
∞ SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ∞

ORDER OF WORSHIP • JULY 20, 2025 • 9:00 AM

✝ Indicates the congregation should stand as able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✝ GATHERING HYMN O MORNING STAR, HOW FAIR
AND BRIGHT!
LBW #76, STANZAS 1-3

✝ INVOCATION

WL: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

✝ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

All: **God of justice, we confess that our actions are evil whenever we have remained passive while others are oppressed; whenever we have guarded our own prosperity at the expense of those who are poor; or when we have ignored the cries of those in need of help. Forgive us, we pray, for hiding in the darkness of this world more than living in the light of righteousness made known to us in Jesus Christ. Judge us with mercy, we pray, and extend your grace to us. Strengthen our faithfulness to you and to all who are precious in your sight. We pray in the name of Christ, our Light. Amen.**

WL: Beloved people of God: 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. Come now and celebrate the feast of salvation!

All: Amen.

✝ HYMN OF PRAISE

THIS IS THE FEAST
LBW Setting 1, page 60

✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Let us pray. 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 you and your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

PSALM 27

R: Our first lesson on this Sixth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 27th Psalm.

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked advance against me to devour me,
it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.

Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent
and set me high upon a rock.

Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;
at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Hear my voice when I call, Lord;
be merciful to me and answer me.

My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"
Your face, Lord, I will seek.

Do not hide your face from me,
do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.

Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.

Teach me your way, Lord;
lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,
for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations.

I remain confident of this:

I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord;

be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

COLOSSIANS 1:21-29

R: The Second lesson is from the first chapter of Colossians.

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

✠ VERSE

O MORNING STAR, HOW FAIR
AND BRIGHT!
LBW #76, STANZA 4

**Almighty Father, in your Son you love us when not yet begun
was this old earth's foundation!**

**Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above
This is your great salvation.**

**Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever
Keeps us yours and fails us never!**

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 10:38-42

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

TODAY'S MESSAGE

✠ HYMN

LEAD ME, LORD

The cantor will sing the verses. All sing each refrain:

Lead me, Lord. I will follow.

Lead me, Lord. I will go.

You have called me. I will answer.

Lead me, Lord. I will go.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: As Jesus taught His disciples to pray, so we pray together:

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.

✠ PAX DOMINI

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: Amen.

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COMMUNION HYMN

LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE

BOUGHT US

LBW #424

✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

All: Amen.

✠ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: Let us pray. Loving 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.

All: **Amen.**

✠ BLESSING

WL: 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.

All: **Amen.**

✠ SENDING HYMN O MORNING STAR, HOW FAIR AND BRIGHT LBW #76, STANZAS 5 & 6

What joy to know, when life is past,
the Lord we love is first and last,
the end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
transport us to that happy place
beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!

Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness! We are yearning
for the day of your returning.

Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
our voices gaily blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way--
today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story!
Great is he, the King of glory!

✠ DISMISSAL

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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