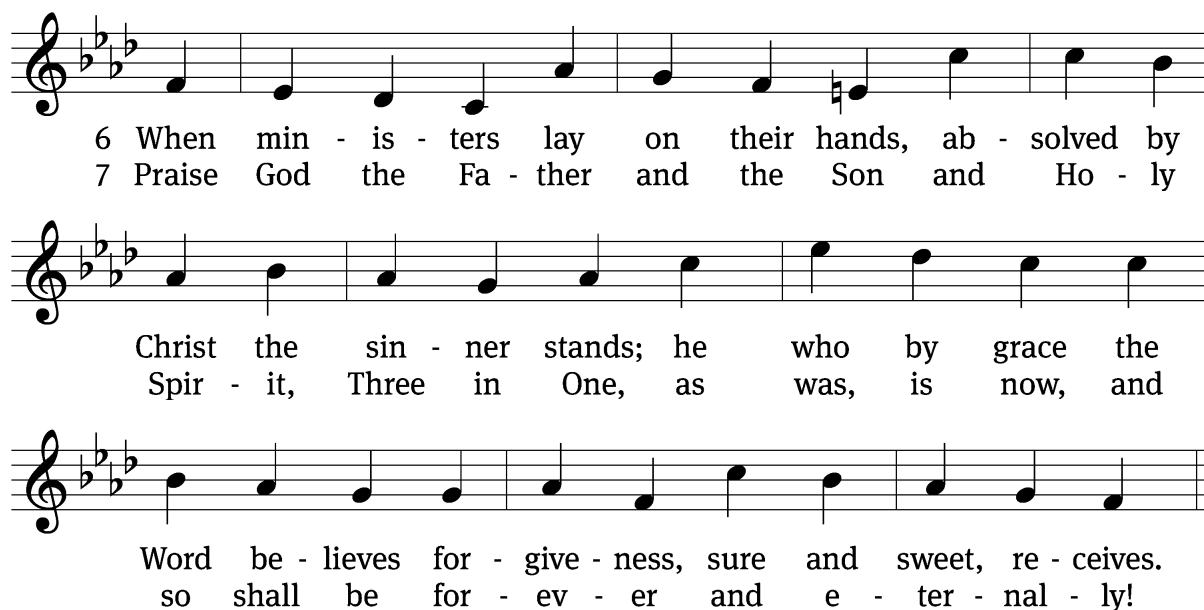
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.



5 The words which ab - so - lu - tion give are his who
died that we might live; the min - is - ter whom
Christ has sent is but his hum - ble in - stru - ment.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



6 When min - is - ters lay on their hands, ab - solved by
7 Praise God the Fa - ther and the Son and Ho - ly

Christ the sin - ner stands; he who by grace the
Spir - it, Three in One, as was, is now, and

Word be - lieves for - give - ness, sure and sweet, re - ceives.
so shall be for - ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly!

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7–11

⁷“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ⁸When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. ⁹But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

¹⁰“Son of man, say to the Israelites, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?” ’ ¹¹Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 32

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

**Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them
and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.

**I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.”
And you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Second Reading

Galatians 2:11–16

¹¹When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹²For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. ¹³The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

¹⁴When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, “You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?”

¹⁵“We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles ¹⁶know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

1 Timothy 2:4

Refrain



God wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. *Refrain*

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Gospel

Matthew 18:15–20

¹⁵“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

654 *Jesus Sinners Does Receive*

1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; oh, may all this
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, yet his words, rich
7 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive, e - ven I have

say - ing pon - der who in sin's de - lu - sions live
grace re - veal - ing, par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
been for - giv - en. And when I this earth must leave,

and from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope for
here their ills have per - fect heal - ing who with hum - ble
I shall find an o - pen heav - en. Dy - ing, still to

all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
hearts be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
him I cleave: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

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Sermon

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Galatians 2:11–16

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Offering / Friendship Registers

THE SACRAMENT

✓ Holy Communion is a gift from Jesus intended to strengthen Christians' unity with God and express their unity with each other. If you are not a member of Faith, we would love to speak with you about the process for receiving Holy Communion with us in the future.

Stand

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -

na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -

na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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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.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my $\dagger$ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my $\dagger$ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef. It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men. A - men." The melody is simple and melodic, with a range of one octave. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating long notes. The score ends with a double bar line.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.
A - men. A - men.

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Be seated

Distribution Hymn

559 *If Your Beloved Son, O God*



1 If your be - lov - ed Son, O God, had not to earth de -
 2 But now I find sweet peace and rest; de - spair no more reigns
 3 I trust in him with all my heart; now all my sor - row
 4 All right-eous-ness by works is vain; the law brings con - dem -
 5 My guilt, O Fa - ther, you have laid on Christ, your Son, my



scend - ed and in our mor-tal flesh and blood had not sin's
 o'er me. No more am I by sin op-pressed, for Christ has
 ceas - es. His words a - bid-ing peace im - part; his blood from
 na - tion. True right-eous-ness by faith I gain; Christ's work is
 Sav - ior. Lord Je - sus, you my debt have paid and gained for



pow - er end - ed, then this poor, wretch-ed soul of mine in
 borne sin for me. Up - on the cross for me he died that,
 guilt re - leas - es. Free grace thro' him I now ob - tain; he
 my sal - va - tion. His death, that per - fect sac - ri - fice, has
 me God's fa - vor. O Ho - ly Spir - it, fount of grace, the



hell e - ter - nal - ly would pine be-cause of my trans - gres - sion.
 rec - on-ciled, I might a - bide with you, my God, for - ev - er.
 wash - es me from ev - 'ry stain, and pure I stand be - fore him.
 paid the all - suf - fi - cient price; in him my hope is an - chored.
 good in me to you I trace; in faith and hope pre - serve me.

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941; (sts. 1–4): Johann Heermann, 1585–1647, abr.; (st. 5): Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, Braunschweig, 1661
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Stand

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn

930 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

4 I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;

I the Lord will smile up - on you and give you peace;

I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and

Broth - er. Go, my chil-dren; I will keep you and give you peace.

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919–2008

Tune: Welsh, 18th cent.

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Dates to Save

Tuesday, September 8th, 7pm – Financial Peace University (see Gary Graves)

Thursday, September 10th, 6:30pm – Jesus Cares

Friday, September 18th, 7pm – next Ladies' Book Club

Saturday, October 10th, 9:30am – LWMS Rally

Sunday, October 11th, 10:30am – Fall Festival (one service; meal; activities)

Sunday, December 6th, 2pm to 4pm – Ladies "Advent by Candlelight"

Saturday, December 12th, 9am to Noon – Christmas for Kids

Sunday, December 20th – Christmas Sing Along

Financial Peace University beginning **Tuesday, September 8th**.

For details and to share via your social media contacts...

Contact: Gary Graves (850) 445-4389



Ladies' Book Club – Friday, September 18th; home of Marianne Rekstis 5795 Split Oak Ln. (850) 443-8380. Book: The Sirens by Emilia Hart.

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Rally – Saturday, October 10th

Location: Victory Lutheran Church, Jacksonville

Cost: \$12.00 RSVP deadline: Thursday, October 1st, 2026

Rally registration: 8:45 AM – 9:30 AM Rally begins: 9:30 AM

Rally Presenter: Linda Petersen, Special Projects Coordinator for Branch Lutheran Schools, will be speaking on Branch Lutheran Schools' 11 years of ministry. If you are interested in attending contact Candi Aubin 850-508-3107 cuaubin@gmail.com

Fall Festival – October 11th



Ways you can help and be involved...

- Usher crew
- Guest Services
- Click the QR code and use “share” to post to your social media contacts
- Food donations / food serving (detailed list in early September)
- Grill crew
- Set up / take down / clean up
- Game set up and coordination
- Activities assistance (things like pumpkin painting)
- Personal invitations to guests
- Thrivent event grant (available for Thrivent members)
- Photo “booth” (to populate congregational directory)

Contact: Richard Hackmann (228) 224-8458

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Next Session Now Being Scheduled

Register with Pastor Schultz asap

