

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2026; 9 a.m.



St John's
Lutheran Church

(An usher rings the church bell at 8:55 a.m.)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

(Acolytes light the candles)

Jubilate Deo - Psalm 100 set by Dale Wood
Eric Nielsen, baritone

Confession and Forgiveness *(please stand)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(silence is kept for reflection)

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

ELW #556; *Morning Has Broken*

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Apostolic 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

From ELW Setting 8

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

Cantor: (Pr. Christine)

- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

- 2 That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

- 3 For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Canticle of Praise

Setting 6 Gloria vs. 1, 2

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace

to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa-ther,

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace

to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:
 have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right
 hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
Final refrain
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est.
 A - men, a - men.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, **you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Reading: Hosea 5:15—6:6 *(please sit)*

- ¹⁵ I will return again to my place
 until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
 In their distress they will beg my favor:
- ^{6:1} “Come, let us return to the Lord,
 for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
 he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
- ² After two days he will revive us;
 on the third day he will raise us up,
 that we may live before him.
- ³ Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;
 his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
 he will come to us like the showers,
 like the spring rains that water the earth.”

- ⁴ What 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 away early.
- ⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
- ⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Reading: Psalm 50:7-15 (*read responsively*)

- ⁷ “Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you;
for I am God, your God.
- ⁸ **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are always before me.**
- ⁹ I will not accept a calf from your stalls,
nor goats from your pens;
- ¹⁰ **for all the wild animals of the forest are mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.**
- ¹¹ I know every bird of the mountains,
and the creatures of the fields are mine.
- ¹² **If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**
- ¹³ Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?
- ¹⁴ **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and make good your vows to the Most High.**
- ¹⁵ Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

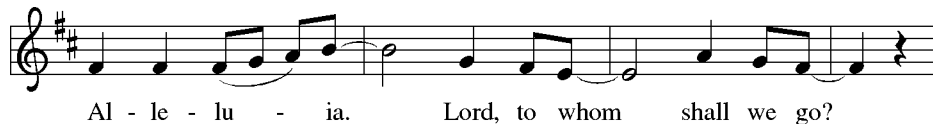
Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

Gospel Acclamation *(please stand)*

From ELW Setting 6



Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 9th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, "Go away, for the girl is not

dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

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

Sermon *(please sit)*

“This, Not That.” Pastor Christine Emerson

Hymn of the Day *(please stand)*

ACS #1014; *When We Must Bear Persistent Pain*, vs. 1-3

- 1 When we must bear persistent pain
 and suffer with no cure in sight,
 come, Holy Presence, breathe your peace
 with gifts of warmth and healing light.

- 2 Support us as we learn new ways
 to care for bodies newly frail.
 Help us endure, and live and love.
 Hear our complaint when patience fails.

- 3 We thank you for the better days
 when we may smile to greet the sun,
 to do your work with clearing mind,
 and bless your name when day is done.

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 the People

Petition:
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always!
And also with you.

Offering *(please sit)*

(Ushers take up the collection)

People Need the Lord by Greg Nelson and Phill McHugh; arr. Mary McDonald
Eric Nielsen, baritone

Offertory *(please stand)*

(Ushers bring collection forward for acolytes to receive)

ELW #401; *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*, vs. 1, 3

1 Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading,
fashion us all anew.
It's your leading that we're needing,
help us to follow you.

Refrain

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

3 Guide our thinking and our speaking
done in your holy name.
Motivate all in their seeking,
freeing from guilt and shame. *Refrain*

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,

so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.

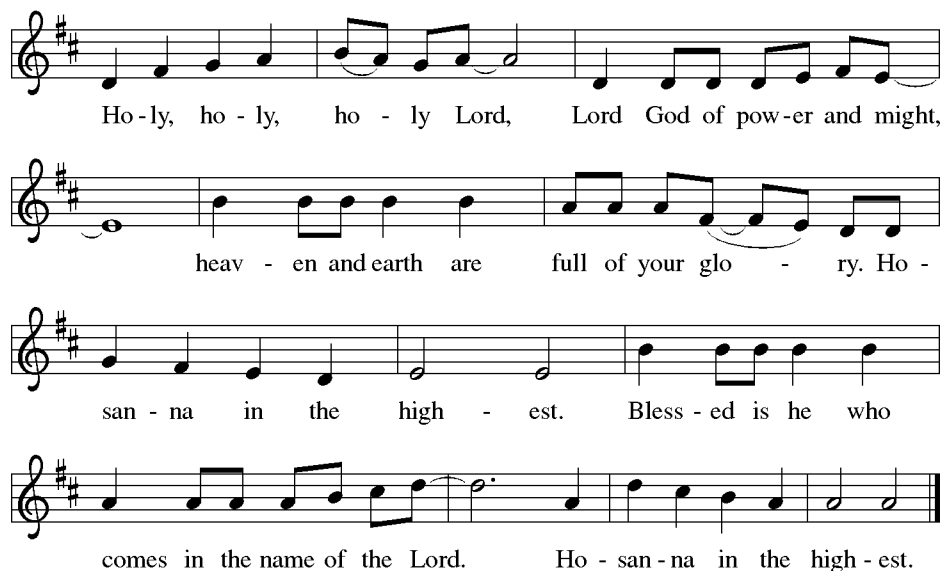
Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

From ELW Setting 6



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

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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

Invitation to the Table

(There will be a healing station at the pulpit during communion today.)

(Acolytes prepare for communion distribution; ushers come forward to invite assembly by pew. Greeters will guide those wishing to receive at the altar: stop at credence table for a cup, then walk up side steps into the chancel)

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

Lamb of God

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

Communion Hymn

ELW #617; *We Come to You for Healing Lord*

- 1 We come to you for healing, Lord,
of body, mind, and soul,
and pray that by your Spirit's touch
we may again be whole.
- 2 As once you walked through ancient streets
and reached toward those in pain,

come, risen Christ, among us still
with pow'r to heal again.

- 3 You touch us through physicians' skills,
through nurses' gifts of care,
and through the love of faithful friends
who lift our lives in prayer.
- 4 When nights are long with wakefulness,
through days when strength runs low,
grant us your gift of patience, Lord,
your calming peace to know.
- 5 We come to you, O loving Lord,
in our distress and pain,
in trust that through our nights and days
your grace will heal, sustain.

Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer *(please stand)*

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

Let us pray. Compassionate God,
**through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.**

Benediction

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

(Acolytes extinguish the candles)

ELW #836; *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!

Sending

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Linda Ranney

Altar Flowers

Serving at Worship Today

Presider	Pr. Christine Emerson
Worship Assistant	Cora Klawiter
Lector	Patti Sontag
Acolytes	Reese Boeckmann, Emmerson Rosentrater
Ushers	Brian Wagner, Dramus Peuse
Greeters	Mike Torud, Norb Kirk
Communion Servers	Eric Nielsen, Jenna Boeckmann, Mark Sontag, John Price, Sharon Price
Media & Streaming	Scott Olsen
Screen Operator	Maxx Christopherson
Musicians	Linda Ranney, piano/organ; Eric Nielsen, baritone

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