

**The sum
of your
word is
truth.**

Psalm 119:160

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2026

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Welcome to our Visitors!

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are glad you are here. It is our sincere prayer that God would refresh you by His Holy Word and Sacrament and that you would take with you His peace and joy. If you would care to give us your contact information, we would like to get to know you better and keep in touch. If you have questions or are interested in membership, please speak to anyone here.

Holy Communion

We come to the table at the invitation of the Lord, receiving the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Christians who share this faith and wish to join us at the table are welcome. Young children may be brought forward for a blessing.

Mission Statement

“...that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

1 Peter 2:9

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LSB Setting Four/Combined Liturgy

*indicates to please stand

Bold-congregation responses

PRELUDE WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT *Arr. Anne Krentz Organ*

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage 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.

God our Father does care about us. In His mercy, He has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the church 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. May Almighty God strengthen and preserve you unto life everlasting.

Amen.

***ENTRANCE HYMN O God, My Faithful God**



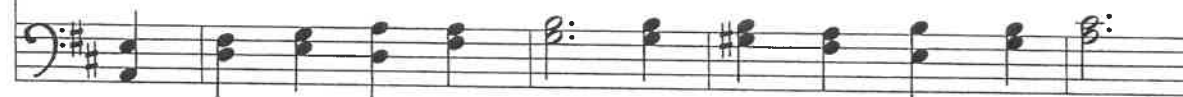
1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun - tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
 3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;
 4 When dan - gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing;
 what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—
 guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;
 help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
 to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless
 but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,
 help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
 what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
 then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.
 and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.



*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth;
To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

Merciful Father, for Jesus' sake you have welcomed us into your kingdom and given us abundant and eternal life. Set us free from the power of sin and death, and send us forth to serve and welcome others, seeing in them the very presence of your Son; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

FIRST READING

The First Reading is from Jeremiah, the 28th chapter.

⁵The 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.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119 Read Responsively

¹⁵³Behold my affliction and deliver me,
for I do not forget your law.

¹⁵⁴**Plead my cause and redeem me;
according to your promise, give me life.**

¹⁵⁵Deliverance is far from the wicked,
for they do not study your statutes.

¹⁵⁶**Great is your compassion, O Lord;
preserve my life, according to your judgments.**

¹⁵⁷There are many who persecute and oppress me,
yet I have not swerved from your decrees.

¹⁵⁸**I look with loathing at the faithless,
for they have not kept your word.**

¹⁵⁹See how I love your commandments!
O Lord, in your mercy, preserve me.

¹⁶⁰**The heart of your word is truth;
all your righteous judgments endure forevermore.**

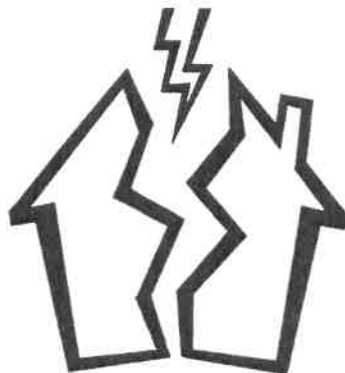
SECOND READING

The Second Reading is from Romans, the 7th chapter.

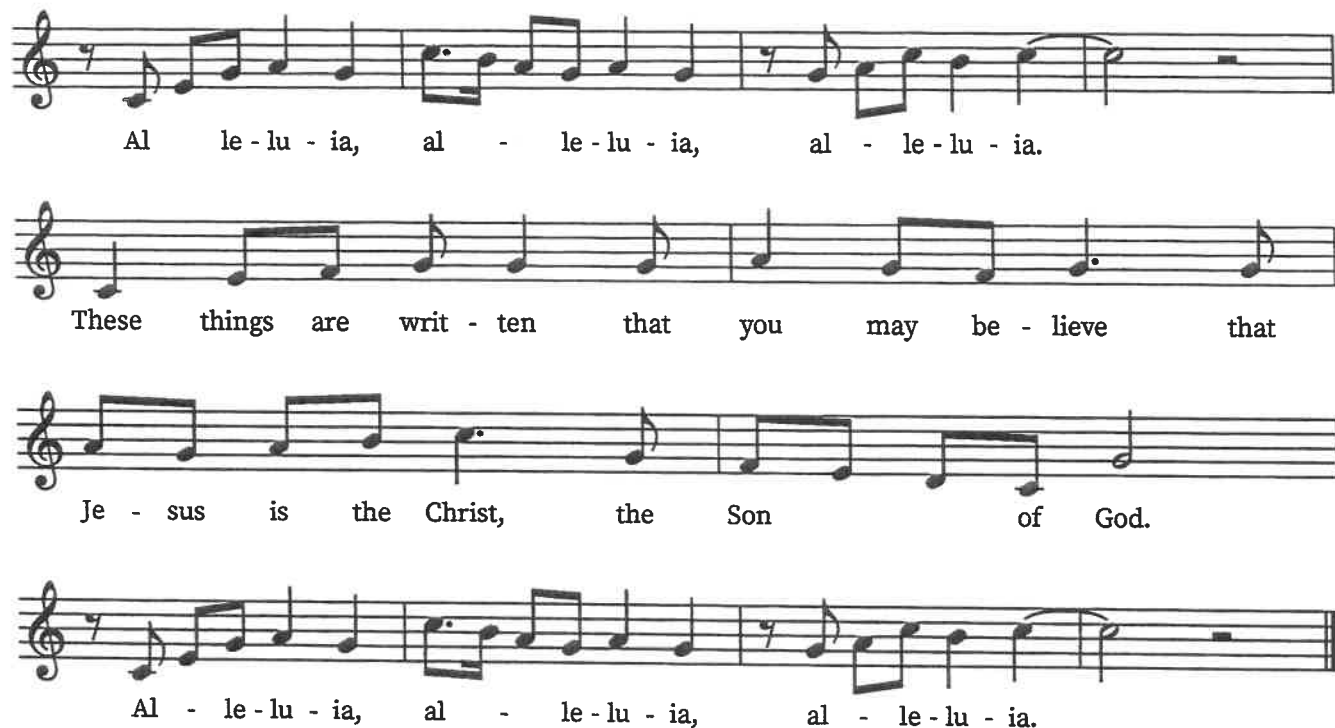
¹Do you not know, brothers — for I am speaking to those who know the law — that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ²For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³Accordingly, she will be called 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 in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code. 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. For 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. For 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



*ALLELUIA AND VERSE



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

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

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

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

The image shows a musical score for the Alleluia and Verse. It consists of four staves of music in a 7/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is the Alleluia, the second and third are the Verse, and the fourth is another Alleluia. The music is written in a simple, clear style suitable for a church service.

*HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁴{Jesus said to the disciples,} “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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Pr. Paul "Called Apart, Gathered Together"

HYMN OF THE DAY Jesus, I My Cross have Taken



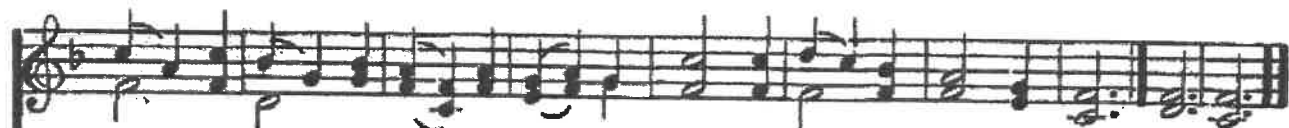
1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en, All to leave and fol - low Thee;
2 Let the world de-spise and leave me, They have left my Sav - ior, too.
3 Go, then, earth-ly fame and trea - sure! Come, dis - as - ter, scorn, and pain!
4 Man may trou - ble and dis - tress me, 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast;



Des - ti - tute, de-spised, for - sak - en, Thou from hence my All shalt be.
Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me; Thou art not, like them, un - true.
In Thy ser - vice, pain is plea - sure; With Thy fa - vor, loss is gain.
Life with tri - als hard may press me, Heav'n will bring me sweet - er rest.



Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion, All I've sought or hoped or known;
And while Thou shalt smile up - on me, God of wis - dom, love, and might,
I have called Thee Ab - ba, Fa - ther! I have stayed my heart on Thee.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me While Thy love is left to me;



Yet how rich is my con - di - tion! God and heav'n are still mine own.
Foes may hate and friends may shun me; Show Thy face, and all is bright.
Storms may bow, and clouds may gather, All must work for good to me.
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me Were that joy unmixed with Thee. Amen.



OFFERTORY "Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer" *Piano Solo*

Music by Keith Getty and Margaret Becker

Arr. by Carol Tornquist

***WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN**



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be:
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

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MUSIC: Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis*, 1850

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***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray...

Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us; our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up you hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

*SANCTUS



***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed by 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;

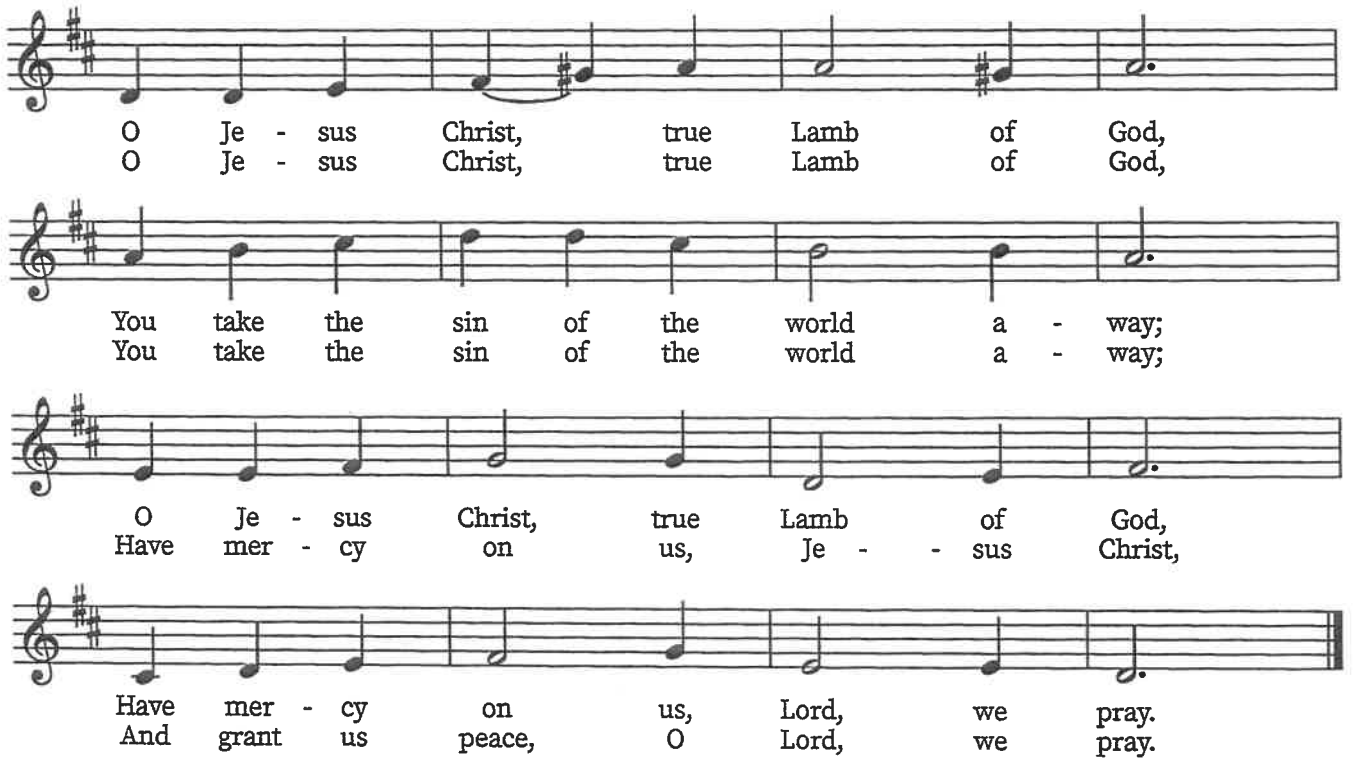
and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.



*AGNUS DEI



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

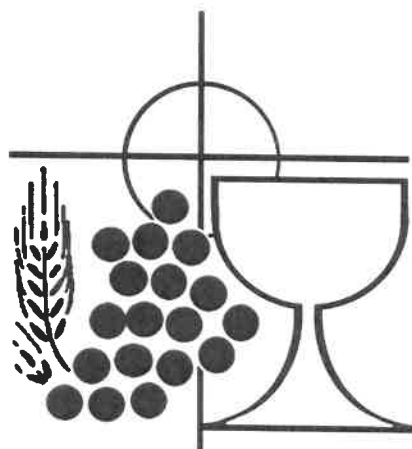
COMMUNION

The body of Christ given for you.

Amen.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

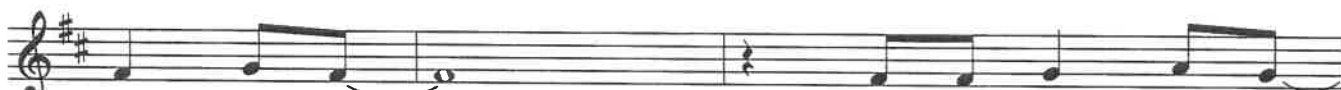
Amen.



COMMUNION HYMN Bread, Blessed and Broken



1. Je - sus, you're the one _____ I love; you're the
 2. From the clouds of yes - ter - day, through the
 3. May the bread we break _____ to - day, may the
 4. Pass - ing on to each _____ of us a mea - sure
 5. Je - sus, you're the one _____ I love; you're the



1. one I know. _____ You're the one who makes ____
 2. night of pain, _____ teach me, Lord, to know ____
 3. cup we share _____ lift the bur - dens of ____
 4. of your love, _____ love to make us whole ____
 5. one I know. _____ You're the one who makes ____



1. _____ me strong, Spir - it in my soul. _____ (to Verse 2)
 2. _____ your way, know it once a - gain. _____ (to Refrain)
 3. _____ our hearts, lift them ev - 'ry - where. _____ (to Verse 4)
 4. _____ a - gain, as we share your Word. _____ (to Refrain)
 5. _____ me strong, Spir - it in my soul. _____ (Fine)

REFRAIN



Bread, blessed _____ and bro - ken for _____ us all, _____



sym-bol of your love _____ from the grain so tall. _____

D. C. to Verses 3, 5



bread of life you give _____ to us, _____ bread of life for all. _____

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*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you unto life everlasting.

Amen.

*NUNC DIMITTIS



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you his peace.

Amen

*SENDING HYMN Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, since you are our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, pil - grims here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Fa - ther's bid - ding.
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
then by grace we all may win un - told fruits of his cre - a - tion.
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
Je - sus, un - to you I die, there to live with you on high.
Je - sus, if I faith - ful be, life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Serving the Family of Faith

This Week: 6/28

Reader: Nancy Wells

Communion: Nancy Wells

Fellowship: Charlene Arones

Usher: Gary Ebeltoft

Next Week: 7/5

Reader: Renate Gray

Communion: Renata Gray

Fellowship: Connie Palmer

Usher: Ken Schiess

Reminder: Pr. Paul and Deb will be gone 7/7 – 7/23

I will be making the bulletins for July the week of 6/28.

Please sign up to serve in July so I can work ahead.

THANK YOU!!!

“The Parables of Jesus” is the next Women’s Bible Study topic. If you are interested in having the book that accompanies the lessons, either to use in our Study or to just use at home, please contact Jan so she can order a copy for you.

Zinnecker.jan.e@gmail.com Deadline to order: July 1, 2026

Given to the glory of God: \$837.00

Next Week’s Readings:

Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:1-14; Romans 7:14-25a; Matthew 11:25-30