



**THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
JUNE 28, 2026 | 8:00 AND 10:30 AM  
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH; CONCORDIA, MO

**ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP**

The first Sunday after Pentecost celebrates the mystery of the Trinity—there is one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The doctrine of the Trinity is integral to God's "co-mission." The Father sends the Son who sends the Spirit. Filled with the Spirit, we are sent to make disciples of all nations. *This is Part 6 of a year-long series, "A Year in Matthew."*

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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 839** "O Christ, Our True and Only Light"

**BAPTISM OF EVELYN JANE JONES** (8:00 am)

**CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS** *Psalm 124:8; 130:3–4*

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 89:15–18; antiphon: v. 1*

**P** I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;

**C** with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

**P** Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,

**C** who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,

**P** who exult in your name all the day

**C** and in your righteousness are exalted.

**P** For you are the glory of their strength;

**C** by your favor our horn is exalted.

**P** For our shield belongs to the LORD,

**C** our king to the Holy One of Israel.

**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.

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**C** with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

**KYRIE | Lord, Have Mercy** *Mark 10:47; for text with tune, see page 204.*

**C** (sung) Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS | Glory to God in the Highest** *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

*For text with tune, see page 204.*

**C** (sung) To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;

Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!

We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing

Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;

O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.

Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,

Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.

Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;

You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,

In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

**SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; 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** *Psalm 51:15*

**C** O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.



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

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Jeremiah 28:5–9*

*The true prophet Jeremiah confronts the false prophet Hananiah who proclaimed a false peace to the people of Israel.*

<sup>5</sup>Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>Yet

hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE** *Romans 7:1–13*

*The role of God's law is to lead us to understand right from wrong and confront us when we fail to be faithful. In Christ, we are free from the accusations of the law and are now led by the Spirit to bear fruit for God.*

<sup>1</sup>Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? <sup>2</sup>Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. <sup>3</sup>Accordingly, she will be

called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

<sup>4</sup>Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to

another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. <sup>5</sup>For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. <sup>6</sup>But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit. <sup>7</sup>What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” <sup>8</sup>But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE** *John 20:31; for text with music, see page 205.*

**C** (sung) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 10:34–42*

*Jesus says that He will, unfortunately, be a cause of division as some hear and answer His call to follow, while others disregard His call and the life of righteousness.*

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

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

<sup>34</sup>[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. <sup>36</sup>And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. <sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and

whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>9</sup>I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. <sup>10</sup>The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me.

<sup>11</sup>For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. <sup>12</sup>So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

<sup>13</sup>Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward.

<sup>42</sup>And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

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

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

**NICENE CREED** *See the inside back cover of the hymnal. (10:30 am)*

**SERMON HYMN 701** *"Draw Us to Thee"*

**SERMON** *The Great Commission: "Receiving Christ"*

**GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS**

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

*Music during the offering (8:00 am):*

**VBS SONG** *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

**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 825, "Rise, Shine, You People."*



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

*The 10:30 am service continues with the Preface on page 208 in the hymnal.*

*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; please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.*

*For those who require it, diluted wine is found in the purple glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups; gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

*Music during distribution:*

**HYMN 845** “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

**HYMN 683** “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

**HYMN 696** “O God, My Faithful God”



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 Nunc Dimittis, Post-Communion Collect, and Benediction on pages 211–212.*

**CLOSING HYMN 825** “Rise, Shine, You People”

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, SENDING & POSTLUDE**

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

**G** Thanks be to God!

*This week’s takeaway: What does receiving Jesus look like? In our Gospel reading today Jesus describes what Jesus and faith in Him brings for those who receive Him. It is a jarring picture and doesn’t match with many popular perspectives, but it is the truth and wonderful news for those who hear and believe.*

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### **SERVING IN THIS SERVICE**

Rev. Andrew Lehenbauer, *Liturgist & Preacher*

Katie Drefs, *Organist*

Cody Hass, Jacob Matisko, *Acolytes (8:00 am)*

Lilly Petty, *Acolyte (10:30 am)*

Tim & Robin Kerksiek, *Greeters (8:00 am)*

Joe & Janice Blackburn, *Greeters (10:30 am)*

Names, *Elders on Duty*

### **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:** Karol Meyer, Konner McKnight, Sarah McDaniel, Royce Herndon, Joe Connell, Rollie Beerman, Virgil Gramenz, Hudson Kloos, Nicole Maxwell, Alan Luebert, Lisa Arnett, Joyce Kroll, Rev. Dr. Les Mitkos, Susan Reeves

**Ongoing:** Donald Dedeke, Richard Cordes, Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, Diane Stumpenhous, Ken Wodrich, Les Bruns, Wilmer Bredehoeft, Melba Poese, Paul Brackman, Baby Felix, Gene Virus, Harry Rehkop, Jon Spells, Roger Kammeyer, Ledrue Brandt, Alyssa Pfannkuch, Alice Hildebrand, Donnie Fiene, Rev. Perry Copus, Darla Wolters, Vickie Greene, Amy Gerdts, Tim Bergman, Amy Backus, David Rehmsmeyer, Lari Huntze, Kelly Meyer, Shirley Kimball

**Death:** Ron Innes

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

**Partners in Mission:** Trinity Lutheran Church; Jefferson City, MO and Rev. Samuel Powell; Orphan Grain Train

**Birthdays:** (6/28) Brayden Maggert, Hali Rainey, Joshua Rudowske; (6/29) Piper Maddox, Leilani Walker; (6/30) Kris Fabry, Roger Flandermeyer, Cash Hoover, Aaron Marsh, Isaac Nienhiser; (7/1) Rachel Lange, Roman Strobel; (7/2) Rebecca Heath, Donna Maddox, Rod McCaslin; (7/3) Linda Kammeyer, Kayla Muehler, Christine Murray, Daniel Reith; (7/4) Rhonda Beerman, Bridget Kageman, Steven Knight, Mary Krause, Kim Roepe, Barbara White

**Anniversaries:** (6/29) Aaron & Natasha Frerking, Gerald & Connie Maggert; (6/30) Andrew & Elizabeth Oetting, Paul & Lynette Schnackenberg, Jason & Christina Todd; (7/1) Josiah & Makayla Krause, Mark & Patty Schnakenberg; (7/3) Brett & Debra Brackman, Chris & Amy Gerdts, John & JoAn Jacobsen

**PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP**

Zechariah 9:9–12; Romans 7:14–25a; Matthew 11:25–30

Hymns (*Lutheran Service Book*): 409, 684, 965, 763, 752, 606, 524



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