

## “Sixth Sunday after Pentecost”

Thurs. July 17, 2025 - 6:30 p.m.; Sun. July 20, 2025 - 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

### As We Gather

We try to exercise our freedom and planning, but God’s way is always better. It was better for Abraham and Sarah in the Old Testament Reading and gets Mary’s attention in the Gospel. It was still taking some time for the new believers of Colossae to fathom that God had done so much for them in Christ. And when their friends found the treasure of the Gospel, they, too, must have laughed that God had such gracious plans for them, plans that are always better than they imagined.

### Opening Song “Sanctuary” (Sing 2x)

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, Tried and true  
With thanksgiving I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You

We exalt Thee  
We exalt Thee  
We exalt Thee, O Lord **(Repeat)**

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### Invocation

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

### Opening Sentences

*Colossians 1:21–22; Psalm 27:14*

**L** And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,  
**C Christ has now reconciled in His body of flesh by His death,**

**L** in order to present you holy and blameless  
**C and above reproach before Him.**

**L** Wait for the LORD; be strong,  
**C and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**

## Confession and Absolution

- L** 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.**
- L** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

## WORD

### Salutation

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

- L** Let us pray.  
O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word
- C** **and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will;**
- L** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 18:1–14*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup>and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let

a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup>while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup>And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” <sup>10</sup>The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Colossians 1:21–29*

<sup>21</sup>You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup>if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

<sup>24</sup>Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, <sup>25</sup>of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup>Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup>For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Verse

*Colossians 2:6b–7a*

- L** Alleluia. As you received Christ Jesus the Lord,  
**C** **so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 10:38–42*

- L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.  
**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup>but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

- L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

(on the screens or in the back of the hymnal)

## Sermon Song "Here I Am, Lord"

### Verse 1

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin  
My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

### Chorus

Here I am, Lord.  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord,  
if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

### Verse 2

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send? **(Chorus)**

### Verse 3

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send? **(Chorus)**

**Sermon** “Listening to the Words of Jesus”

Text: Luke 10:38-42

**Offering** “Thy Word Is a Lamp”

**Chorus**

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

**Verse 1**

When I feel afraid  
Think I've lost my way  
Still You're there right beside me  
And nothing will I fear  
As long as You are near  
Please be near me to the end **(Chorus)**

**Verse 2**

I will not forget  
Your love for me, and yet  
My heart forever is wandering  
Jesus be my guide  
And hold me to Your side  
And I will love You to the end **(Chorus)**

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**Prayer of the Church**

**P** Let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

## SACRAMENT

**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.  
**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## The Words of Our Lord

### Proclamation of Christ

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

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

- P** 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

(on the screens or in the back of the hymnal)

## Pax Domini

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

**C Amen.**

### Our Communion Practices

#### If these are your beliefs:

I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from all sin, Satan and death.

I believe that Christ is really present in the sacrament and that with the bread and wine I receive His true Body and Blood.

I resolve to dedicate my life to my Lord and Savior in His Body, the Church, by regular worship and devoted

Christian service and living.....

**please join us as we celebrate Holy Communion.**

## Distribution Songs

### “His Mercy Is More”

#### Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

#### Chorus

Praise the Lord His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness new every morn  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

#### Verse 2

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more **(Chorus)**

#### Verse 3

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more **(Chorus)**

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## **“You Are Mine”**

### **Verse 1**

“I will come to you in the silence,  
I will lift you from all your fear  
You will hear my voice,  
I claim you as my choice  
Be still and know I am here”

### **Verse 2**

“I am hope for all who are hopeless,  
I am eyes for all who long to see  
In the shadows of the night,  
I will be your light Come and rest in me”

### **Chorus**

“Do not be afraid, I am with you  
I have called you each by name  
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;  
I love you and you are mine”

### **Verse 3**

“I am strength for all the despairing,  
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free  
And all will know my name” **(Chorus)**

### **Verse 4**

“I am the Word that leads all to freedom,  
I am the peace the world cannot give  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain  
Stand up, now walk and live! **(Chorus)**

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## **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**



## **Benediction**

### **Closing Song**    “Ancient Words”

#### **Verse 1**

Holy words long preserved  
For our walk in this world  
They resound with God's own heart  
O let the ancient words impart

Words of life words of hope  
Give us strength help us cope  
In this world where'er we roam  
Ancient words will guide us home

#### **Chorus 1**

Ancient words ever true  
Changing me changing you  
We have come with open hearts  
O let the ancient words impart

#### **Verse 2**

Holy words of our faith  
Handed down to this age  
Came to us through sacrifice  
O heed the faithful words of Christ

Martyr's blood stains each page  
They have died for this faith  
Hear them cry through the years  
Heed these words and hold them dear

#### **Chorus 2**

Ancient words ever true  
Changing me changing you  
We have come with open hearts  
O let the ancient words impart

We have come with open hearts  
O let the ancient words impart  
O let the ancient words impart

Guest Preacher: Rev. Rex Rinne  
Liturgist: Vicar Robert Motembo

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*Sola Gratia*

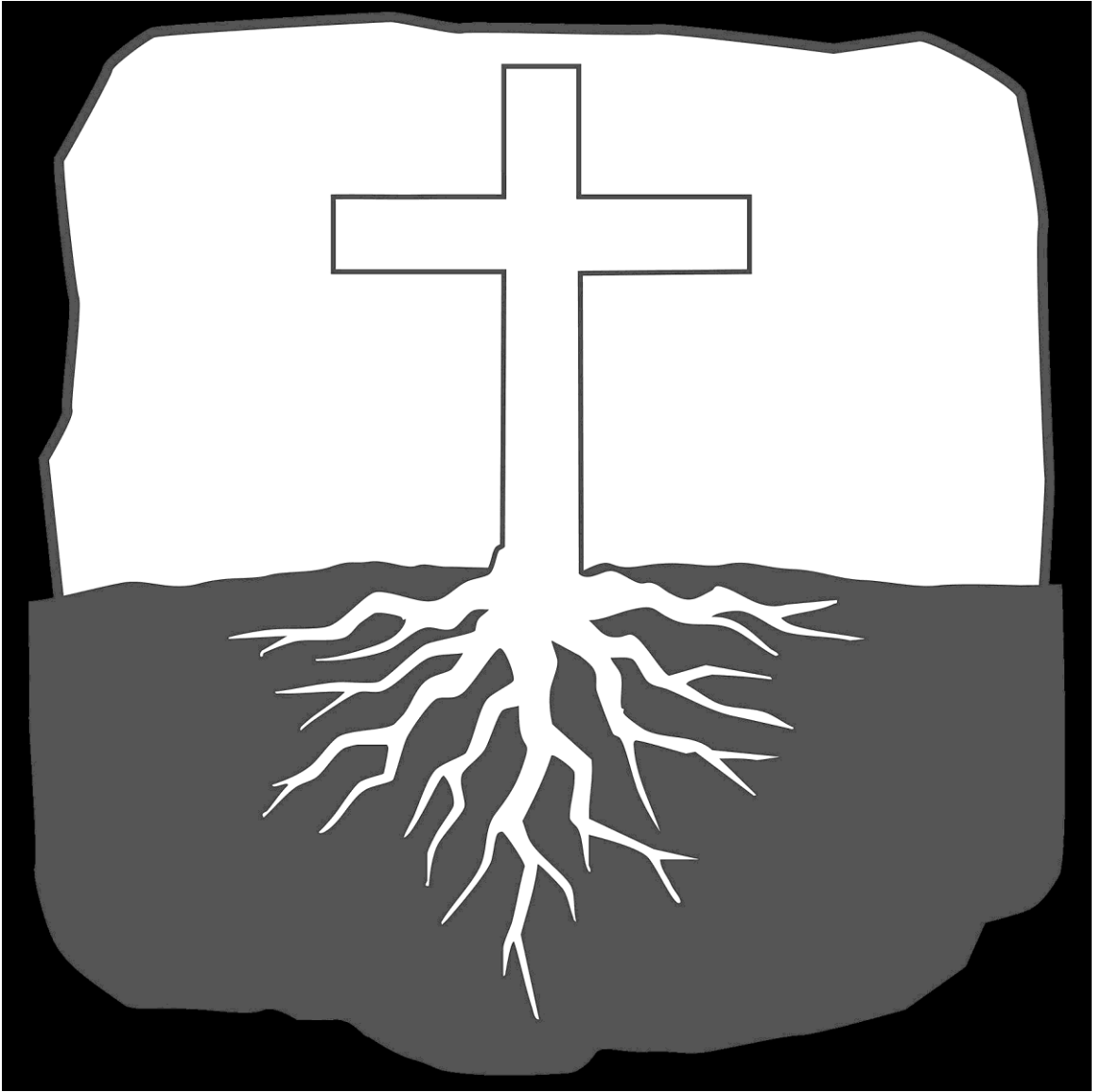
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**As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him. Colossians 2:6–7a**