



Welcome to Worship

6th Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 5, 2026

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: “You Servants of God”

ELW 825

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Glory to you, O God:
you speak a word of power,
and Creation springs forth!

We praise you, O God!

Glory to you, O God:
your Spirit hovers over the earth,
and order is birthed from chaos!

We bless you, O God!

Glory to you, O God:
The sun rules our days,
The moon and stars brighten our nights,
Bringing your light to our darkness!

We exalt you, O God!

Glory to you, O God:
May blessing, glory, and praise be yours!

Now and forever, Amen!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *ELW Setting 10, page 205*

♪ Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good-will to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

♪ Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father’s splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 145:8-14

⁸ The Lord is gracious and full ¹ of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in ¹ steadfast love.

⁹ **Lord, you are ¹ good to all,**

and your compassion is over ¹ all your works.

¹⁰ All your works shall praise ¹ you, O Lord,

and your faithful ¹ ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory ¹ of your kingdom**

and speak ¹ of your power,

¹² that all people may know | of your power
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion
endures through- | out all ages.**

**You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your
works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do
the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law
is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within
me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh.
For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I
do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I
do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within
me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies
close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I
see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me
captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person
that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to
God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW Setting 10, page 205



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 11th Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ ¹⁸“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” ²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

SERMON SONG: “Jesus Loves Me”

ELW 595

SERMON

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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

*We give thee but thine own, Whatev'r that gift may be.
All that we have is thine alone, A trust O Lord from thee.*

PRAYERS: Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.
A brief silence.

God our unity, your church flourishes in different languages, cultures, and movements. Grant us wisdom to discern when our yokes are too heavy, that we may live and serve in the freedom of your rest. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our life-giver, we grieve the pains placed upon our common home through war and neglect. What you have lovingly crafted, guide us to lovingly tend. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our freedom, you are no tyrant but bring peace. As this nation marks its declaration of independence, teach us our part in announcing peace for future generations. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our comfort, liberate all in our community who are captive to fear, who have become isolated or ill, or who are in any need. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our guide, we do not always have the strength to do the good we wish to do. Free us from the cycles of violence that bind us, that all know your liberation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our home, you model freedom through the love shared across communities of trust and goodwill. As we remember those now gone to eternal rest, we thank you for the gifts of life together. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

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.

BENEDICTION:

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you,
the Lord look upon you with favor and give you his peace.

SENDING SONG: "Be Thou My Vision"

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DISMISSAL: Go in peace, Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

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