

# **SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**July 20, 2025**

**Welcome to 9:30 am Worship**



Perhaps the church, at its best, is “all ears.” God urges the faithful, again and again, to “listen up!”—to heed the word that gives life.

So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.



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**PRELUDE**

**Give Me Jesus**

setting, Rachel Trelstad Porter; ©2000 Augsburg Fortress

**GATHERING**

**ELW 676 Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak**

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.; Music: Robert Schumann, 1810-1856

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW 770 Give Me Jesus**

Text: African American spiritual; Music: African American spiritual; ; Arr.©2006 Augsburg Fortress

**OFFERING SONG**

**LS 97 O Come Lord Jesus, Be Our Guest**

Text: traditional table prayer, adapt. Susan Briehl,© Augsburg Fortress; Music: Thomas Tallis

**SENDING HYMN**

**\*ELW 660 Lift High the Cross**

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956;

Music: Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947, Text/Music ©1974 Hope Publishing Company

\*Member selected hymn

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Sharing, and  
Celebrating  
Christ

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## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the people of God.*

## **PRELUDE**

*During the prelude, please use this time to quietly allow God to open your heart to his blessed presence.*

***Please rise in body or spirit***

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**you free us to love others,**

**but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**

**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,**

**but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity,**

**but we grow weary in doing what is right.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.**

**Do not give up on us.**

**Heal us, break our bonds,**

**and show us the path of life.**

**Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ✙ Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**    *Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak*    **ELW 676**

### **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.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Eternal God,

**you draw near to us in Christ,  
and you make yourself our guest.**

**Amid the cares of our lives,  
make us attentive to your presence,  
that we may treasure your word above all else,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen**

*The assembly is seated.*

### **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **READING:**

A reading from Genesis 18:1-14a

<sup>1</sup> The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup> He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup> Let me bring a little 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.” <sup>6</sup> And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup> Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” <sup>10a</sup> Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. <sup>11</sup> Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?” <sup>13</sup> The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup> Is anything too wonderful for the Lord?

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 15**

<sup>1</sup> Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
who speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup> they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup> **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear  
the Lord. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back  
their word.**

<sup>5</sup> They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes  
against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never  
be overthrown.

*Please rise in body or spirit*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Luke 10:38-42

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup> Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## MESSAGE

The Rev. Kim Truebenbach

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**Give Me Jesus**

**ELW 770**

## CREED

Together, let us confess our faith using the words of the 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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

Inspire your church, like Sarah and Mary, to listen with eager longing for your words of life. Equip biblical interpreters and teachers with faithful discernment, that your word may be more fully known. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Every creature under heaven has been promised the hope of the gospel. From that promise, generate in humankind an eagerness to protect and care for creation. Bring healing to the earth with your words of life. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Peel away the distractions, worries, and fears of all who govern the nations of the world. May your word of love and life dispel all other voices. Provide gracious hospitality in places where hostile forces hold sway. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Speak your word of comfort to any who suffer pain, illness, grief, depression, or despair. Bring honor to any who experience slander and evil intent or are discredited by others. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Enliven and uphold all siblings in Christ who strive to provide hospitality and safe spaces where everyone, without exception, can receive and be transformed by your word of life. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Mary, Martha, and all the saints who attended to your word, we give thanks. Open our ears to your voice until that day when we realize the promise of the gospel with all creation. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your loving kindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

## OFFERING SONG

*We present our offering to God during worship as sign of our gratitude for His goodness, mercy & generosity.*



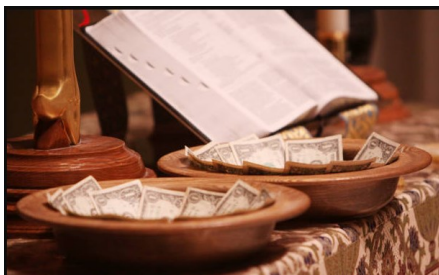
1 Oh, come, Lord Je - sus, be our guest, and  
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3 Oh, come, Lord Je - sus, be our guest, and  
4 Oh, come, Lord Je - sus, be our guest, and



let your gifts to us be blest. Keep us for - ev - er  
let your gifts to us be blest. Oh, may there be a  
let your gifts to us be blest. Guide us a - long the  
let your gifts to us be blest. Come deep with - in our



in your sight, and be our joy, our hearts' de - light.  
good - ly share on ev - 'ry ta - ble ev - 'ry-where.  
ser - vant's way, and lead us to your dawn-ing day.  
hearts to dwell, that we may all your good-ness tell.



## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Creator God,

**in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.**

**Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
and our labor,**

**that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

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.**

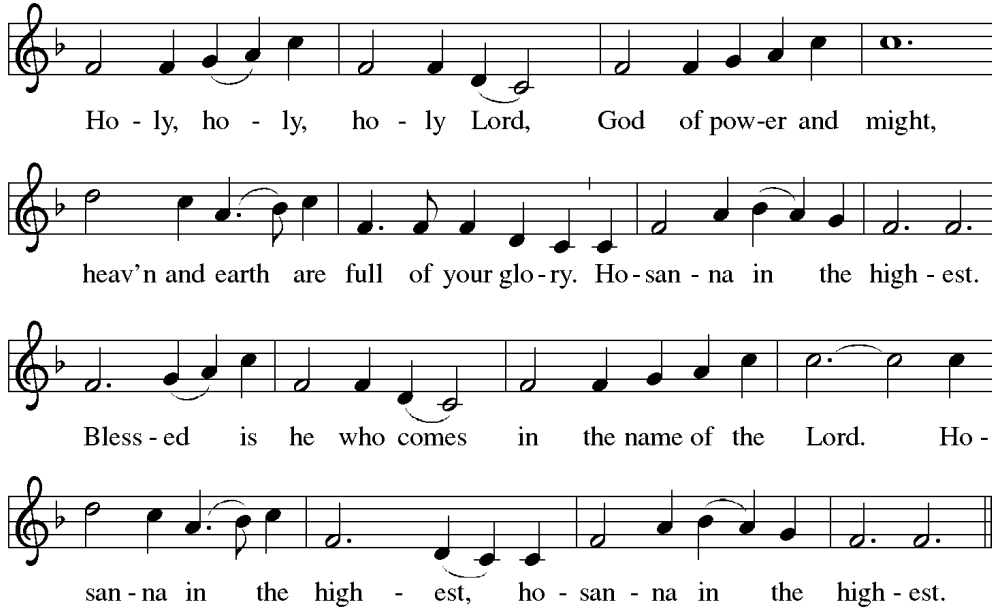
### PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



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

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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.

*All are welcome to the table. If you will be coming to the altar for communion, please follow the ushers' instructions. Those who are choosing to stay in the pew, using the prefilled cups, and those who need to have the pastor bring the elements to them should wait for instructions from the pastor. Children are most welcome to accompany their parents to the altar for a blessing.*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

*Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

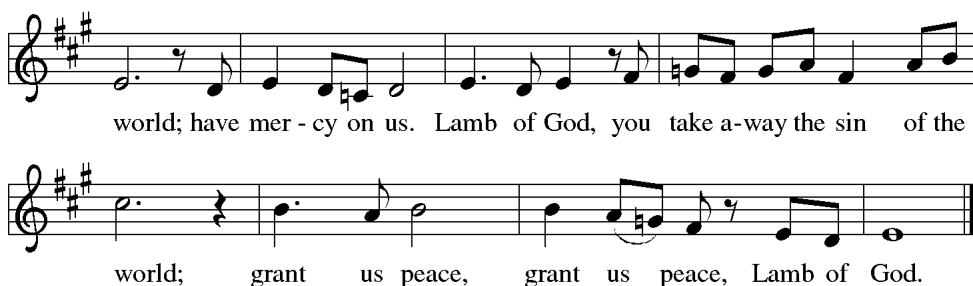
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **COMMUNION SONG**



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



*The assembly is seated.*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you.  
Eat and rejoice.

## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen**  
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep  
you in God's grace.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Mothering God,  
**you gathered us to your table**  
**and we drank deeply of your grace.**  
**Send us out by your Spirit**  
**to love our neighbors as ourselves**  
**and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.**  
**Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

***Please rise in body and spirit.***

## BLESSING

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
✠ bless you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

***Lift High the Cross***

*\*Member selected hymn*

**ELW 660**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

