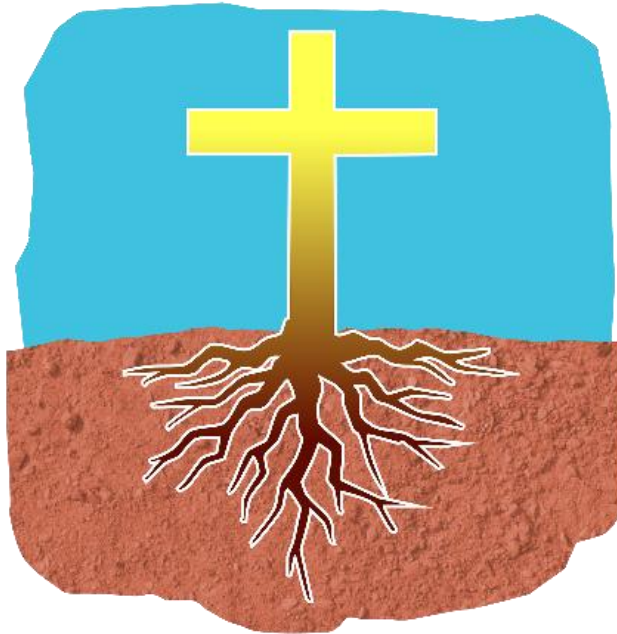


Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 20, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.



Welcome!

To our guests and visitors:

We are glad that you are here with us today!
If you are looking for a church home, consider joining us?

Lord, I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess.
Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without You, I fall apart.
You're the one that guides my heart.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.
Ev'-ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.
Where You are, Lord I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.
Ev'-ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need You.

So, teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.
Ev'-ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need You.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.
Ev'-ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need You.

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

P 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,**

P in order to present you holy and blameless

C **and above reproach before Him.**

P Wait for the LORD; be strong,

C **and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

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

C **Amen.**

Your Will Be Done

Your will be done my God and Father
As in heaven so on earth
My heart is drawn to self-exalting
Help me seek Your kingdom first
As Jesus walked so shall I walk
Held by Your same unchanging love
Be still my soul O lift your voice and pray
Father not my will but Yours be done

How in that garden He persisted
I may never fully know
The fearful weight of true obedience
It was held by Him alone
What wondrous faith to bear that cross
To bear my sin what wondrous love
My hope was sure when there my Savior prayed
Father not my will but Yours be done

When I am lost when I am broken
In the night of fear and doubt
Still I will trust in my good Father
Yes to one great King I bow
As Jesus rose so I shall rise
In ransomed glory at the throne
My heart restored with all Your saints I sing
Father not my will but Yours be done

As we go forth our God and Father
Lead us daily in the fight
That all the world might see Your glory
And Your Name be lifted high
And in this Name we overcome
For You shall see us safely home
Now as Your church we lift our voice and pray
Father not my will but Yours be done

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First Reading

1 Kings 19:14-21

He replied, “I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

¹⁵ The Lord said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. ¹⁷ Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. ¹⁸ Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.”

¹⁹ So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. ²⁰ Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. “Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye,” he said, “and then I will come with you.”

“Go back,” Elijah replied. “What have I done to you?” ²¹ So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.

P This is the word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵ If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

¹⁶ So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 9:51-62

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; ⁵³ but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem.

⁵⁴ When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?” ⁵⁵ But Jesus turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then he and his disciples went to another village. ⁵⁷ As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

⁵⁸ Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.” ⁵⁹ He said to another man, “Follow me.” But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹ Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.” ⁶² Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

I’m Going Free (Jailbreak)

Go on and speak against my borrowed innocence.
The Judge is my defense. I’m goin. free.
Right when the gavel fell,
I heard the freedom bell ring through the heart of hell.

I'm goin' free. I'm going free.

Glory, glory, hallelujah! He threw my shackles in the sea.
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Jesus is my liberty. I'm goin' free.

I won't go back again, that's just not who I am.
Lord, I'm a brand new man. I'm goin' free.
I'm on a narrow road. It's paved with grace and hope.
It's gonna lead my home. I'm goin' free.

Glory, glory, hallelujah! He threw my shackles in the sea.
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Jesus is my liberty.

Glory, glory, hallelujah! He threw my shackles in the sea.
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Jesus is my liberty. I'm goin' free.

I am free. I am free, indeed.
I am free. I am free, indeed.

We are free, free indeed.
We are free, free indeed.

Glory, glory, hallelujah! He threw my shackles in the sea.
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Jesus is my liberty.

Glory, glory, hallelujah! He threw my shackles in the sea.
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Jesus is my liberty. I'm goin' free.

Someday I'll fly away on Your amazing grace.
Your love is my jailbreak. I'm goin' free.

Glory, glory, hallelujah! He threw my shackles in the sea.
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Jesus is my liberty.

Glory, glory, hallelujah! He threw my shackles in the sea.
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Jesus is my liberty. I'm goin' free.

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Sermon Freedom in Christ

Galatians 5:13-25

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P Let us join together and go to our gracious God in prayer for all people.

For all who, like Abraham, provide for the needs of strangers and travelers, those who tend flocks, who raise crops, who distribute food, clothing, and shelter, who make the bounty of this earth available to one and all, that God would give them good weather and opportunities to serve the people around them, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P For all who do not know the guidance of the Lord, our light and salvation, or who have not heard the Gospel, as well as all who doubt in the face of oppression and injustice, who languish alone, who deal with long-term ills, [*especially . . .*], or sudden crises, who need to hear again the joyful news, that God would visit, relieve, console, and re-awaken faith within them, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P For all who joyfully carry the news of Christ, those who travel to distant lands, who speak to their friends and neighbors, who gather others around them for worship and instruction, that God would strengthen them in their joyful task, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P For all who, like Mary, have chosen the good portion, joining their brothers and sisters around the world to listen to our Lord, that our gracious God would enliven their faith and uplift their spirits with His sure, joyful promises, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercies for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

Words of Institution

On the night He was betrayed,
He took the bread, gave thanks, and said,
“Take eat, my friends, this broken bread,
this is my body for forgiveness of your sin.
When you eat, my friends, this meal of love,
remember me and my love for you again.”

On the night He was betrayed,
He took the cup, gave thanks, and said,
“Take drink, my friends, this cup of wine,
this is my blood for forgiveness of your sin.
When you drink, my friends, this cup of love,
remember me and my love for you again.”

**Oh, we are here, to thank You Lord,
for the bread and wine outpoured.
For it is Your body and Your blood
that You so lovingly and freely give to us.
So we praise You holy Lamb of God;
We love You our sweet Jesus.
We love You our sweet Jesus.
We love You our sweet Jesus.**

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Distribution

All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty, all who are weak, come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
In the waves of His mercy as deep cries out to deep. We sing

Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus come.

All who are thirsty, all who are weak, come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
In the waves of His mercy as deep cries out to deep. We sing

Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus come.

Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.
Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.
As deep cries out to deep. We sing

Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus come.

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Communion Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and blood, strengthen and preserve you in the
one true faith until life everlasting.
Go in His peace.

C: **Amen**

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.
We thank You, heavenly Father, that You have given us in this Sacrament more than we should expect and certainly more than we deserve. Grant us to use the faith You have strengthened to serve You and love the people around us each day in joyful faith; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

P 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.

C **Amen.**

We Will Dance

Sing a song of celebration
Lift up a shout of praise
For the Bridegroom will come
The glorious One and oh
We will look on His face
We'll go to a much better place

Dance with all your might
Lift up your hands and clap for joy
The time's drawing near
When He will appear

And oh we will stand by His side
A strong pure spotless bride

Oh, we will dance on the streets that are golden
The glorious Bride and the great Son of Man
From ev'ry tongue and tribe and nation
Will join in the song of the Lamb

Oh, we will dance on the streets that are golden
The glorious Bride and the great Son of Man
From ev'ry tongue and tribe and nation
Will join in the song of the Lamb

Sing aloud for the time of rejoicing is near
The risen King our groom is soon to appear
The wedding feast to come is now near at hand
Lift up your voice proclaim the coming Lamb

Oh, we will dance on the streets that are golden
The glorious Bride and the great Son of Man
From ev'ry tongue and tribe and nation
Will join in the song of the Lamb

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

