

2nd Sunday after Pentecost - Now the Feast
June 7, 2026 – 9:00 am

Accompanist

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Liturgist

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† indicates stand as able

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

† Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

† Gathering Hymn: Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

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Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Liturgy of the Word

† Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

† Kyrie

Leader

In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer- cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mer - cy.

For your peo- ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have

Help, save, and defend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

† Now the Feast

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom;

praise and glory for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u-nit-ed us to be one great people of God. *Refrain*

2 Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon-or and

glo-ry to Christ for-ev-er. *Refrain*

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

† Prayer of the Day

God of Grace, we praise you for your gifts of forgiveness and mercy that come to us before we can deserve them. You show us grace without our earning it, offering us the relief of trusting in you rather than ourselves. For this and all your gifts, we thank you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

† Gospel Acclamation:

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al-le- lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

† GOSPEL: Luke 15: 11-32

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 15th chapter.

Glory, to you, O Lord.

¹¹ Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons.
¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.’ So he divided his assets between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to his senses he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.” ’ ²⁰ So

he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

Maggie

Sermon

Pastor Beth Wartick

Our Father, we have wandered
and hidden from your face;
in foolishness have squandered
your legacy of grace.

But now, in exile dwelling,
we rise with fear and shame,
as, distant but compelling,
we hear you call our name.

And now at length discerning
the evil that we do,
behold us, Lord, returning
with hope and trust to you.
In haste you come to meet us
and home rejoicing bring,
in gladness there to greet us
with calf and robe and ring.

O Lord of all the living,
both banished and restored,
compassionate, forgiving,
and ever-caring Lord,
grant now that our transgressing,
our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing,
in pardon, and in peace.

† 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 Intercession

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

God of mercy, you call us to a life filled with acts of mercy. Ground us in following Christ, that we might extend the mercy we receive. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, all you have made is yours. Revive lands in need of healing and make us wise stewards of all you have given us to tend. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, you promise to deliver those who call on you. Bring an end to conflict, bigotry, and injustice in all their forms wherever they are found. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, you provide for those in need. Bring an end to addiction. Comfort people as they mourn. Provide tenderly for those in need (*especially*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of blessings, you send the Holy Spirit to provide varieties of gifts in the body of Christ. Accompany those who travel this summer, make our gatherings joyous, and grant us a spirit of hospitality and togetherness. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, we give you thanks for saints whose lives revealed your faithfulness. May remembering their faithfulness strengthen our own. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

† Peace

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As The Grains of Wheat

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered in - to one in you.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is simple and consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.



1 As this cup of blessing is shared with-in our midst

2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.

all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Offering Prayer

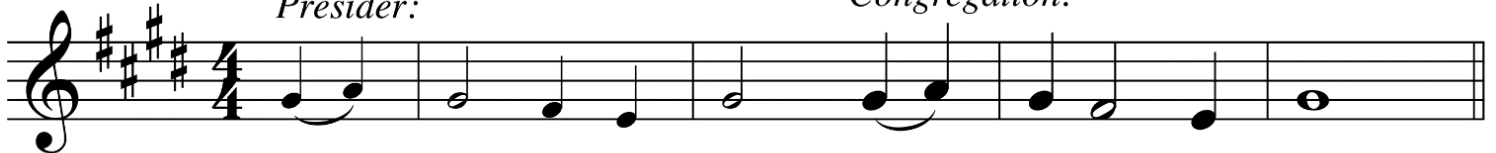
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

† The Great Thanksgiving

Presider:

Congregation:



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Presider:

Congregation:



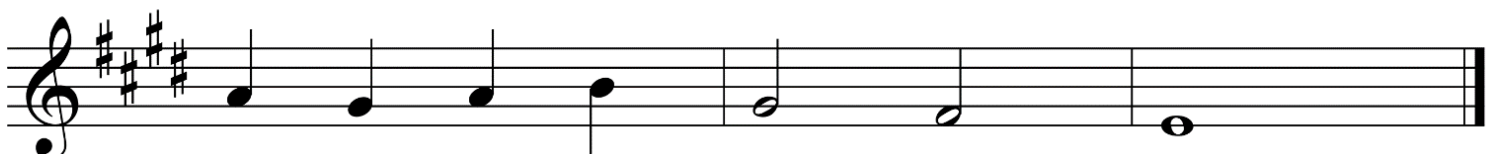
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider:

Congregation:



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.

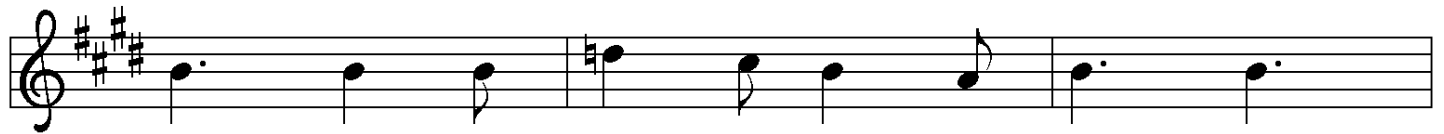
Pastor: It is our duty and delight...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of power and



might; heaven and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

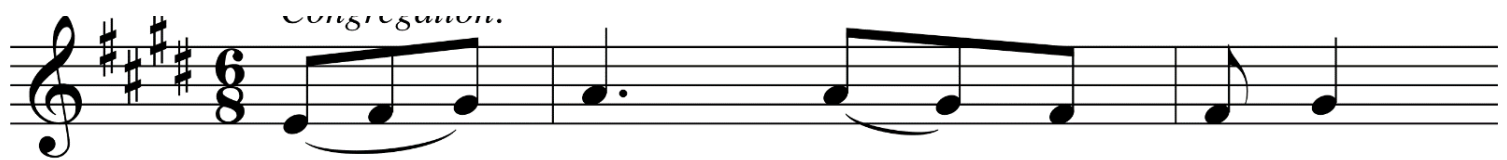


Bless-ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



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

Pastor: You are indeed holy... Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.




A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.



A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

Pastor: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Congregation:



A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.



A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

† *Through Christ, With Christ, In Christ*

Congregation:




Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the



u- ni- ty of the Spir- it, all glo- ry and hon- or is



yours, O God, now and for ev - er.



A - men.

† *Lord's Prayer*

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,

*Nuestro padre en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,*

on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.


*en la tierra como en el cielo.
 Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
 Perdónanos nuestros pecados
 como nosotros perdonamos
 los que pecan contra nosotros.
 Sálvanos del tiempo de la prueba.
 y líbranos del mal.
 Por el reino, el poder y
 la gloria es tuya,
 ahora y siempre. Amén.*

Communion

If you are communing from home, receive the bread with these words "The Body of Christ given for you" and the cup with "The blood of Christ shed for you."

Lamb of God

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*




Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 you break the chains of hatred and
 you are the way of justice and
 you are the way of mercy and

Congregation:



world; have mer-cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 fear;
 peace;
 love;

Final Stanza
Congregation or Assistant:



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sins of the world; grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling ELW 608

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

"Come home, (Come home,)
come home! (come home!)
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?

Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*

Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!

Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your

people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

Announcements

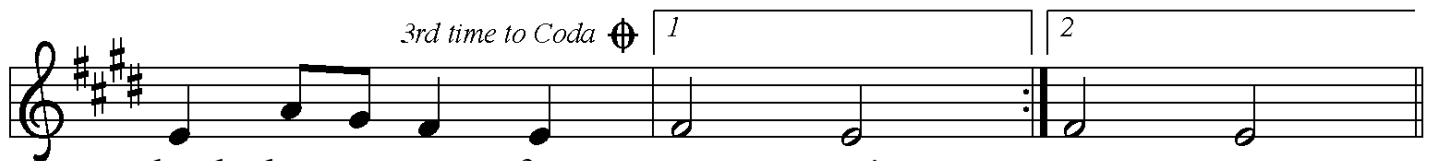
† *Song of Blessing*



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



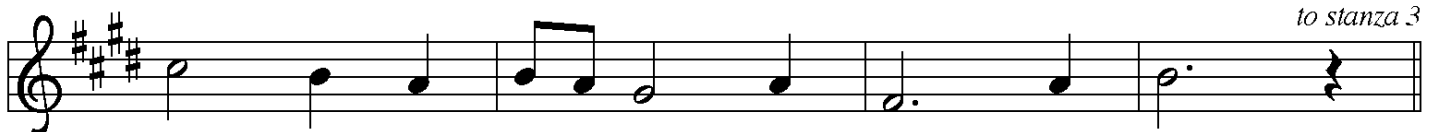
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for -

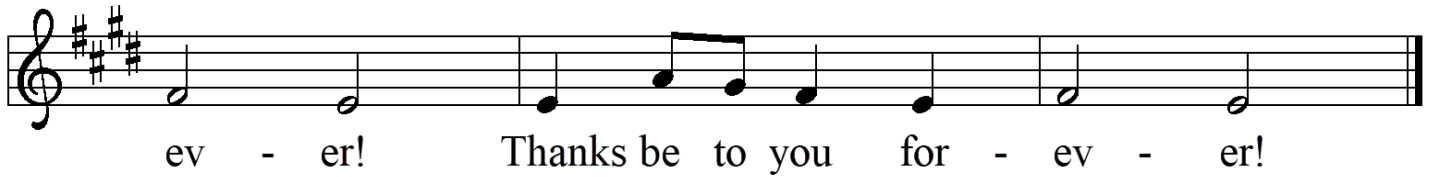


Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem- b'ring your cov-e-nant of life with us.

♯ Coda



† *Blessing*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

† *Dismissal*

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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