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Sunday, July 20th, 2025 Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

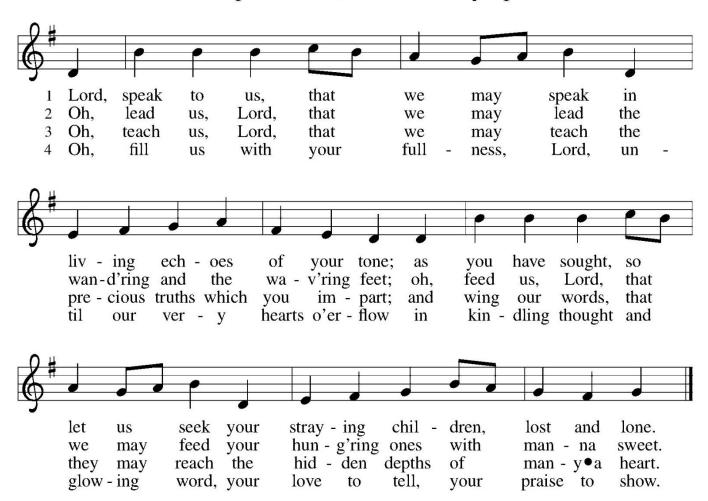
Welcome and Announcements

Confession

Merciful God, you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**





Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of the Month: Make a Joyful Noise



First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

¹ The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little 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." ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ 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.

⁹ They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ^{10a} Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 15

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

- ² Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;
- ³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit up on a neighbor.

⁴ In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.

They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

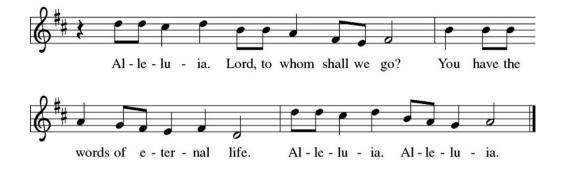
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-28

¹⁵ [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ 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. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

The holy gospel according to Luke, Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

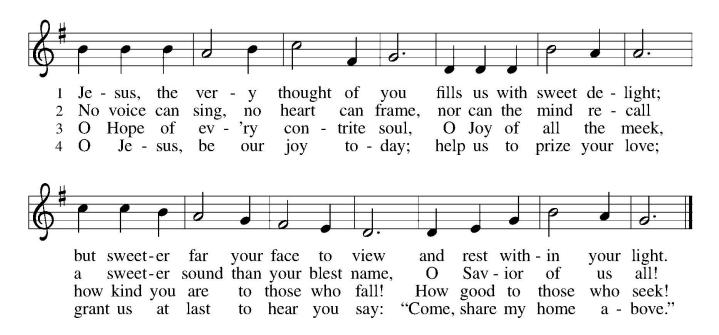
Sermon

Pastor Jen Herrmann

Hymn of the Day: Jesus, The Very Thought of You

No. 754

Jesus, the Very Thought of You



Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Inspire your church, like Sarah and Mary, to listen with eager longing for your words of life. Equip biblical interpreters and teachers with faithful discernment, that your word may be more fully known. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Every creature under heaven has been promised the hope of the gospel. From that promise, generate in humankind an eagerness to protect and care for creation. Bring healing to the earth with your words of life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Peel away the distractions, worries, and fears of all who govern the nations of the world. May your word of love and life dispel all other voices. Provide gracious hospitality in places where hostile forces hold sway. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Speak your word of comfort to any who suffer pain, illness, grief, depression, or despair . Bring honor to any who experience slander and evil intent or are discredited by others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Enliven and uphold all siblings in Christ who strive to provide hospitality and safe spaces where everyone, without exception, can receive and be transformed by your word of life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Mary, Martha, and all the saints who attended to your word, we give thanks. Open our ears to your voice until that day when we realize the promise of the gospel with all creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Offertory (Usher please bring the offering to the altar)

Offertory Song: Let All Things Now Living

No. 881



Let All Things Now Living



Offertory Prayer

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

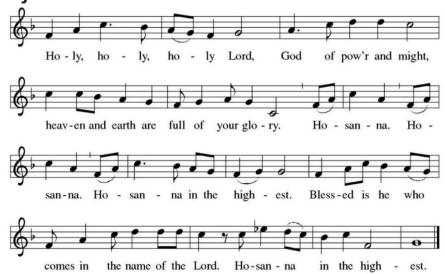
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

The 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,

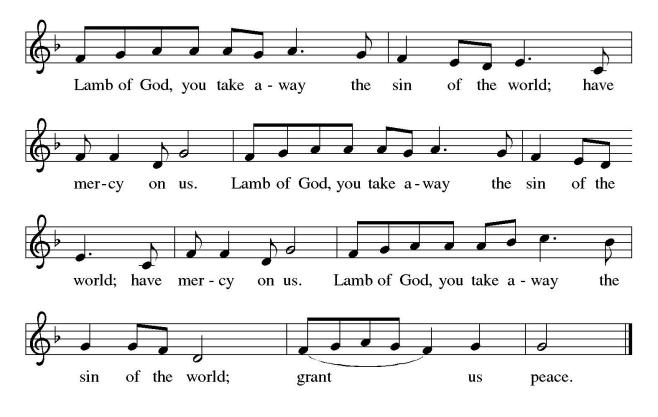
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

Lamb of God



Communion Hymn: You Are Mine

No. 581

581 You Are Mine 1 "I will come the si - lence. to you in "I 2 am hope for all who are hope - less, 3 "I am strength for spair - ing, all the de -(4) am the Word that leads free - dom, Ι all to ъ. Ι all your will lift you from fear. I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame. am the peace the world can - not give. You will hear my voice, Ι claim you as my choice. Be shad-ows of the night, will Ι be your light. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand still and know Ι am here. To stanza 2 Come and rest in me. To refrain all will know my name. To refrain up, now walk and live! To refrain Refrain Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; name. Ι To stanzas 3 and 4 love you and you are mine." 4 "**T**

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Table Blessing

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Blessing

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: O Savior, Precious Savior

No. 820



O Savior, Precious Savior



Dismissal.

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

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AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Pastor: Lectors: Communion Assistant: Usher: Acolyte: Pastor Jen Herrmann Joyce Patterson Guy Miller Greg Norman & Rich Miller Ryan Wiedenheft At 10:30...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Cathy Wobser
Communion Assistant:	Cathy Wobser
Usher:	Denny Sessler
Acolyte:	

Sheryl Miller, Cathy Wobser & Candy Beatty

PRAYER CONCERNS

July Altar Care:

To all affected by flooding Texas and New Mexico; FAITH members, including, Ruby Stierhoff; the people of St. Peter, Norwalk, and their interim pastors Cathy Schibler and Phil Gardner; the ministry of Project Share, helping people in need in Margaretta Township

Pastor Jen can be contacted at 419-822-7630 or jen.herrmann@gmail.com

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Sally Warner in honor of Sally and Dave's 50th wedding anniversary and in honor of Mike and Maree Markley's 50th wedding anniversary.

ATTENDANCE: July 13th 60 + 39 = 99

OFFERING PLATES are in both entryways by the bulletins. If you forgot to put your offering as you came in, an usher or pastor can help you find the plates after service.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS:

General Fund -- \$4,075.00 Building Improvements -- \$275.00

This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Communion Service	8:00 am & 10:30 am
WEDNESDAY	AA/NA Women Only "We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	9:00 am 7:00 pm
THURSDAY	Council meeting (postponed from 7/17)	7:00 pm
SATURDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Service of Word & Prayer	8:00 am & 10:30 am

The following items have been collected for the Lutheran World Relief Kits:

Soap	Goal: 300
Fingernail clippers	Goal: 100
Towels:	Goal: 100

Collected: 99 Collected: 22 Collected: 56

The goal has been met for combs (133) and toothbrushes (113). The collection goes through **August 31**st. Towels (dark colors, lightweight, 20" x 52"); 3 soap bars; fingernail clippers. Check Wal-mart or Dollar General for economical pricing. Also, your help is needed on September 7th to assemble kits!

Sunday July 27th, youth and any interested adults are invited to pack lunches for Care & Share. This will be in the downstairs hall after the first worship service. Thank you for your help!



Grace Lutheran Church's monthly community meal is August 13th from 5-6pm. The menu is grilled brats, macaroni salad, chips, fresh veggies

& dessert. Delivery is available for shut-ins, call 419-357-3672 to schedule.

