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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

## GOSPEL WORSHIP SERVICE THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST June 28 & 29, 2025

### PRELUDE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OPENING HYMNS “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” sts. 1-2

1. Breth-ren\_, we have met to\_ wor\_ship\_ And a\_dore the Lord our God;  
Will you\_ pray with all your\_ pow\_er\_, While we\_try to preach the Word?  
All is vain un-less the\_ Spir-it Of the Ho-ly One comes\_ down;  
Breth-ren\_ pray, and ho-ly\_ man\_na\_ Will be\_show-ered all a-round.
2. Let us\_ love our God su\_preme\_ly\_, Let us\_ love each oth-er too;  
Let us\_ love and pray for\_ sin\_ners\_ Till our\_ God makes all things new.  
Then He'll call us home to\_ heav-en, At His ta-ble we'll sit\_ down;  
Christ will\_ gird Him-self and\_ serve\_ us\_ With sweet\_ man-na all a-round.

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#### “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” LSB 575, sts. 1-3

**Please stand**

#### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.

People: **I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord, I have no good apart from You.”**

Pastor: I have set the Lord always before me, because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

People: **Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.**

Pastor: You make known to me the path of life;

People: **In Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.** *Psalms 16*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor: Almighty Father, we confess that, we have not made Your ways our ways.

**People: For our failure to walk in the ways of love, joy, and peace, forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we admit we too often conform our desires to the world around us, adopting its standards for living.

**People: For our failure to value the gifts of patience, kindness, and goodness, forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: Holy Spirit, our very natures are set against You, Your Gospel proclamation, and the fruit You intend to bring.

**People: For our failure to show the fruits of faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, forgive us, Lord. For Jesus' sake, melt our sinful hearts. Help us to reflect Your righteousness.**

Pastor: People of God, I have good news for you! Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all Your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh 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.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” sts. 1-2**

1. Come, Christ-tians, join to sing Al-le-lu-ia! A\_men!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Al-le-lu-ia! A\_men!  
Let all, with heart and voice,  
Be-fore His throne re-joice;  
Praise is His gra-cious choice. Al-le-lu-ia! A\_men!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al-le-lu-ia! A\_men!  
Let prais-es fill the sky; Al-le-lu-ia! A\_men!  
He is our Guide and Friend;  
To us He'll con-de-scend;  
His love shall nev-er end. Al-le-lu-ia! A\_men!

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**SALUTATION**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray together:

**People:** Holy Spirit, cultivate in Your believing people hearts that delight in the fruits of righteousness that we might be led to desire that which You call good; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever. Amen

Please sit

**OLD TESTAMENT READING      1 Kings 19:9b–21**

(The Lord brings Elijah assurance that he is not alone in resisting the temptations of idolatry.)

Behold, the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup>He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." <sup>11</sup>And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup>And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. <sup>13</sup>And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>14</sup>He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts.

For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." <sup>15</sup>And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. <sup>16</sup>And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

<sup>19</sup>So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him.

(continued...)

<sup>20</sup>And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?"

<sup>21</sup>And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed

them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE *Galatians 5:1, 13–25*** (Rather than the desires of the flesh, the Spirit cultivates in believers the craving and the capacity for bearing good fruit.)

<sup>1</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. . . .

<sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

<sup>15</sup>But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup>But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

<sup>17</sup>For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the

flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

<sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

<sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Please stand**

**HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 9:51–62*** (Jesus faces the lonely task of ministry, setting His face on the saving task ahead of Him in Jerusalem.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. <sup>53</sup>But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>And they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to

him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup>To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."

<sup>60</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Please sit**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### HYMN OF THE DAY "I Love to Tell the Story" sts. 1-3

1 I love to tell the sto\_ry, Of un-seen things\_ a-bove,  
Of Je-sus and His glo-ry, Of\_ Je-sus and His Love.  
I love to tell the sto-ry, Be-cause I know it's\_ true;  
It sat-is-fies my long-ings As noth-ing else could do.

**Chorus** I love to tell the sto-ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo-ry  
To tell the old\_, old sto-ry Of Je-sus and His Love.

2 I love to tell the sto\_ry, 'Tis pleasa-ant to\_ re-peat,  
What seems, each time I tell it, More\_ won-der-fu\_ly sweet.  
I love to tell the sto\_ry, for some have nev-er\_ heard  
The mes-sage of sal-va-tion From God's own Ho-ly Word. **Chorus**

3 I love to tell the sto\_ry, For those who know\_ it best  
Seem hun-ger-ing and thirt-in To\_ hear it like\_ the rest.  
And when in scenes of glo-ry I sing the new, new\_ song,  
'Twill be the old, old sto-ry That I have loved so long. **Chorus**

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**SERMON**            **“No ADVANCED TRAINING NEEDED”** (*Text: Acts 4:13-22*)  
*The Rev. Peter Guedner*

**Please stand**

**CATECHISM**            ***The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed***

**Pastor:**    Let us rise and speak together the second article of the Apostles' Creed and the meaning set forth by Martin Luther in the Small Catechism:

**People:**    **I believe 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.**

**What does this mean?**

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,**

**who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,**

**that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,**

**just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.**

**This is most certainly true.**

**Please sit**

**TITHES AND OFFERING**    *Instrumental*

**Please stand**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We give You thanks and praise for the faith You have put in the hearts of all of Your children. Help that faith to grow. Bring forth the fruits of holiness love and joy in our lives and supply us with opportunities to display those fruits to all those around us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Ministering Lord, safeguard and support all those You have called into ministry. Encourage them amid the challenges of their Gospel work that they do not face the trials and triumphs of this mission alone. Bless the ministry of our church and of Peace. We ask that Your Word always be taught in its truth and purity and that we serve You with joy and gladness. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Interceding Lord, we plead for all who face sorrow, sickness, or adversity, Comfort them with Your tender care and protection. Grant healing if it is Your will. Bless those who are in nursing homes or in hospice care. May they feel Your loving hand on them through the care given them by family, friends and staff. Especially, today we pray for..... Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Sanctifying Lord, strengthen Your church. Give Your children passion for Your Word, eagerness for service, and courage to reject the world's faulty wisdom and misplaced priorities. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Eternal Lord, preserve Your church until the day of the return of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People:** 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.

**HYMN TO PREPARE FOR COMMUNION “Create in Me”** *LSB 956, sts. 1***PREFACE** *2 Timothy 4:22*

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, we praise and adore You for the gift of faith that You give and cultivate among Your people, connecting us to the redeeming work of Jesus. Receive our thanks and strengthen our hearts yet again as we partake of this Holy Meal, secure in faith and forgiveness, and emboldened to display the hallmarks of having been made righteous through the victorious sacrifice of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Cor. 11:23–25*

**Pastor:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\times$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\times$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”



**PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**     *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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

People: **Amen.**

**Please sit**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**"Amazing Grace"**     *LSB 744, sts. 1-5*

**"Blessed Assurance"**     sts. 1-3

1. Bless-ed as-sur-rance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, Born of His Spir-it, washed in His blood.  
This is my sto-ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long;  
This is my sto-ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.
2. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light! Vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
An-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove, Ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
This is my sto-ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long;  
This is my sto-ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.
3. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav-iour am hap-py and blest;  
Watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove Filled with His good-ness, lost in His love.  
This is my sto-ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long;  
This is my sto-ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

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**COMMUNION DISMISSAL**

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

People: **Amen**

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.  
Spirit of faithfulness and truth, we rejoice that by faith we have been made fit to receive the nourishment of Christ's true body and blood. Safeguard us from temptation and danger, and prepare us to represent the name of our loving and living Savior, Jesus, that by our actions and interactions, more may be brought into the eternal kingdom of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24-26*

**Pastor:** 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.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**HYMN "Let There Be Peace on Earth"**

Let there be peace on earth,  
And let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth,  
The peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our Father,  
Brothers all are we,  
Let me walk with my brother  
In perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me;  
Let this be the moment now.  
With ev'ry step I take,  
Let this be my solemn vow;  
To take each moment,  
And live each moment,  
In peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth,  
And let it begin with me.

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