



6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2025

C.C. Jones Building, 309 Holleman St., Apex

Christian Education Hour: 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

Connection Card and Prayer Request

To our guests, if you would like to share your contact information you may use this QR code or pick-up a Connection Card / Prayer Card and place it in the offering plate. We are eager to walk with you as we encounter God who comes to us in baptism, at the Lord's Supper and through the Word.



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Greeting and Announcements

Opening Hymn: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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Confession and Absolution

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b [18-20]

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

1 John 1:8-10

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Confession of Sins

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

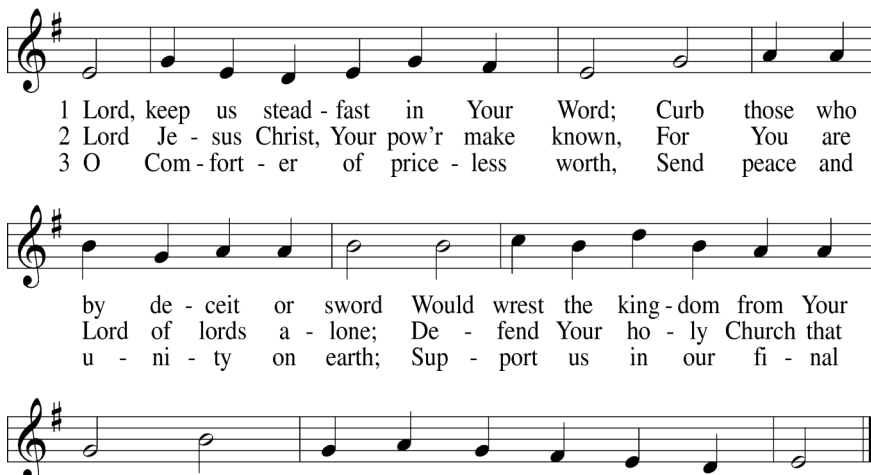
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

Absolution

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*

C Amen.

Hymn: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

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Prayer of the Day

First Reading

[Genesis 18:1-10](#)

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle

[Colossians 3:5-17](#)

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse: Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind but now I see.

Chorus: My chains are gone. I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains,
Unending love, amazing grace.

Holy Gospel

[Luke 10:38-42](#)

- [P]** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter.
[C] **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**
- [P]** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
[C] **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Jordan Juniors: *Children are invited to come forward for a children's message. Carpets are available on the sides of the altar.*

Sermon: Put on Your Christ Clothing (see insert)
Rev. Larry Eckart

Nicene Creed

[C] **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

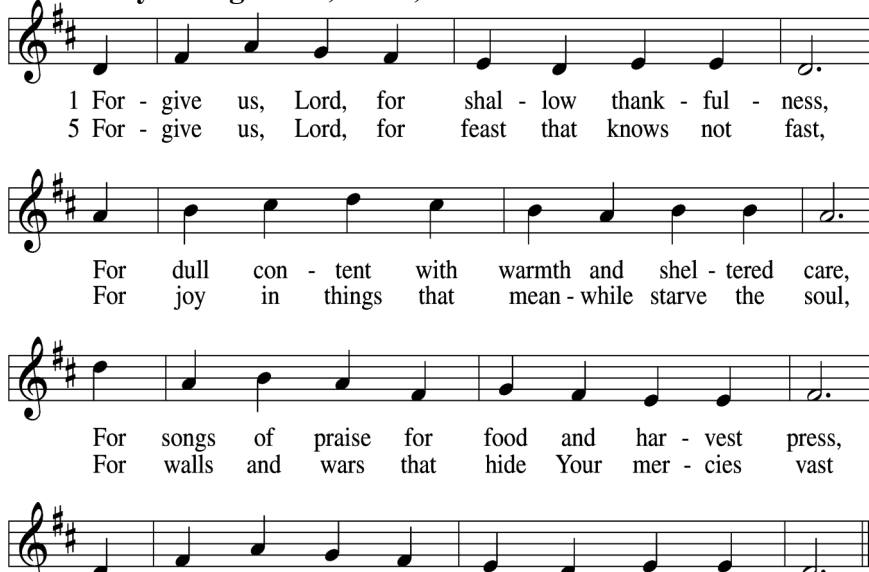
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

(We actively respond to our Lord's generosity first instilled in us through His grace with our first fruit gifts to God.) Jordan sets aside a tithe 10% of our general offering and a gift 2% (12% total) to support national and global ministry.

Offertory: Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness



1 For - give us, Lord, for shal - low thank - ful - ness,
5 For - give us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast,

For dull con - tent with warmth and shel - tered care,
For joy in things that mean - while starve the soul,

For songs of praise for food and har - vest press,
For walls and wars that hide Your mer - cies vast

While of Your rich - er gifts we're un - a - ware:
And blur our vi - sion of the King - dom goal:

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Prayers of the Church

The prayers of the church include many petitions and praises offered during the previous week. Following each petition, the pastor will say, “*Lord in Your mercy*” and the congregation responds, “*Hear our prayer*” as a recognition that these prayers are brought forward to the mercy seat of our God as one community of faith. May our prayers ever ascend as a pleasing aroma before our God (Psalm 141:2).



The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

**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.**

Celebrating the Lord's Supper: We have a shared belief in Christ's words, "*this is my body, this is my blood...for the forgiveness of sins*" we hold dearly Jesus' promise to us. Aware of the caution given to a congregation in Corinth (1 Corinthians 11:27) we desire all to receive instruction prior to communing. Today you are invited to come forward for a blessing and we look forward to teaching you about God's promise in this shared meal.

Jordan offers a common cup with red wine and individual cups with red wine or white grape juice. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.

Service of the Sacrament

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."



In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Agnus Dei — I

John 1:29

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 Your peace, grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

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Distribution Hymn: Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which
 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in
 3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is
 4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not
 5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell-ing, O bless - ed,
 Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and
 Thee and Thou in me. No sor - row fills my
 nigh, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and
 rob me of my cheer; For He who is of
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy



strength for - ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.
 soul, de - light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.
 thus se - cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
 death the mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.
 prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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Distribution Hymn: When Peace, like a River



- 1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
- 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
- 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My
- 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



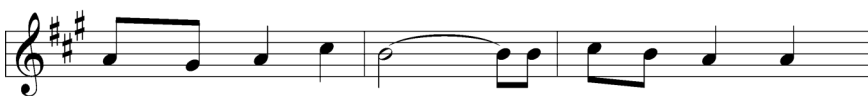
It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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Distribution Hymn: We Walk by Faith and Not By Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No
 2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And
 4 For You, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, Are
 5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In



gra - cious words we hear From Him who spoke as
 fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound To call on You when
 found in means di - vine: Be - neath the wa - ter
 realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You



none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve Him near.
 we re - joice And cry "My Lord and God!"
 You are near And seek where You are found.
 and the Word, Be - neath the bread and wine.
 as You are, With full and end - less sight.

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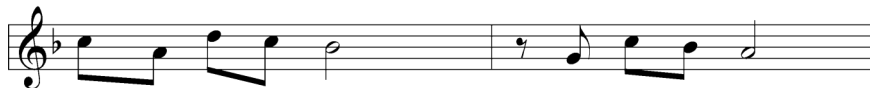


Distribution Hymn: What is This Bread?



1 What is this bread?
 2 What is this wine?
 3 So who am I,
 4 Yet is God here?
 5 Is this for me?

Christ's bod - y
 The blood of
 That I should
 Oh, yes! By
 I am for -



ris - en from the dead:
 Je - sus shed for mine;
 live and He should die
 Word and prom - ise clear,
 giv - en and set free!

This bread we break,
 The cup of grace
 Un - der the rod?
 In mouth and soul
 I do be - lieve



This life we take,
 Brings His em - brace
 My God, my God,
 He makes us whole—
 That I re - ceive

Was crushed to pay for our re -
 Of life and love un - til I
 Why have You not for - sak - en
 Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
 His ver - y bod - y and His



lease. O taste and see—
 sing! O taste and see—
 me? O taste and see—
 meal. O taste and see—
 blood. O taste and see—

the Lord is peace.
 the Lord is King.
 the Lord is free.
 the Lord is real.
 the Lord is good.

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Post-Communion Blessing

P Now that we have shared in Christ's true body and true blood,
 may it strengthen and preserve you in both body and soul
 unto life everlasting, depart in peace.

C Amen.

Hymn: Lord Bid Your Servant Go in Peace



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,
 2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,
 △ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,



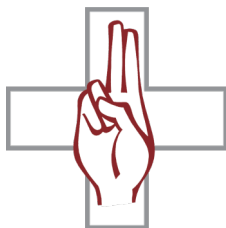
Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
 The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing
 To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.
 in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.
 Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

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Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn: Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.
 2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
 3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos-er to Me;
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy-ful and free. Here My
 I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you Mine for-ev-er.
 heard My dear Son's sto-ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo-ry.
 Spir-it's pow-er filled you; Here His ten-der com-fort stilled you.
 Lord will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and Broth-er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.
 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy-ful and free.
 Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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Sending Words

P Go in peace, to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Educational Opportunities

Sunday School Education, 9 a.m. (The Book of Ecclesiastes)

During the summer months we are reading Ecclesiastes; a class is offered for young children in the backroom. Thank you to some of Jordan's youth for organizing these activities.

Mid-Week Communion: Monday, August 4 at 11 a.m.

Pastor Mike holds a gathering at the Jones Building on Mondays following 1st and 3rd Sundays. A Bible study of the upcoming lessons follows the communion service.

Note: Pastor Mike will be at the Youth Gathering Monday July 21

College Fellowship Event - LCMS U - August 22

LCMSU @ NCSU is the local chapter of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod college outreach program, LCMSU (www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/national/campus-ministry). We meet twice each month for fellowship and worship. It is open to any college age student who is attending NC State, Duke, UNC, or another local or online college.

The "Lutheran Pack" will resume their meetings on Friday, August 22nd from 7:00 – 8:30 pm at the NC State Study Center (201 Brooks Ave, Raleigh, NC 27607). If you or someone you know is interested in joining us, please reach out to Jonathan Madler by emailing him at: jonathanmadler04@gmail.com or texting him at (919) 946-7273.

Women's LifeLight Tue. Bible Study--The Gospel of John

This fall and continuing into the spring, we will study the Gospel of John in two parts. LifeLight is a nine-week in-depth study which strives to deepen and strengthen your faith in Jesus and His Word. There is daily homework. If this study is something you would be interested in, we will begin on **Tue, Sept 9 from 10-11:30am at the Church Office**. If you have questions or want to be added to the group, please contact Carmen Madler at: carmenmadler@gmail.com by **Sunday, July 27** so materials can be ordered.

Men's Gathering Postponed For July:

Brothers, due to scheduling conflicts, we will skip our July gathering. We will meet again in August.

Monday Evening Prayer Service, 7 p.m.

—through August 18 (CC Jones Building)

This summer Jordan offers a Monday evening prayer service at 7 p.m. The service will last 45 minutes using the Sunday sermon and Bible texts. The music draws from evening worship settings. We praise God for this new opportunity to use the Jones Building. On Sundays we keep up the chairs closest to the piano to prepare for Monday evening.

Save the Date: “Praying the Themes of the Lord’s Prayer”— Saturday morning, October 4 at Jones Building

On Saturday, October 4, Jordan will host, for our Circuit congregations, a seminar on Praying the Themes of the Lord’s Prayer. Pastor Larry will lead this seminar. Vitor Roveri will help set the tone with music. Using the Lord’s Prayer as the foundation, this seminar will add meditation - *on Scripture* – as an important part of personal prayer. More information will follow in coming weeks.



Live Here Serve Here

Live Here, Serve Here Summer Focus: School Children

Starting in July a collection will be made for school supplies in partnership with Western Wake Crisis Ministry (food pantry and crisis support agency in Apex which Jordan partners with throughout the year). Items most needed as follows:

Lunchbox snacks, peanut butter, jelly, breakfast bars, pencils, pens, crayons, glue sticks

Matching Opportunities — Your Dollars Going Further

Two 20% matches are in effect at Jordan Lutheran Church

- The next \$250,000 in gifts to **Breaking Ground** will be matched by 20%. These funds will be used to foster our development on Chapel Ridge Road in Apex
- Contributions to the **Jordan Endowment Fund** are matched by 20% from generous support of the Lutheran Legacy Foundation which maintains those funds. The endowment’s purpose is to further the ministry of Jordan Lutheran Church.

Jordan Day at the Ballpark - Durham Bulls

Sunday, August 31, 1:05 p.m. First Pitch (Gate open at noon)

Arrive early and check out vehicles from local first responder organizations at Truck Fest. Arriving early might get you selected for competitions between innings! (Ask Brian & Becky Grovenstein and Paul & Alyssa Whaley!)

Jordan has reserved 30 tickets which are available for purchase until **July 31st**. Please include \$20 for each ticket you would like to reserve via check made out to *Jordan Lutheran* or via QR code.

- Check *Jordan Lutheran Church*—“baseball tickets” in the memo
- Use the QR Code below to pay for ballpark tickets

Once you purchase tickets, please email Michele Kruse at michele0402@me.com so she has your email address to transfer tickets to you before the game.



Seminary Professor Coming to Jordan

Sunday, August 10, 6-8 p.m.—Jones Building

Rev. Dr. Kevin Golden will be at Jordan to give a free seminar on how Christ fulfills the Old Testament. This event is open to the public as well as our sister congregations around Raleigh.

Dr. Golden will also teach a continuing education event entitled, *It Stands Written: The New Testament Appropriation of the Old Testament* at Jordan's office on August 11-13. If you want to attend see Jordan's newsletter for details.

This is a wonderful event to invite friends or families who may be interested in learning more about the Christian faith. We are excited to host one of our church body's scholars as we grow in our knowledge and love of the Lord.

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