



THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 5, 2026 | 8:00 AND 10:30 AM

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH; CONCORDIA, MO

ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP

These summer months take us through the heart of the Gospel according to St. Matthew (selections from chapters 11–16), and in these texts we learn more about the heart of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our compassionate Savior invites us to “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28 ESV). What is the kind of life and rest Jesus invites us to experience with Him as He reigns as our Savior King? *This is Part 7 of a year-long series, “A Year in Matthew.”*

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 409 “*Hail, O Source of Every Blessing*”

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 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 | 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 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 Amen.

VERSE OF THE MONTH *1 Chronicles 16:23–24*

C Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!



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

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Zechariah 9:9–12*

The prophet Zechariah delivers a promise of hope to Israel as he foreshadows the coming of a king that will bring peace to the earth.

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 7:14–25a*

Saint Paul speaks of his personal struggle to avoid sin and do what is good. He rejoices that Jesus Christ our Lord rescues him from sin that leads to death.

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!

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 11:25–30*

Jesus invites all who are burdened by cares and concerns to come to Him and receive rest.

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

C **Glory 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.**

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

SERMON HYMN 684 “*Come unto Me, Ye Weary*”

SERMON *The Heart of the Gospel: “The Invitation”*

GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

All may sign the friendship register found in each pew.

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION HYMN 965 “*God Bless Our Native Land*”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

The 10:30 am service concludes with the Lord's Prayer, Benediction, and Closing Hymn 524, "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds."



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

The 8:00 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 763 *"When Peace, like a River"*

HYMN 752 *"Be Still, My Soul"*

HYMN 606 *"I Lay My Sins on Jesus"*



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 524 *"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, SENDING & POSTLUDE

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

This week's takeaway: Jesus' invitation is for you. "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

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SERVING IN THIS SERVICE

Rev. Andrew Lehenbauer, *Liturgist*

Rev. Michael Pottschmidt, *Preacher*

John Jacobsen, *Organist*

Eden Beissenherz, Madelyn Oswald, *Acolytes (8:00 am)*

Eli Boehmer, Truman Eckhoff, *Acolytes (10:30 am)*

Eddie & Linda Kammeyer, *Greeters (8:00 am)*

Mary Schlueter, *Greeter (10:30 am)*

Tim Bauer, Mark Heins, Russ Kruse, *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: Wilmer Zieglebein, Arleen Fiene, Trisha Boland, Annette Kirchoff, Karol Meyer, Konner McKnight, Sarah McDaniel, Royce Herndon, Virgil Gramenz, Hudson Kloos, Nicole Maxwell, Alan Luebbert, Lisa Arnett, Joyce Kroll, Rev. Dr. Les Mitkos

Ongoing: Rollie Beerman, Susan Reeves, Donald Dedeke, Richard Cordes, Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, Diane Stumpfenhaus, 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

Nation and World: the people of Turkey

Partners in Mission: Christ the King Lutheran Church; Lake Ozark, MO and Rev. Ronald Lehenbauer; Mission of Christ Network

Birthdays: (7/5) Peggy Frerking, Breana Rolf; (7/6) Hayden Brandt, Marie Lehenbauer, Julia Peuster; (7/7) Carolyn Graham, Rebekah Grass, Jesse Palmer; (7/8) Will Ivie, Jr, Russell Kruse, Sara Nierman, Dawson Shier, Noah Strecker, Kim

Strobel; (7/9) Leticia Kruse, John Kuecker; (7/10) Hudson Decker, David Meyer, Harry Rehkop, IV, Adam Roepe; (7/11) Alicia Heimsoth, Adalyn Kriete, Johnie Meyer, Matthew Mueller, James Peuster, Andrew Self, Cynthia Stuenkel
Anniversaries: (7/6) David & Alyssa Pfannkuch; (7/7) Todd & Rachel Martens; (7/10) Kyle & Ashley Strecker, Chris & Abbie Wasson; (7/11) John & Jan Beerman, Paul & Jean Frerking, Andrew & Jennifer Jones, Ryan & Sarah Kirchhoff

FAMILY FOOTNOTES

Gina Martens, Family Life Director

The grass is looking quite green and the crops are doing well as we wrap up this month of June. We have been blessed with rain at the right times. These past several days though have given me the first taste of summer weather - that humidity creeps in and those hot, dry winds start to blow. The grass and crops can tolerate the heat and wind for a while...until their reserves run out, and that's when trouble sets in. Isn't this how it is with us Christians sometimes? Reflect back upon seasons in your life. You are drinking deeply from God's Word and producing fruit to be shared with those around you. Then you drift off course a bit, derailed, distracted, deterred - life is busy, and you aren't seeking the sustenance that sustains you for the long haul. Those winds start to blow, and sometimes storms appear. It's been awhile since you've actually connected with your Savior. You realize that you have strayed away from what keeps you grounded and rooted. You realize that you are shriveling up from the inside out. Or maybe it's not you who realizes it, but a caring friend who brings it to your attention. You might wonder if it's too late. Are you too far gone to ever produce fruit again? Never. No matter how many mistakes we have made, Jesus' grace is available. 2 Peter 3:9 says, "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." Connect with your Savior today. Drink deeply from His Word so that you may be restored to produce fruit and share the love of Christ with those around you.

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP

Isaiah 55:10-13; Romans 8:12-17; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Hymns (*Lutheran Service Book*): 586, 577, 652, 901, 584, 921



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