



**THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
JUNE 22, 2025 | 8:00 AND 10:30 AM  
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH; CONCORDIA, MO

**ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP**

More than sunlight streams through the windows of our sanctuary. The images in the stained-glass give us a picture of God's grace for us in Jesus. Throughout this series, we will review the symbols in our stained-glass windows and see in them the Good News of God's love and our salvation.

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**P** Pastor      **C** Congregation/All

✙ All may make the sign of the cross to remember their baptism.



Led by the Holy Spirit, we gather for worship.  
We are prepared for worship through Confession and Absolution.

**PRELUDE & WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN 794** *"The Lord, My God, Be Praised"*

**CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS** *1 John 1:8-9*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**C** Amen.

**INTROIT | Entrance** *Psalm 108:1–6*

- P** My heart is steadfast, O God!  
**C** **I will sing and make melody with all my being!**  
**P** Awake, O harp and lyre!  
**C** **I will awake the dawn!**  
**P** I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;  
**C** **I will sing praises to you among the nations.**  
**P** For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;  
**C** **your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**  
**P** Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!  
**C** **Let your glory be over all the earth!**  
**P** That your beloved ones may be delivered,  
**C** **give salvation by your right hand and answer me!**  
**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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *“All Glory Be to God Alone”*

*(For text and music, see hymn 948, verses 1–2, 5.)*

All glory be to God alone,	We praise You, God; Your name we bless
Forevermore the highest one,	And worship You in humbleness;
Who did our sinful race befriend	From day to day we glorify
And grace and peace to us extend.	The everlasting God on high.
Among us may His gracious will	Of Your great glory do we sing,
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.	And to Your throne our thanks we bring.

**You only are the Holy One  
And over all are Lord alone.  
O Jesus Christ, we glorify  
You and the Spirit, Lord Most High;  
With Him You evermore shall be  
One in the Father’s majesty.**

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**SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**  
**P** O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** **Amen.**

**VERSE OF THE MONTH** *James 1:2–3 NIV*

**C** Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.



We hear God's Word read and proclaimed,  
and we respond with our prayers and praise, tithes and offerings.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 65:1–9*

*God waited patiently for the people's love and obedience. Instead, the people chased after other gods, and several images from pagan worship are mentioned in this passage. Yet God will not throw away all His people in the same way a wine-maker will not throw away all the grapes in a cluster, only those that are dried up or rotten. God will establish a new community.*

<sup>1</sup>I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here am I, here am I," to a nation that was not called by my name. <sup>2</sup>I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; <sup>3</sup>a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; <sup>4</sup>who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; <sup>5</sup>who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. <sup>6</sup>Behold, it

is written before me: "I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their bosom <sup>7</sup>both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their bosom payment for their former deeds."

<sup>8</sup>Thus says the LORD: "As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. <sup>9</sup>I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE** *Galatians 3:23 – 4:7*

*All who are baptized into Christ are connected to God and one another. This connection eliminates prejudices and stereotypes as together we cry out, "Abba! Father!"*

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed.

<sup>24</sup>So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that

faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup>For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

<sup>1</sup>I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything,

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE** *John 6:68; for text and tune, see page 156.*

**C** (sung) Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 8:26–39*

*Jesus casts out demons from a man in the country of the Gerasenes (on the eastern side of the Sea of Galilee). Those who witness this miracle are afraid. The man who is healed is sent back to his home to tell what God has done.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>26</sup>Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee.

<sup>27</sup>When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." <sup>29</sup>For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but

<sup>2</sup>but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup>In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. <sup>32</sup>Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

<sup>34</sup>When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the

city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes

asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**CREED** *See the inside back cover of the hymnal.*

**SERMON HYMN 811** *“Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”*

**SERMON** *Windows into God’s Grace: “The Lyre”*

## **GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS**

*All may sign the friendship register found in each pew.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*After each petition:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*The 8:00 am service concludes with the Lord’s Prayer, Benediction,  
and Closing Hymn 791, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell.”*



We receive God’s gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation  
as we share the Sacrament of the Altar.

## **PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord. ►

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.  
**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS** (“Holy, Holy, Holy”; see hymn 507, verse 4)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

# **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST** *1 Corinthians 11:26*

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.  
**G** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**LORD’S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

- G** 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 | Peace of the Lord** *John 20:19*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**G** Amen.

**AGNUS DEI** (“Lamb of God”; see insert.)

*We believe that in the Lord’s Supper our Lord gives to us His true body and blood with the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of our sins. We recognize the charge that St. Paul offers in 1 Corinthians 11:27–28 that those who come to receive the Lord’s Supper ought to examine themselves so that they do not eat and drink in an unworthy manner. Therefore, out of concern for those who have not been instructed in the faith or who hold to a different confession,*

*we ask that only members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations receive the Sacrament. If you would like to learn more about what our congregation teaches, to inquire about becoming a member or have questions about our practice, please speak to one of the pastors. Adults and children who have not yet been baptized or instructed in the Christian faith are invited to come forward and receive a spoken blessing at the altar rail.*

*For those who have problems consuming alcohol, you are invited to receive diluted wine from the purple glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups. For those who have dietary restrictions, gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

*Music during distribution:*

**HYMN 790** *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

**HYMN 808** *“O Sing to the Lord”*



Even as this time of worship ends, we go out of the church into the worship of our everyday lives, ready to be God's witnesses and do His will.

*The service concludes with the Post-Communion Collect and Benediction.*

**CLOSING HYMN 791** *“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, SENDING & POSTLUDE**

**P** Go in peace; serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

*This week's takeaway: From the very beginning, God's Word has inspired songs of praise and comfort. His love and grace fill our hearts with joy—a joy that naturally overflows in song. Throughout the pages of the Bible, this truth shines clearly. And today, through Jesus, we experience the deep, abiding comfort of God's love more personally than ever. How can we help but praise Him in song and in all we do?*

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### SERVING IN THIS SERVICE

Rev. Michael Pottschmidt, *Liturgist*

Rev. Andrew Lehenbauer, *Preacher*

Emerson Rankin, *Organist*

Lilly Petty, Jemma Oetting, *Acolytes (8:00 am)*

Bryce Strobel, Jacob Matisko, *Acolytes (10:30 am)*

Phillip & Rachel Lange, *Greeters (8:00 am)*

Roger & Carolyn Flandermeyer, *Greeters (10:30 am)*

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Please contact the church office to keep our prayer list up-to-date.*

*Our pastor “on call” number in case of emergency is (660) 580-5483.*

**New:** Joseph Haase, Jim Bethke, Robert Pottschmidt, Barbie Cowherd, Diane Heimsoth, James Hemme, Baby Felix, Rev. Dr. Les Mitkos, Gene Virus, Susan Reeves, Les Bruns, Harry Rehkop, Steve Bredehoeft, Nolan Kirby, Jon Spells

**Ongoing:** Hudson Kloos, Joe Connell, Ron Cordes, Beth Maggett, Roger Kammeyer, Ledrue Brandt, Alyssa Pfannkuch, Alice Hildebrand, Donnie Fiene, Rev. Perry Copus, Marilyn Clayton, Darla Wolters, Vickie Greene, Amy Gerdts, Tim Bergman, Amy Backus, David Rehmsmeyer, Dannie Griffitt, Lari Huntze, Johnny Cowherd, Kelly Meyer, Shirley Kimball

**Celebration:** John & Sharon Bobzin, 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

**Nation and World:** the people of Nauru

**Partners in Mission:** Immanuel Lutheran Church; Salisbury, MO and Rev. Glen Gutz; Orphan Grain Train; MO District Convention June 22–24

**Birthdays:** (6/22) Kollis Clouse, Garrett Kueck; (6/23) Brooke Bonar, Carter Brown, Isaiah Roepe, Christina Todd; (6/24) Eric Gramenz, Sophia Meyer; (6/25) Sandra Duensing, Joanna Kuecker, Rev. Michael Pottschmidt; (6/26) Tim Bauer, Kelsie Duncan, Gus Sayre, Kelly Virus; (6/27) Henry Hoepfner, Angela Howard, Shirley Kimball, Kanen Knight, Thomas Oetting

**Anniversaries:** (6/22) Harry & Krista Rehkop, Luther & Andrea Schmidt; (6/24) Rev. Bart & Jana Mueller; (6/25) Alan & Nancy Mueller; (6/26) John & Sharon Bobzin, Clint & Jodi Colwell; (6/27) Matt & Sarah Sullivan

### PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP

1 Kings 19:9b–21; Galatians 5:1, 13–25; John 6:25–40

Hymns (*Lutheran Service Book*):

“Making a Christ-centered difference in our community and world today and for eternity.”

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