



✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

RINGING OF THE BELL ~ CALL TO WORSHIP *Please quiet voices and prepare to worship.*

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

Divine Service, Matins ~ LSB p. 219; Matthew 28:19b

Pastor (P): In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (FORGIVENESS)

p. 291; from Psalm 27

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness:

C: **O LORD, hear me when I cry out to You. Be gracious and answer me. You have said, "Seek My face." My heart says, "Your face, LORD, I seek." Do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins with which I have offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. I am sincerely sorry for them and repent of them. I pray that in Your great mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, You would forgive me.**

P: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C: Amen.

P: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

C: Yes.

P: Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

PRAYER

Luther's Morning Prayer, Small Catechism, LSB p. 327

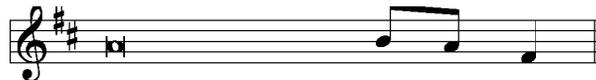
ALL: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen!

OPENING VERSICLES

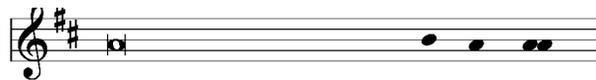
Psalm 51:15; 70:1



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



G and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



G make haste to help me, O Lord.



G Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

8 & 10:45 AM

July 20, 2025

6th Sunday after Pentecost



CONNECT CARDS

Guests and members, please:

- ♦ fill out a Connect card, or
- ♦ scan the QR code to connect with us online

Cards are in the pew racks in front of you. These methods include a space to share prayer requests with our pastors.

We look forward to praying for and connecting personally with YOU!

Serving Today...

Message:

8:00

Pastor Ben Oesch

10:45

Pastor Brad Stoltenow

Liturgist:

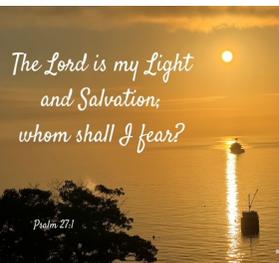
8:00 Pastor Stoltenow

Worship Assistant:

10:45 John Hoener

Organist:

Gail Black



Matins refers to an Office (a short service of prayers and psalms), generally said in the morning, without Holy Communion.

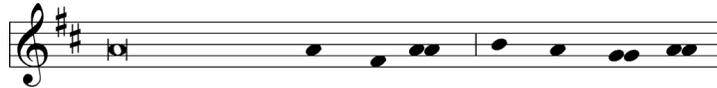
Antiphon: a psalm, anthem, or verse, usually from Scripture, said or sung responsively before and after a canticle, psalm, or psalm verse as part of the liturgy

Venite: Latin for "O Come"



The Season of Pentecost is a Season of growing, called the Time of the Church. We focus our attention on Jesus' teachings and how they apply in the life of the Church as we witness to what we learned in the Festival half (the first half) of the Church Year. This growing is reflected in the color green, the color of life and growth.

ANTIPHON



L The Lord has en-light-ened us in the true faith.



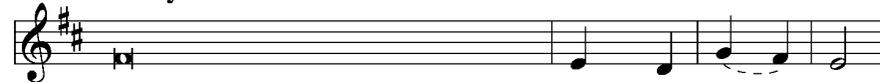
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

VENITE ~ O COME

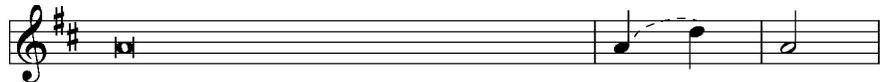
Psalm 95:1-7



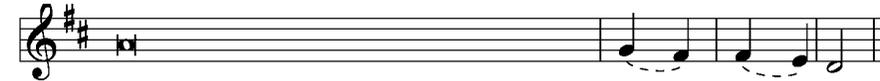
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry land.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



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GUESTS AND MEMBERS CONNECT *Let's get to know each other better!*

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CHILDREN'S CHAT *Pastor Stoltenow*

+ Children's Bulletins are available at the Usher Stands. +

OFFERING *For giving options: ShepherdHillsChurch.org/Give*

COLLECT (PRAYER) OF THE DAY

Psalm 102:1

P: O Lord, hear my prayer.

C: and let my cry come to You.

P: We pray: O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen!

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 18:1-14

And the LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said."

And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs [about 7 quarts] of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to Abraham, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

RESPONSE

L: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE READING Colossians 1:21-29

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, [God's beloved Son] has now reconciled in His body of flesh by His death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before Him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of His body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to His saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all His energy that He powerfully works within me.

RESPONSE

L: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

OFFICE HYMN # 740 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

I am Jesus' little lamb, ever glad at heart I am;
 For my Shepherd gently guides me, knows my need and well provides me,
 Loves me ev'ry day the same, even calls me by my name.
 Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.
 When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, into pleasant pastures leads me;
 When I thirst, He bids me go where the quiet waters flow.
 Who so happy as I am, even now the Shepherd's lamb?!
 And when my short life is ended, by His angel host attended,
 He shall fold me to His breast, there within His arms to rest.

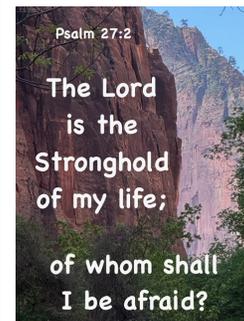
ACCLAMATION

L: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 10:38-42

Now as [Jesus and His disciples] went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."



from Psalm 27, the Psalm of the Day

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to meditate in His temple. For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble.

Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

An **Office Hymn** has formed a part of the Daily Offices (worship) of western Christians since the time of St. Ambrose in the 4th century. Ambrose is credited with beginning the practice of singing hymns in his cathedral.

Luke's Gospel is intended for teaching the faith to followers newly learning about faith in Christ. As the Church reached out to Gentiles, it was helpful for those who were not so familiar with Old Testament Scripture. An interesting note: throughout Luke and Acts, meals are used as important points for teaching the faith.

~ ESV text notes

***Te Deum laudamus:**

Latin: "You, God, we praise!" Martin Luther considered the Te Deum, one of the greatest of the ancient Christian hymns, to be second only to the Creeds as a symbol of faith. Used extensively in the Middle Ages, it was intended to be sung every Sunday and every Festival, with the exception of the Advent and Lent seasons and the Triduum (the last 3 days of Holy Week).

The Te Deum combines a confession of faith with a song of praise and a prayer for help. Its beginnings go back to the first centuries of the Christian church. In the Middle Ages, the saying went: "The church sings this hymn whenever she has been favored by God with a great blessing." ~from Luther's Works, vol. 53, Liturgy and Hymns



Anchored in God's promises through Word and Sacrament, we leave this house of worship to share HIStory!

LORD, LAY SOME SOUL
UPON MY HEART
AND LOVE THAT SOUL
THROUGH ME;
AND MAY I GLADLY
DO MY PART
TO WIN THAT SOUL
FOR THEE. AMEN!

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RESPONSE

L: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE 8 AM: "Jesus Doesn't Do Copy-Paste Disciples" text: Luke 10:38-42

We demand that others follow Jesus like we do, but Jesus calls us to celebrate our distinct vocations by grounding us in His gracious love and calling.

10:45 AM: "God Loves You No Matter What" text: Colossians 1:21-23

+ Please stand and turn to p. 223 for the singing of the Te Deum and the Kyrie. +

STATEMENT OF FAITH: TE DEUM LAUDAMUS* AND KYRIE

p. 223: Statement of Faith

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

ALL: 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!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

COLLECT (PRAYER) FOR GRACE

ALL: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

Psalm 103:1; 2 Corinthians 13:14

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen!

HYMN "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song,
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All: here in the love of Christ I stand!

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe,
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save;
Till on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on Him was laid: here in the death of Christ I live!

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life no fear in death: this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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POSTLUDE

✠ TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY! ✠