



*For I came not to
call the righteous, but
sinners.*

Matthew 9:13

*Second Sunday
after Pentecost*

June 7, 2026

Faith Lutheran Church

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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 YIGDAL

Arr. Kristina Langlois

***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,

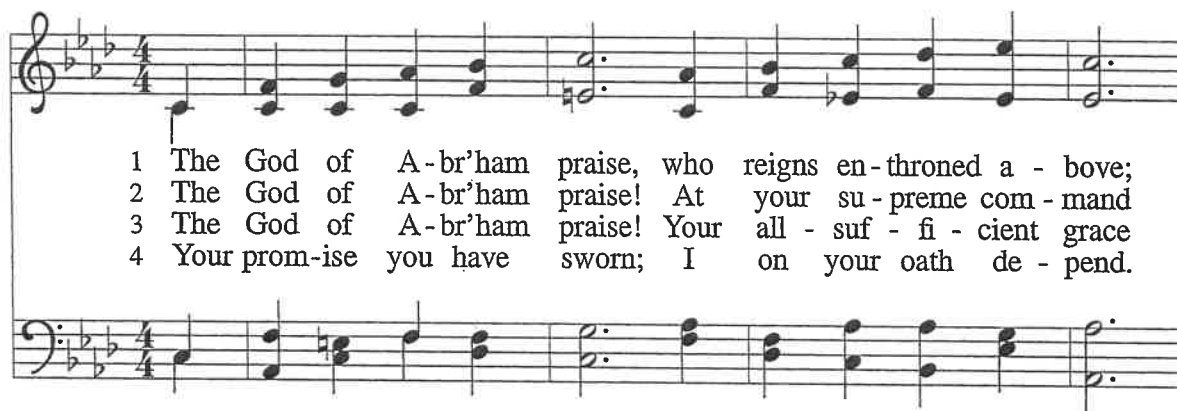
We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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.

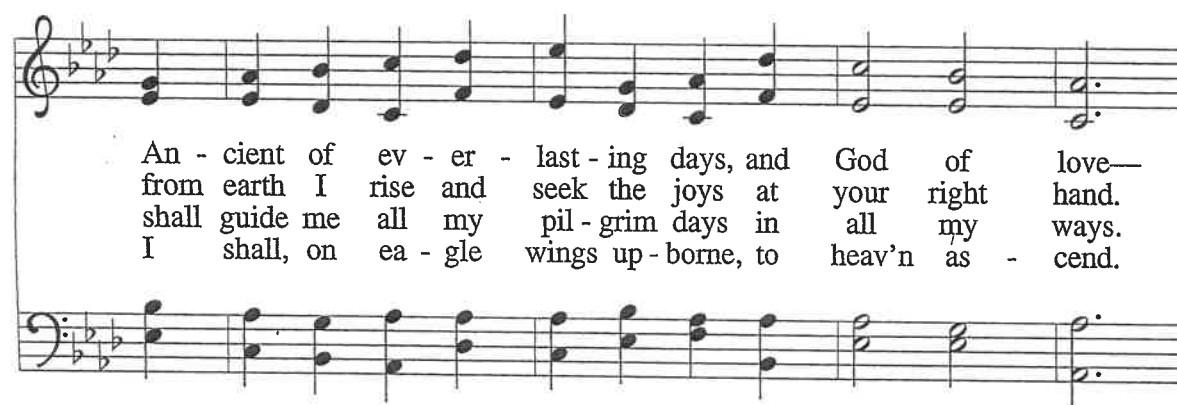
God our Father does care about us. In His mercy, He has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May Almighty God strengthen and preserve you unto life everlasting.

Amen.

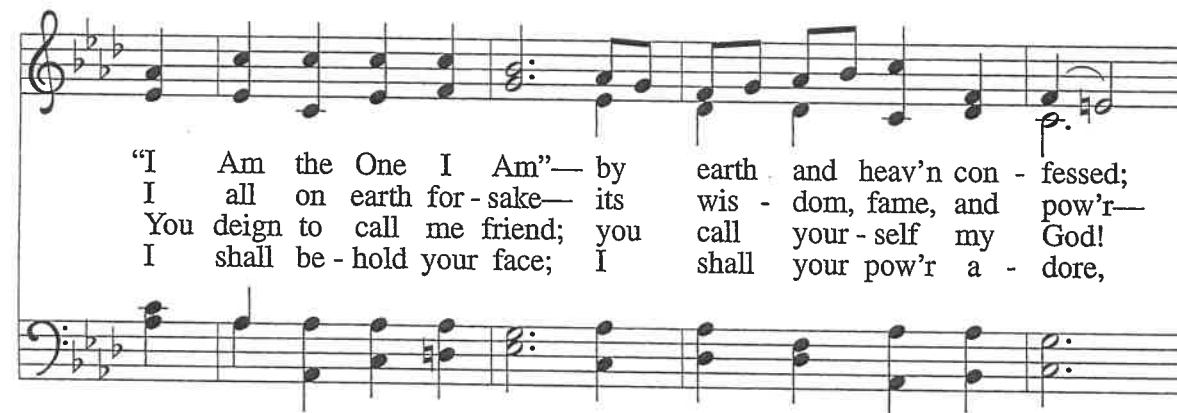
***ENTRANCE HYMN The God of Abraham Praise**



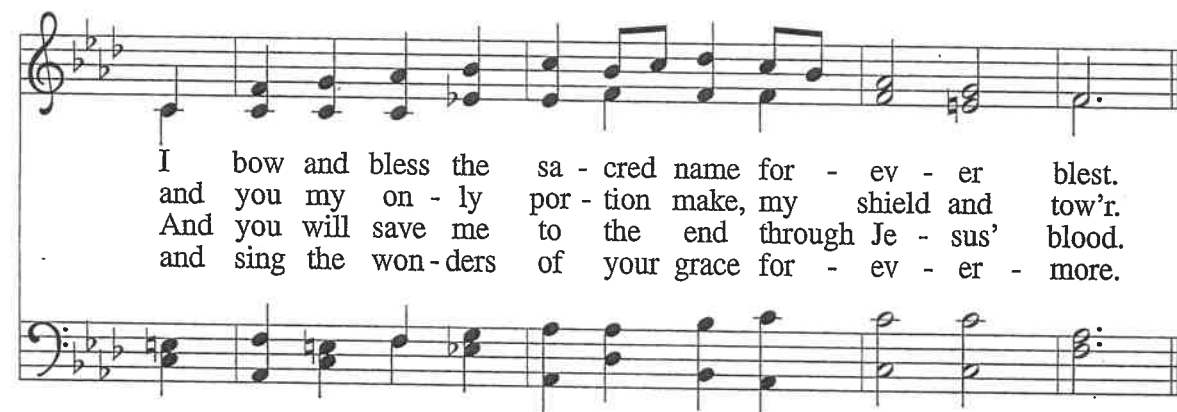
1 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
 2 The God of A-br'ham praise! At your su-preme com-mand
 3 The God of A-br'ham praise! Your all - suf - fi - cient grace
 4 Your prom-ise you have sworn; I on your oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love—
 from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.
 shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.
 I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.



"I Am the One I Am"— by earth and heav'n con - fessed;
 I all on earth for - sake— its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r—
 You deign to call me friend; you call your - self my God!
 I shall be - hold your face; I shall your pow'r a - dore,



I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.
 and you my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
 And you will save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.
 and sing the won - ders of your grace for - ev - er - more.

*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.

SERVICE OF THE WORD


*KYRIE

In peace let us pray to the Lord.




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

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.




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

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.




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

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



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

Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord



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

*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...

Holy God, every time we gather around word, water, bread and wine, we receive the healing that brings salvation and eternal life through your Son. Grant that we, having received your healing grace, may go forth to be signs of your mercy for the world; 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 Hosea the 5th & 6th chapters.

¹⁵I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me.

¹⁴“Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. ²After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. ³Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.” ⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. ⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. ⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119

⁶⁵O Lord, you have dealt graciously with your servant,
according to your word.

⁶⁶**Teach me discernment and knowledge,
for I have believed in your commandments.**

⁶⁷Before I was afflicted I went astray,
but now I keep your word.

⁶⁸**You are good and you bring forth good;
instruct me in your statutes.**

⁶⁹The proud have smeared me with lies,
but I will keep your commandments with my whole heart.

⁷⁰**Their heart is gross and fat,
but my delight is in your law.**

⁷¹It is good for me that I have been afflicted,
that I might learn your statutes.

⁷²**The law of your mouth is dearer to me
than thousands in gold and silver.**

SECOND READING

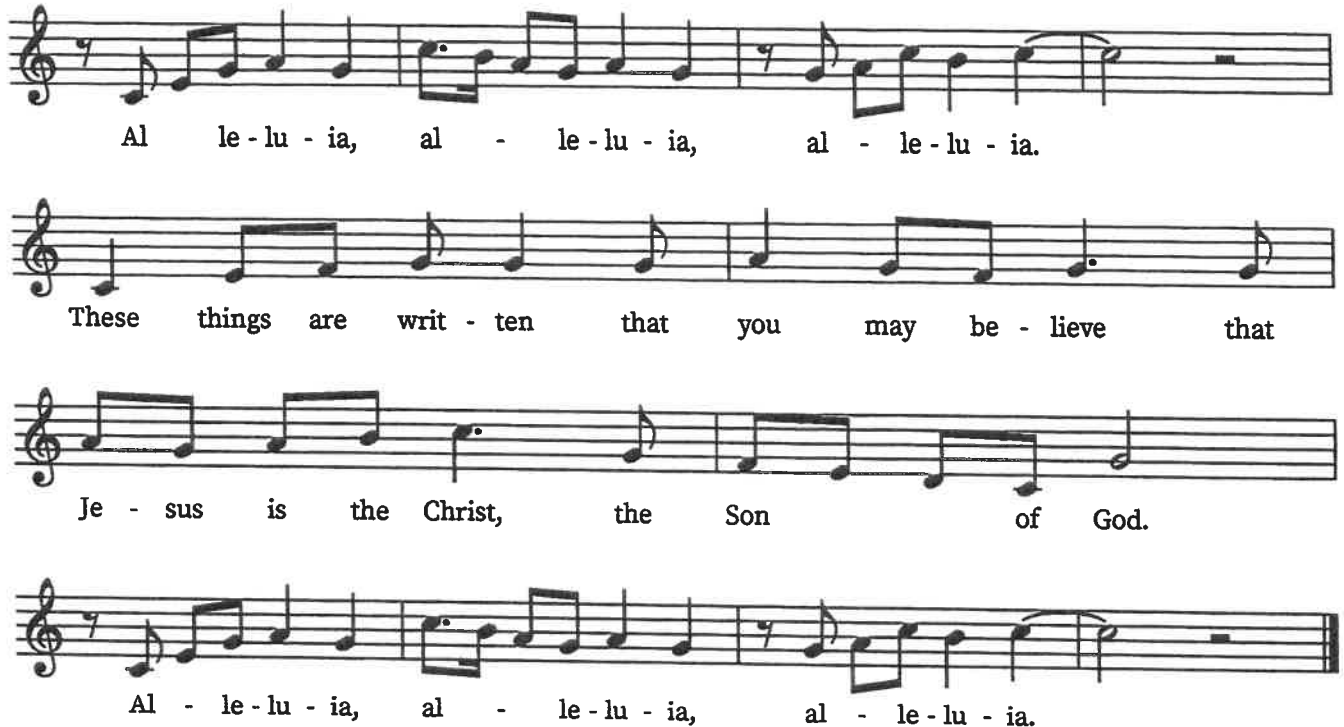
The Second Reading is from Romans, the 4th chapter.

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring — not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations” — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

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 musical score consists of four staves of music in 7/8 time. The first staff contains the first line of the Alleluia. The second staff contains the beginning of the verse. The third staff contains the middle of the verse. The fourth staff contains the final line of the Alleluia. The lyrics are written below the notes.

*HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. ¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON: Pr. Paul "The Unlikely Witness"

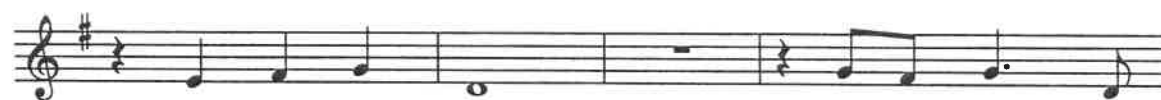
HYMN OF THE DAY Here I Am Lord



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them.
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.



My hand will save. I who made the
 They turn a - way. I will break their
 My hand will save. Fin - est bread I



stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
 will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

***APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day He rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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 THE CHURCH**

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

***PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you.

(At this time we offer each other a sign of God's peace)

OFFERTORY "HOSEA" *Faith Choir*

Weston Priory, Gregory Norbet, OSB

The Benedictine Foundation of the State of Vermont, Inc

*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.

WORDS: William W. How (1823-1897)
MUSIC: Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis*, 1850

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S.M.

*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.

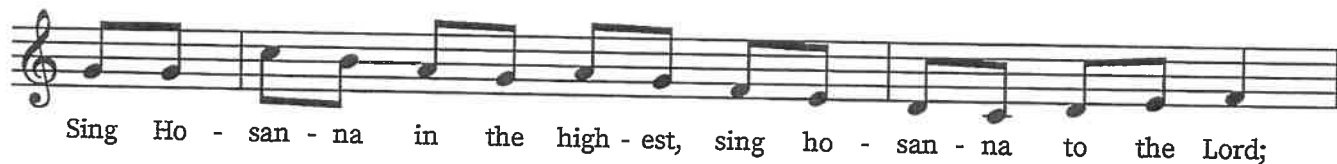
We lift them to the Lord.

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

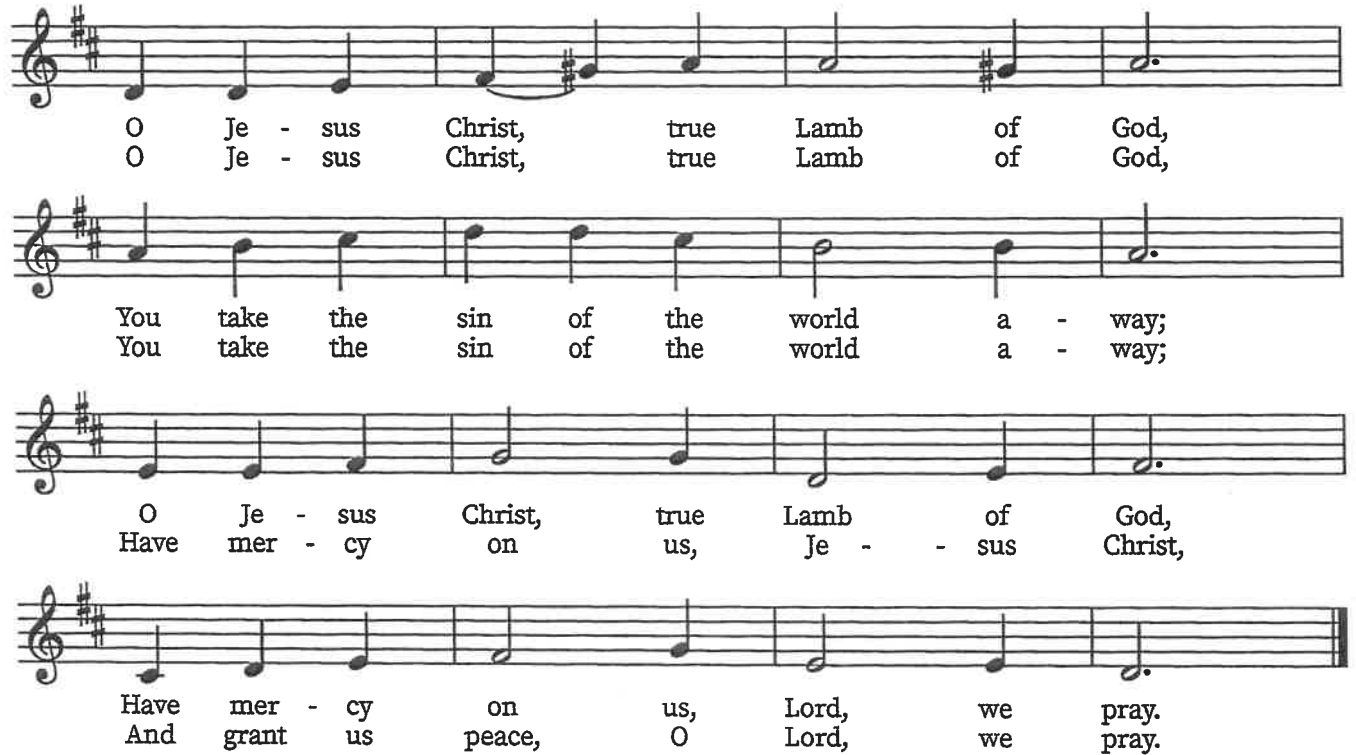
as we forgive those who trespass against us;

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.

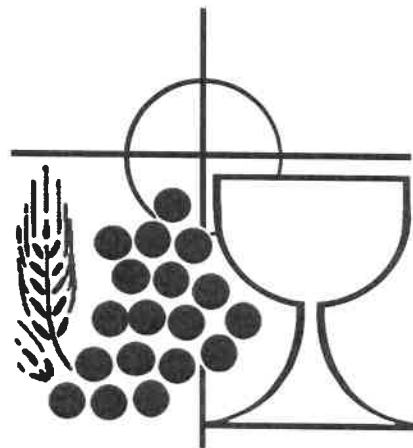
COMMUNION

The body of Christ given for you.

Amen.

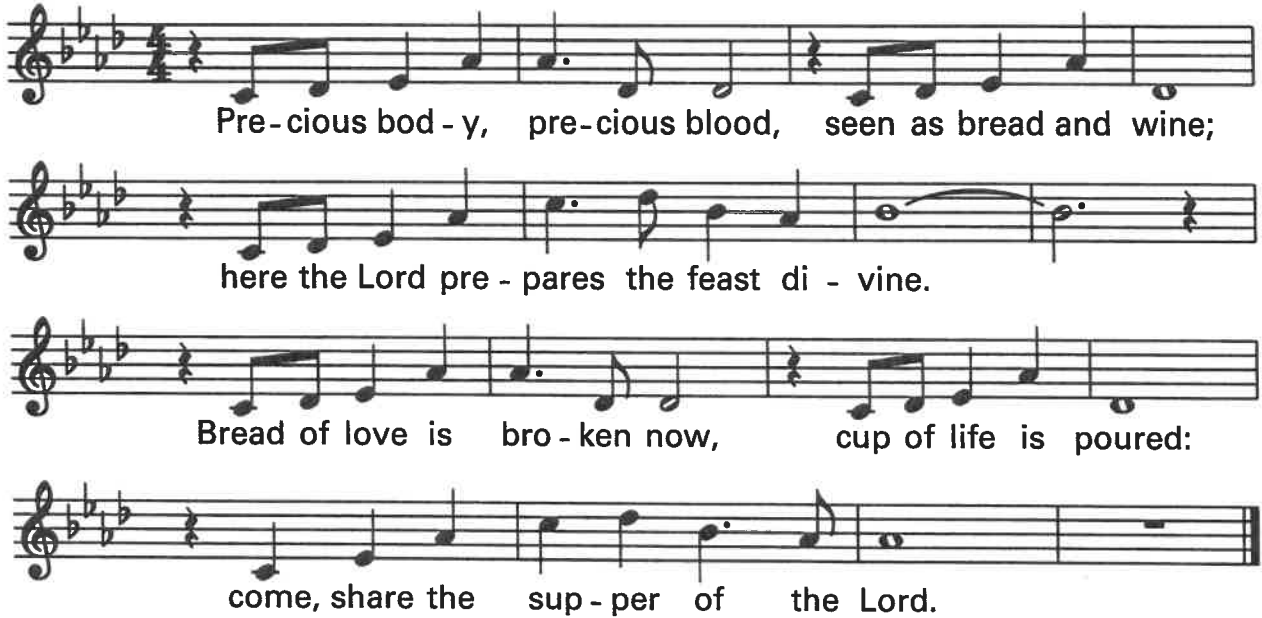
The blood of Christ shed for you.

Amen.



COMMUNION HYMN The Supper of the Lord (vs. 1-3)

Refrain



Pre-cious bod - y, pre-cious blood, seen as bread and wine;
 here the Lord pre - pares the feast di - vine.
 Bread of love is bro - ken now, cup of life is poured:
 come, share the sup - per of the Lord.

Verses



1. This is the bread of God com- ing down from heav'n,
 2. "I am the liv - ing spring of e - ter - nal life;
 3. "I am the bread of heav'n giv - ing life to you;
 4. "All those who feed on me have their life in me,
 5. All praise to you, O Christ, pres-ent in this feast;
 1. giv - ing life to us, to all the world.
 2. you that drink from me shall not thirst a - gain."
 3. you that eat this bread shall nev - er die."
 4. as I have my life in the liv - ing God."
 5. in this bread, we share in one life, one Lord.

Text: Verses 1-4 based on John 4, 6.

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*The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace unto life everlasting.

Amen

*NUNC DIMITTIS



O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De
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 chos - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

(Move to Discipleship Room)

***DEDICATION AND BLESSING
OF
DISCIPLESHIP ROOM**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ: today we seek God's blessing as with thankfulness we have come together to dedicate this new education and fellowship space.

All your works praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you.

We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for your abundant gifts. By your holy wisdom all things have been made to reflect your glory, for the sustenance of life, and for the use and delight of your living creatures. Send your blessing upon us and upon this new gathering space, which we dedicate to your glory and in honor and thanksgiving for the ministry of our brother Pr. Mark. His love of your word and faithful proclamation of the gospel, his joyful witness and fresh vision for ministry has strengthened and inspired this congregation. May it be a lively place for sound learning and new discoveries; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth. May warmth and welcome fill this place. May it be a home for the community and a haven for the stranger; a safe place for laughter, for tears, and for wonder; and a center for acts of service and deeds of love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***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** God Be With You Till We Meet Again

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,

with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
 dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 meet a - gain,

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904
 Music: William G. Tomer, 1833-1896

GOD BE WITH YOU
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Liturgical elements from: The Lutheran Service Book, Lutheran Book of Worship & Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

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Serving the Family of Faith

This Week: 6/7

Reader: Ralph Kuhn

Communion: Ralph Kuhn

Fellowship: Lynn Heim

Usher: Jerry Bramley

Next Week: 6/14

Reader: Connie Palmer

Communion: Connie Palmer

Fellowship: Margaret Ebeltoft

Usher: Frank Gray

Reminder: Thank you to all who signed up to serve in June.

We do need someone to read and serve Communion on 6/21.

6/21 Chicago Folk Service

Father's Day

“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: \$1,455.00

Next Week’s Readings:

Exodus 19:2-8; Psalm 100; Romans 5:6-15; Matthew 9:35-10:8 [9-20]