



The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, A+D 2026



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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

Jesus Christ, Our Savior, Is Our True Peace and Sabbath Rest

Though we have died with Christ in Holy Baptism, and we are raised to new life in Him, we find “another law waging war” in our body and life, that is, between our old Adam and the new man (Rom. 7:23). By the Spirit of Christ, we “desire to do what is right,” but we are not able to do so because “nothing good” dwells in our sinful flesh (Rom. 7:18). “Thanks be to God,” therefore, “through Jesus Christ our Lord,” who delivers us from “this body of death” (Rom. 7:24–25). We rejoice in Him, our gentle King, who comes “righteous and having salvation” (Zech. 9:9). He speaks peace to our embattled hearts, and by His blood of the New Testament He sets us “free from the waterless pit,” and He returns us to the stronghold of our Baptism (Zech. 9:10–12). Though we “labor and are heavy laden,” He calls us to Himself and gives rest to our souls through His free and full forgiveness (Matt. 11:28), not because we are “wise and understanding,” but by the “gracious will” of God the Father, whom “the Son chooses to reveal” in love (Matt. 11:25–27).

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

“The Star Spangled banner”

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

- C** I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands: one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Cross

- C** I pledge allegiance to the Cross of my Lord Jesus Christ, and to the faith for which it stands, One Savior eternal, with mercy and grace for all. So help me God.

Confession and Absolution

965 God Bless Our Native Land

Stand

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

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

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- 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.

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

Confession of Sins

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- 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.

Declaration of Grace

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P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 91:2, 9–10; antiphon: v. 1

P He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

C will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

P I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,

C my God, in whom I trust."

P Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—

C the Most High, who is my refuge—

P no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

C no plague come near your tent.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

C will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

Kyrie

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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

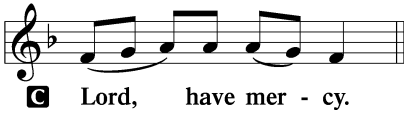
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



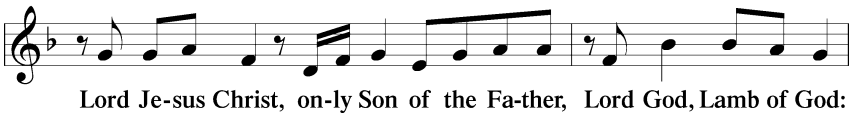
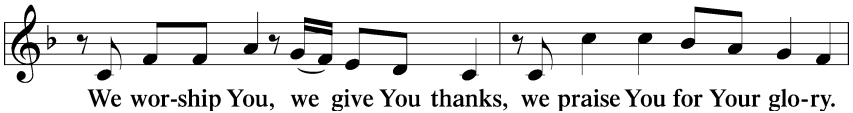
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

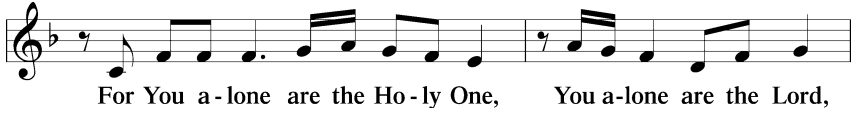


Gloria in Excelsis

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- A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.





Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9–12

A The Old Testament Reading for The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost is from the ninth chapter of the prophecy of Zechariah.

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
 Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
 behold, your king is coming to you;
 righteous and having salvation is he,
 humble and mounted on a donkey,
 on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
 and the war horse from Jerusalem;
 and the battle bow shall be cut off,
 and he shall speak peace to the nations;
 his rule shall be from sea to sea,
 and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
 I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
 today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 7:14–25a

A The Second Reading is from the seventh chapter of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans.

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do

not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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C 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.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:25–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All 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. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am

gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

966 Before You, Lord, We Bow

Sermon: Learning Christ

Rev Jason Zirbel
Grace Lutheran Church
Greenwood, Arkansas

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

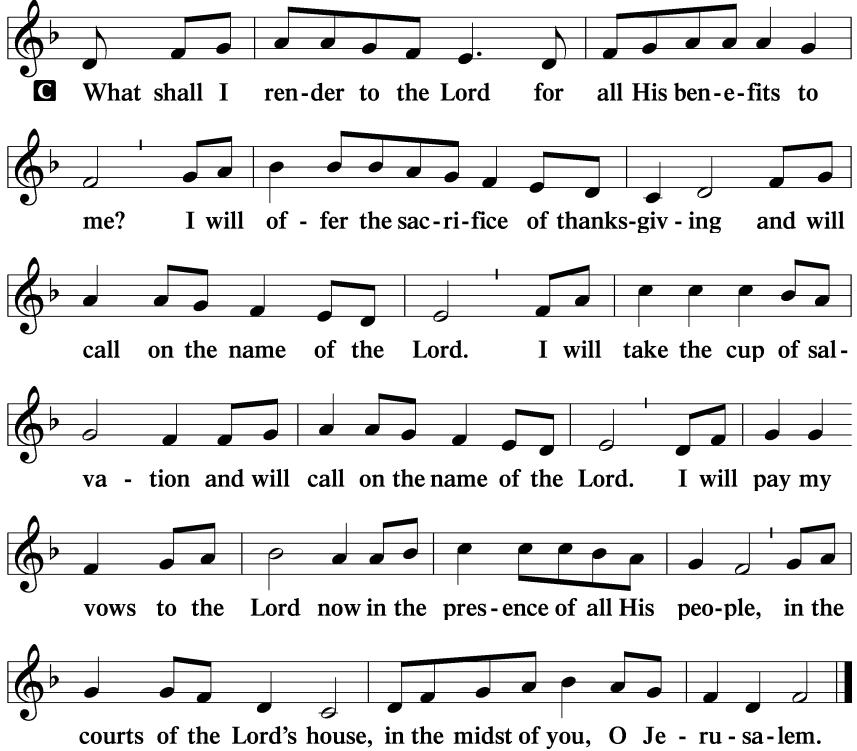
Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.

Stand

Offertory

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C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

Prayer of the Church

Responsive Form

- P** . . . Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

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- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C **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**

Concluding Collect

- P** Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be on us always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Benediction

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- 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.



717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

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Pray for Sandy Bodza, Sondra Budde, Pastor Collins, Carmen Dampier, Judy Diekleman, Shirley Emerick, Latricia Harris, Ed Hoeksema Jr., Marg Loitz, Beverly Oaks, Chester Orendorff, Violet Rich, Bill Sommer, Dolly Tagenhorst, Warren & Chris Van Mynen, Jean and Gene Wiltjer, Ray & Madelaine Zander.

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NEWS UPDATE

We'd love to see you in worship. Our worship services are every Sunday at 9:30 AM. If you are unable to attend it can be viewed on Facebook live at www.facebook.com/splcms/videos. A previous recording is also available. Bulletins for the services are available for viewing or download on our website at www.splcms.org/worship.



St. Paul Book Club will meet on Wednesday July 8th at 10:00 am, to review *The Museum of Second Chances* by Jo Leavers. We always welcome new members. We enjoy fellowship and lunch following the discussion.

Let's Discuss

ZOOM ROOM

SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY



8:00 am – 9:00am Women of the Bible
Co-Hosts: Casey and Deb
Contact deb@splcms.org for more info.

Christ For You the week of July 5th on KFUE.org: Our study of the book of Matthew continues on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT)! Tune in to “The Reign of Heaven Stands Near” as we look at Matthew 8 and 9. Join us on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we move forward in our study of Acts! We'll be picking up this week with chapter 9. Don't forget to listen to Concord Matters this Saturday (7/11 at 10 a.m. CT)! Pastor Finnern is leading us through a mini-study on the significance of the Lutheran Confessions. This week, we answer the question, “Is the Book of Concord even practical?” Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfuo.org!

Issues, Etc. The Week of July 5th Where Christianity Meets

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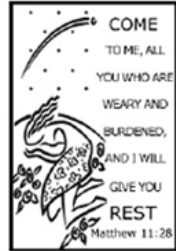
“The Fourth of July is an ideal time to thank God if you have a good

homeland ... or in the U.S., a free country. What a blessing! Just like Job or Jonah, this isn't the case for everyone. And we should continually pray for those whose homelands or countries are ravaged by war, politics, or disease. Praise God for giving us a country where we can worship Him and live our lives in relative freedom and peace." Katrina Harrmann, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Rest for the Weary

"For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:30 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)



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GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS



June 28th Attendance 13

Envelopes	\$425.00	Weekly Missions	\$20.00
General Fund	225.00	Luth. Church Charity	10.00
		Church Maint	10.00
		Social Ministry	25.00
Budgeted Total	650.00	Non-budgeted Total	\$65.00
Offering Needed	1,342.00		
Short	\$-692.00		



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...

SERVANT SCHEDULE

Sun, Jul 5, 9:30 AM

Sun, Jul 12, 9:30 AM

Pastor

Lay Reader

Norma Allen

Casey Stonerock

ZOOM ROOM

Let's Discuss

MONDAY – FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Portals of Prayer 8:00am to 8:15am

Lutheran Hour 8:00pm to 8:15pm

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