

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



July 5, 2026 + 10:00 a.m.

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...
an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Services of worship and other events at Redeemer are routinely livestreamed or photographed. If you do not want your image to be captured on livestreaming or in photographs, please speak to an usher or the leader of the event so that you can be offered alternative seating in the gathering area or can be excluded from the photograph.
- Please silence your cell phone.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Please be respectful of people who use this time to prepare for worship.

Prelude

Softly and Tenderly, arr. Dale Wood

Welcome

Hymn

This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,
a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

Text: Lloyd Stone, 1912–1993, sts. 1–2; Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, st. 3

Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957

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Greeting

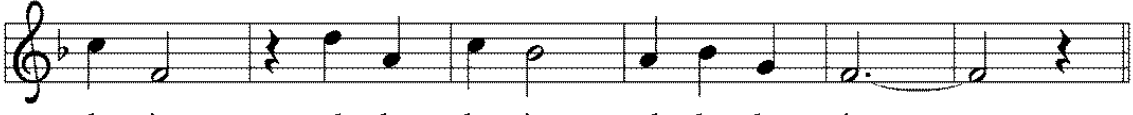
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of
the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

Refrain

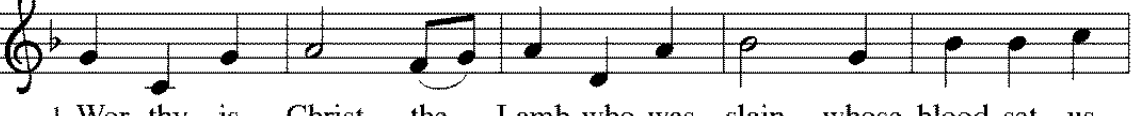


This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

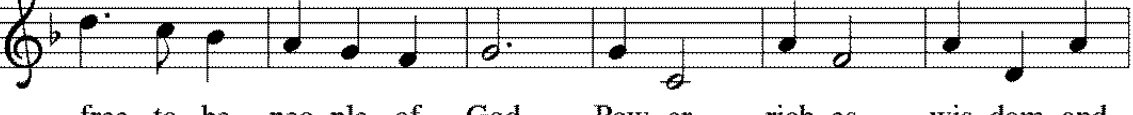


lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

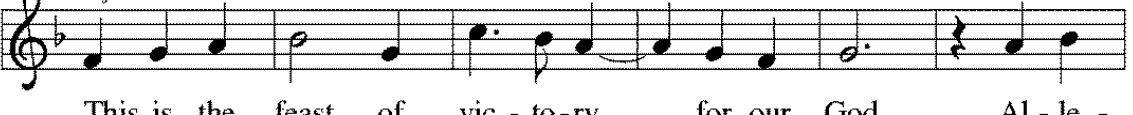


free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

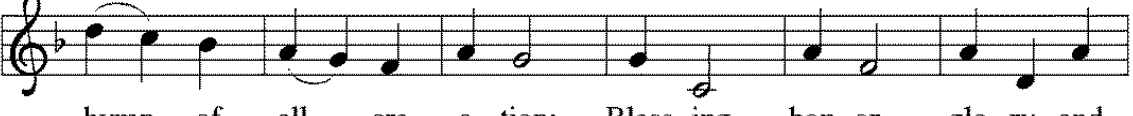


This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



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

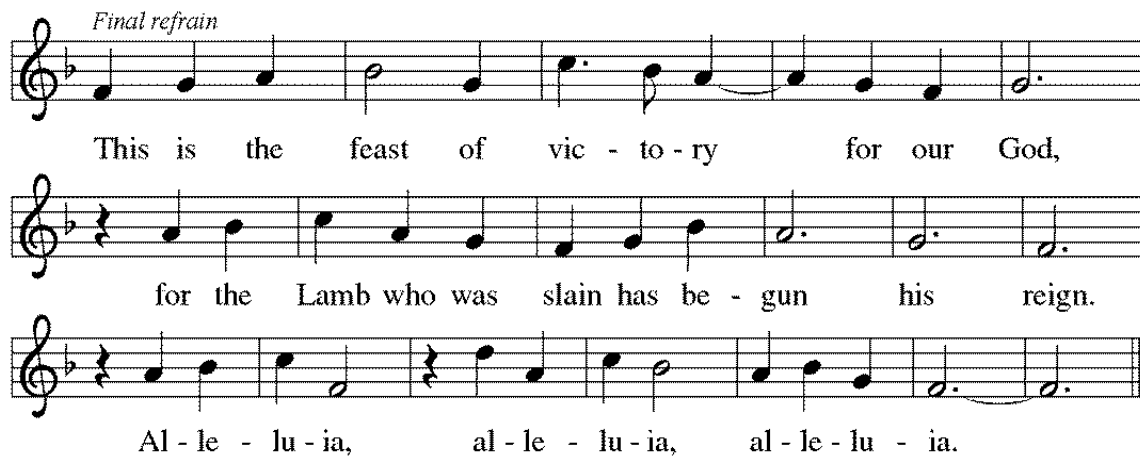
2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



Prayer of the Day

Lord of all the worlds, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all living in these lands the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

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.

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.

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

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

May we open ourselves to what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Amen.**

Psalm 145:8-14



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The LORD is gracious and full [|] of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in [|] steadfast love.

**LORD, you are [|] good to all,
and your compassion is over [|] all your works.**

All your works shall praise [|] you, O LORD,
and your faithful [|] ones shall bless you.

**They shall tell of the glory [|] of your kingdom
and speak [|] of your power,**

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

**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.**

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

Reading

Romans 7:15-25a

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the early church at Rome

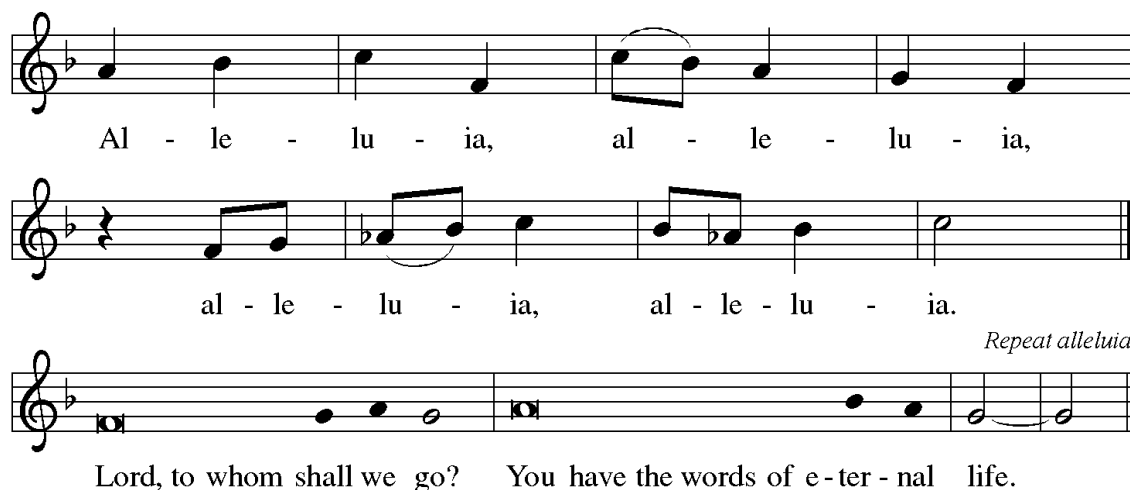
I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh.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

So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, 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. Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

May we open ourselves to what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Amen.**

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



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

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

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the 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.”

At 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; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All 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.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Elizabeth Hoster

Musical Reflection

Pass It On

Kurt Kaiser
Wendy Stoica

It only takes a spark to get a fire going.
And soon all those around can warm up to its glowing.
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:
You spread His love to everyone; you want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding;
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming.
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it;
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring; you want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found.
You can depend on Him, it matters not where you're bound.
I'll shout it from the mountain top; I want my world to know;
The Lord of love has come to me; I want to pass it on.

Apostles' Creed

We honor and celebrate our oneness with Christians in this time and throughout time as expressed in these historic words:

**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.**

Community Prayers

After each petition: “Your mercy is great, O God.”

Receive our prayer.

Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey’s sister Kleta Childs, Bebe McCoy’s brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling’s sister Val, John Kennedy’s niece Michele Wolfe, Maddie Sutphin, Becky and Larry Trover’s son-in-law Brandon James, Skye Andree, Kris Kauffman, Kathie Ehrich, Dottie and Larry Bird, Kelley Frank and Trina Thornton, Kelley’s mother Charlotte Frank, Sue, Tim, and Lisa Watson, Heidi Carman, Debbie Turner’s friends Sherrie and Jim Tompkins, Grace and Ken Jones and their son Dan Jones, Emily Crosley, Bill Boys, Ranel and Neil Hoddinott’s sister and brother-in-law Paulie and Jerry Shaffer, Barbara Hairston, WilFrantz Raymond’s sister Cheslie, Don Luck, Greg Williams, Kathy and Tom Mimlitch’s daughter Holly Ragland, Nate and Alysssha Bird, Linda Williams’ sister-in-law Georgeann Neuzil, Karen Rider’s friends Nancy McGinnis, Karen McCune, and Eileene Welker, LaVerna Reinoehl, Drusanne Shaulis, Pastor’s niece Olivia and family, Redeemer Call Committee

For the people of Christ Lutheran Church in Heath.

For Redeemer community member Lynn Belhorn.

Time with the Young People

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We greet those who are livestreaming with us by waving to the camera in the back of the sanctuary above the choir loft. Then you are encouraged to greet each other in a way that expresses the peace and love of Christ.

If you do not wish close contact, offer a sign of blessing to others to let them know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.

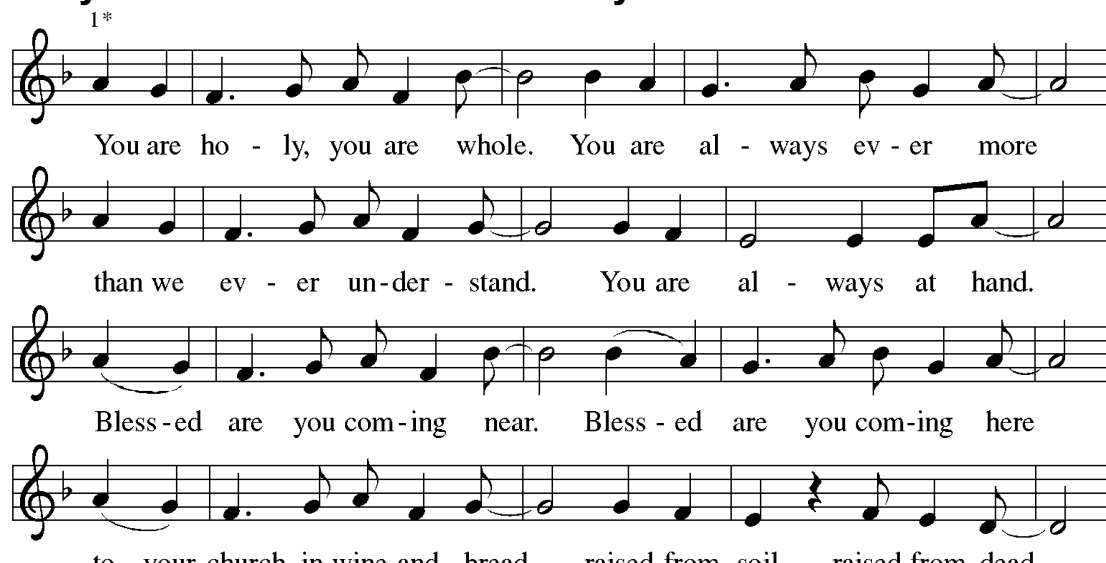
Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

In body or spirit, please stand

Offertory

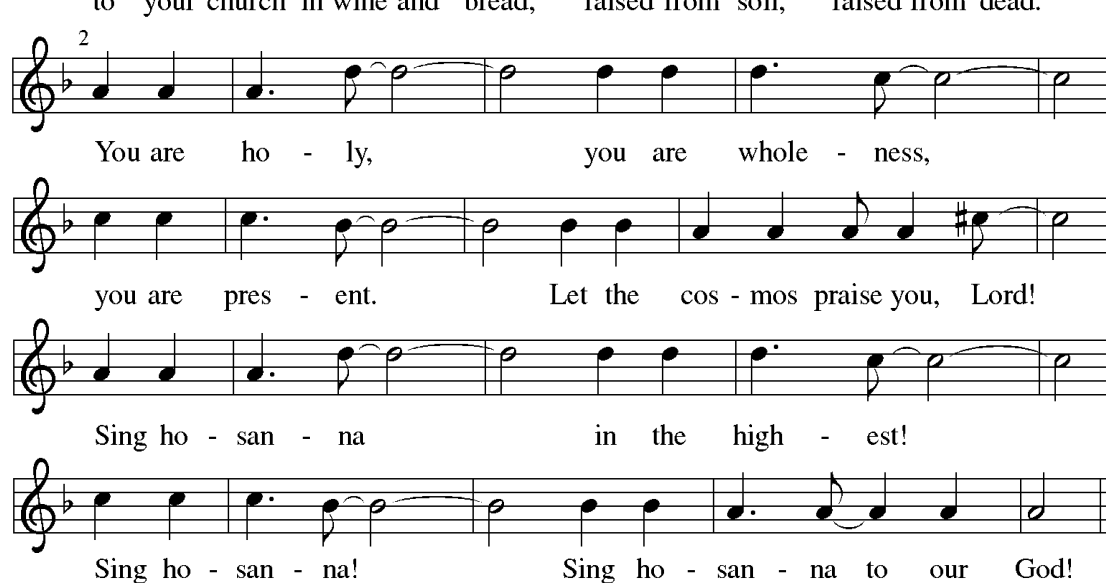
You Are Holy

1*



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

** May be sung in canon.*

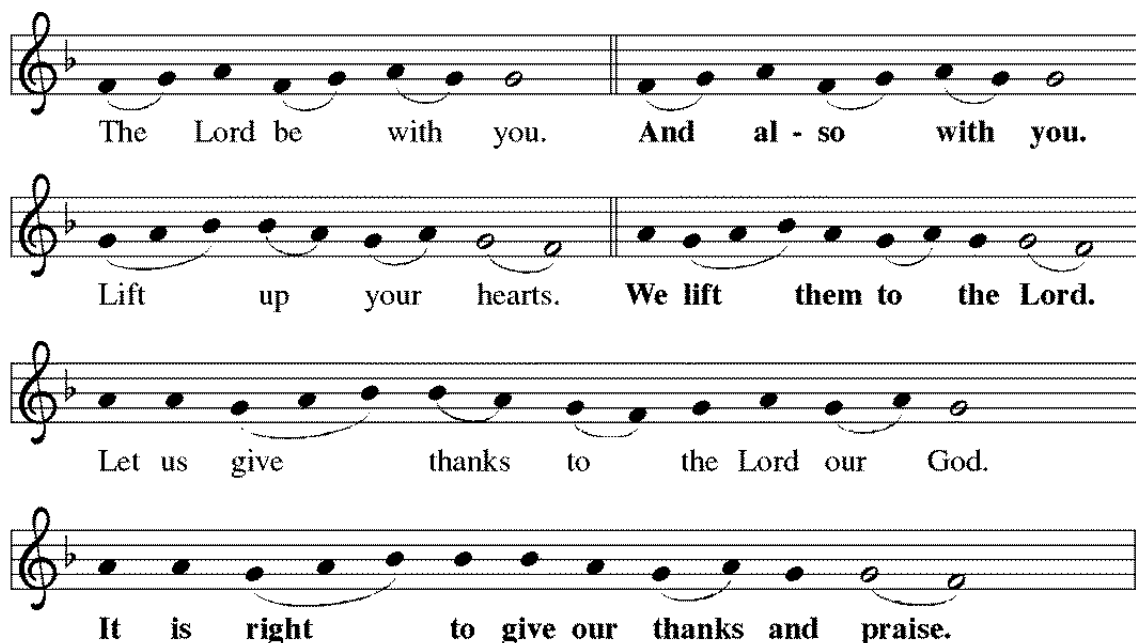
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Great Thanksgiving



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

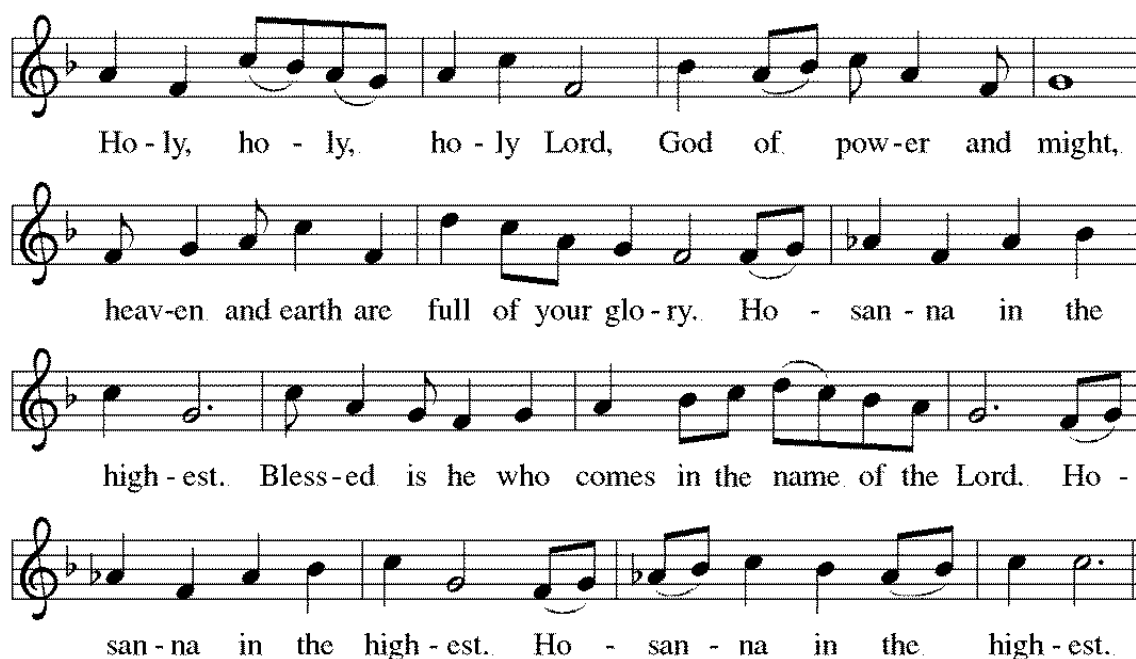
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is a joy to give you our thanks and praise, Creator God. In the beginning, your Spirit brooded time into being, so that you could give form to the world. At the Incarnation, your Spirit breathed your time into being, so that the world could receive the Word. Through Pentecost, the Spirit brought a new time into being, so that the Word could meet us everywhere.

Holy God, you send the Spirit to be a companion to all who follow the Way of Jesus. As inheritors of both the challenge and the comfort of your Way, we join with all who have made this journey in other places and at other times, raising our voices in this timeless song of praise:



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

Entering these gifts of bread and wine, the Spirit blesses this time, and makes Christ alive in this meal to comfort, challenge, and transform us. Here at this table, through the power of the Spirit, God's time and our time come together in bread and wine, making grace something we can touch and taste.

We recall how Jesus, drawing near to the end of his time on earth, ate a last meal with his friends. We remember how his words and actions disturbed and dismayed them; but also how he offered them comfort and encouragement. We remember that he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body broken for you. Do this to remember me." And after supper he took a cup, and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant, sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

Hear us now as we commit ourselves to your Way, and pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

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.**

As we share these gifts of grace, may the Holy Spirit take and transform them that we may know both their comfort and their challenge, and so transform ourselves and our days. Here is bread and wine – touched and transformed by the Spirit. Come, eat and drink, and be healed and strengthened to face all that life brings.

Sharing the Meal

Whoever you are, from wherever you come, whatever you believe, you are welcome and invited to receive. Come! For all things are now ready.

Please be seated

You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring. Gluten-free wafers are available on request, ask Pastor.

Hymn

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain
 watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!"

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909
 Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

Hymn

Light Dawns on a Weary World

1 Light dawns on a weary world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a weary world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a weary world when crea - tures, once for -

see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a

wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.

Refrain
 The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
 the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!
 We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
 as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Affirmation of Christian Vocation in Civic Life

People of God, you are chosen and named as God's beloved. You have received the gift of Christian vocation, a holy calling lived out in various dimensions of your life, your relationships and communities, your work and your rest. Daily and richly we live in the promises of holy baptism, sustained by grace to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

I ask you, therefore: Will you endeavor to pattern your life on Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you strive to pursue the common good in public life, nurturing mutual care among neighbors near and far?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you pledge to bear witness in word and action, commending what is true and right, renouncing what is unjust and harmful, and working to mend what is flawed?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Sovereign God, your Son Jesus lived within the structures of society even as he spoke truth to those in power and challenged systems of oppression. Give to your servant/s courage, patience, and vision in their commitment to serve in Christ's name. Empower us all in our Christian vocation to be courageous disciples and responsible citizens. Grant that our life in the public realm be grounded in love for our neighbors, care for the most vulnerable, and respect for the common life we share, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.



WE ARE SENT

Hymn

The Right Hand of God

1 The right hand of God is writ - ing in our land,
 2 The right hand of God is point - ing in our land,
 3 The right hand of God is strik - ing in our land,
 4 The right hand of God is heal - ing in our land,

writ - ing with pow - er and with love,
 point - ing the way . . . we must go,
 strik - ing out at en - vy, hate, and greed.
 heal - ing bro - ken bod - ies, minds, and souls,

our con - flicts and our fears, our tri - umphs and our tears
 so cloud - ed is the way, so eas - i - ly we stray,
 Our self - ish - ness and lust, our pride and deeds un - just,
 so won - drous is its touch with love that means so much,

are re - cord - ed by the right hand of God.
 but we're guid - ed by the right hand of God.
 are de - stroyed by the right hand of God.
 when we're healed by the right hand of God.

Text: Patrick Prescod

Music: LA MANO DE DIOS, Noel Dexter

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

In Christ There Is No East or West, arr. Dale Wood

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Tuesday Bible Study
1:00pm
In-Person and Zoom:
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Meeting ID: 880 0802 1077
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RLC Garden Giveaway
Produce from our own garden
and donations from friends and neighbors
Saturday mornings
10 am until gone



RLC Serves
First English Lutheran Church
Community Dinner
Thursday, July 9
Food donations and volunteers needed
See *Reflections* for details

Summer Read
Wednesdays
June 24 – July 22
7-8:30 pm



John Fugelsang
The Separation of Church and Hate:
A Sane Person's Guide to Taking Back
the Bible from Fundamentalists, Fascists,
and Flock-Fleeing Frauds

July 8 Chapters 6 and 7
July 15 Chapters 8 through 10
July 22 Chapter 11 through the end

The book provides practical guidance for engaging in conversations with family, friends, or coworkers who use religion to justify harmful beliefs. Fugelsang combines humor, biblical knowledge, and political insight to reveal inconsistencies in fundamentalist arguments and to encourage debates grounded in compassion and reason.

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88936382605?pwd=qD9ZNjY6cHB4Q478Xj00YFG8UzVlg.1>
Meeting ID: **889 3638 2605**== Passcode: **721097**
Phone only: **312 626 6799**



Sunday, July 12
5:30 pm
"The Gods Must Be Crazy"
Movies, snacks, discussion,
laughter, fun!
Please join us!



LSS Food Pantry

Thursday, July 16

12:30-4:00 pm

*Contact Kathleen Zwanziger
to volunteer*



Fans! Fans! and more Fans!

The Outreach Team is sponsoring the collection of **box fans** to be distributed to those in need. The goal for this year is **175 fans** – or more!

You may either donate fans (watch for sales!) or make a monetary contribution for the purchase of fans – just put “fans” in the check memo.

If you have questions, contact Julianne Johnson.



July Birthdays:

- 1 – Bruce Collins
- 1 – Karen Riccio
- 2 – Kevin Bailey
- 3 – Caroline Ott
- 5 – Sachio Phillips
- 7 – Diane Montgomery
- 8 – Kathleen Zwanziger
- 11 – Evelyn Boreman
- 11 – Heather Coffman
- 12 – Payton Amon
- 16 – Kandice Hoddinott
- 17 – Cora Marquez
- 18 – Kelley Frank
- 19 – Terry Warren
- 21 – Grace Jones
- 22 – Alta Boreman
- 22 – Noah Gosnell
- 23 – Drusanne Shaulis
- 27 – Tom Mimlitch
- 29 – Kathy Mimlitch
- 29 – Becky Trover
- 31 – Marilyn Roberts



Wednesday July 29

7:00 pm

Join us for an evening at Huntington Park.

Tickets \$11

Sign up by **July 15** so we know how many group tickets to purchase.

See Reflections for details.



**Good Neighbors Picnic
Saturday, September 26**

**Now collecting cold weather
items: blankets, sweatshirts, hats,
gloves, scarves, etc.**

Collection bins are in the cloakroom

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	Elizabeth Hoster, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Connie Criswell
Cantor	Heidi Sherer
Organist & Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Kathleen Zwanziger
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Katie Jacobs, Ruby Jacobs, Kay Ernsthausen
Producers	Tom Mimplitch, Sachio Phillips
Hospitality	Melissa Hackim

*Flowers are given by **the Trover family** in celebration of **Ginny's birthday**.
The Noisy Offering will go to Habitat for Humanity MidOhio.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JULY 5 – 12

Today	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
Monday	6:30 pm	Basketball Camp
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	5:15 pm	ZOOM Outreach Team
	6:30 pm	Basketball Camp
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Basketball Camp
	7:00 pm	Summer Book Group
Thursday	4:30 pm	RLC at FELC
	6:30 pm	Basketball Camp
Saturday	10:00 am	Garden Giveaway
Next Sunday	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	5:30 pm	Movie Night: <i>The Gods Must Be Crazy</i>

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