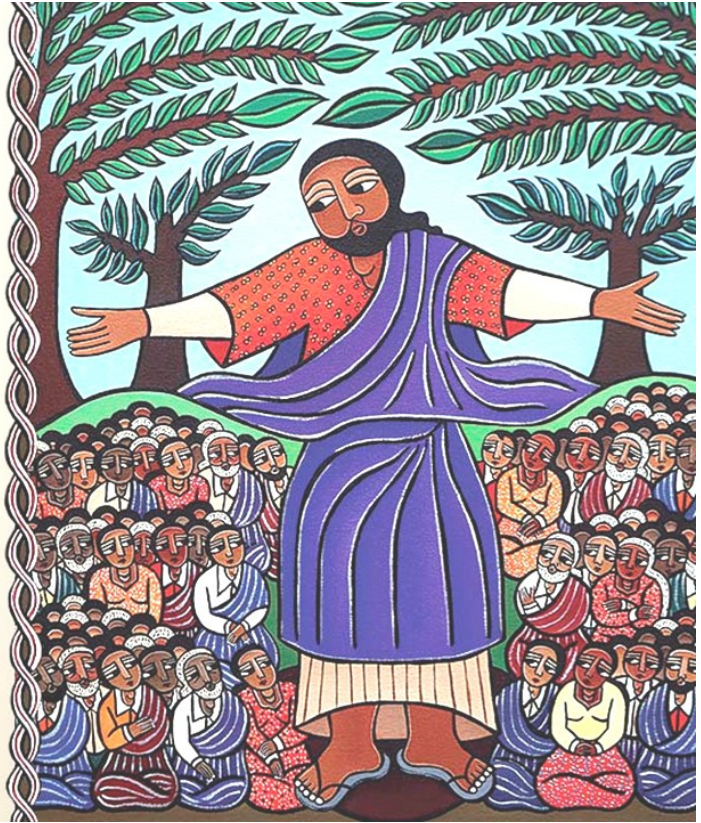


*I will  
give you  
rest*

**MATTHEW 11:28**



**JULY 5, 2026**



**EPIPHANY**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (US SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL)

*The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. The prophet describes an everlasting realm that contrasts with earthly nations, one marked by peace, humility, and freedom. Jesus associates with those excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with selfish desires; we lament flawed systems; and we seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather around word, water, and meal by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Here we find rest for our souls and hope for life in beloved community.*

PRELUDE

**He Is**

by David Crowder, Hank Bentley, & Jeff Pardo  
/ Arr. Dan Gailbraith

## THE GATHERING

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

**10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)**

by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

**CHORUS**

**VERSE 1**

The sun comes up It's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass And whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing When the evening comes

**CHORUS**

**VERSE 2**

You're rich in love And You're slow to anger  
Your name is great And Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons For my heart to find

**CHORUS / INSTRUMENTAL**

**VERSE 3**

And on that day When my strength is failing  
The end draws near And my time has come  
Still my soul will Sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years And then forevermore

**CHORUS / END**

**CHORUS**

Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His Holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your Holy name

**END**

Yes, I will worship Your Holy name.  
Lord, I worship Your holy name.

## ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

A: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, source of hope in every nation, rest for the weary, glory and peace to the ends of the earth.

**C: Amen.**

A: Let us bring every burden to God.

### *Silence For Reflection*

A: God of all mercy,

**C: we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your creation. Within ourselves and our communities, our desire to do what is good is at war with the evil that dwells in us. We lament the evil that holds us captive. We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us for lives of compassion and courage through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

A: All-merciful, Almighty God forgives you all your sins through the grace of † Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit's power strengthen you in doing what is good.

**C: Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*We receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace. You may greet one another and say "peace be with you" or similar words.*

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

**C: And also with you.**



## GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Lord of all the worlds, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all living in these lands the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# THE WORD

## He's Got The Whole World In His Hands

(Sing when children come up)

He's got the whole world in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands

(Sing when children go back)

He's got ev'rybody here in His hands  
He's got ev'rybody here in His hands  
He's got ev'rybody here in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### A READING FROM

#### ZECHARIAH 9:9-12

*The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!  
See, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to the nations;  
his dominion shall be from sea to sea  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.  
As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.  
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

#### A RESPONSIVE READING

#### PSALM 145:8-14

*The Lord is gracious and full of compassion. (Ps. 145:8)*

L: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**C: Lord, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**

L: All your works shall praise you, O Lord, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

**C: They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power, that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

L: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.

You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

**C: The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.**

*Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.*

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

L: This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (WOV Setting V)



THE GOSPEL READING

**MATTHEW 11:16-19, 25-30**

*(Congregation standing)*

L: The Holy Gospel of St. Matthew, beginning in the eleventh chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax

collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent. “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven?

No, you will be brought down to Hades.

“For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All 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.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

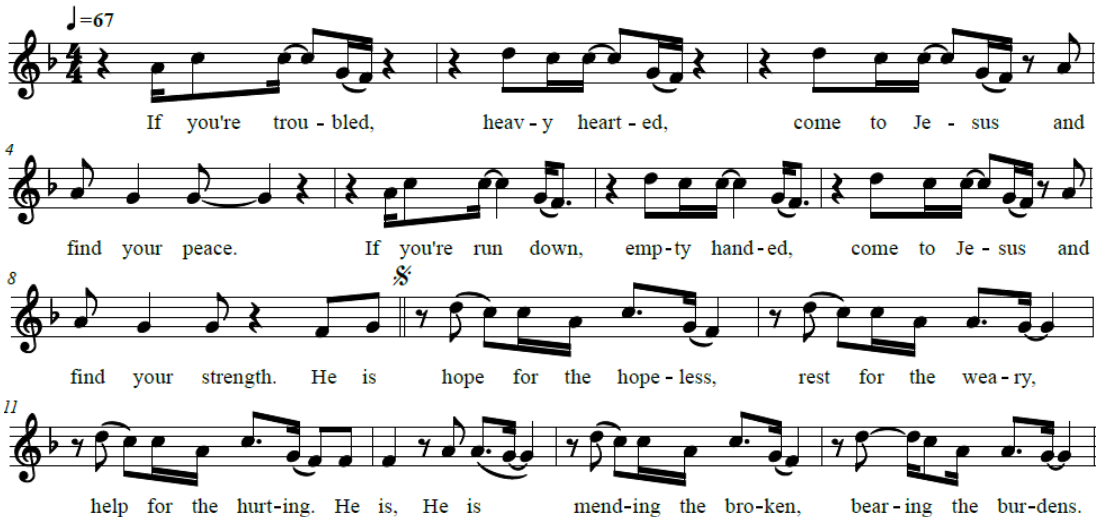
**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

## PREACHING OF THE GOOD NEWS AND MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

### SONG OF THE DAY

**He Is**

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*J=67*

If you're trou - bled, heav - y heart - ed, come to Je - sus and  
4 find your peace. If you're run down, emp - ty hand - ed, come to Je - sus and  
8 find your strength. He is hope for the hope - less, rest for the wea - ry,  
11 help for the hurt - ing. He is, He is mend - ing the bro - ken, bear - ing the bur - dens.

2nd time to Coda  $\oplus$

VERSE 2

15 All that you're need-ing He is. If you're wan-d'ring in the dark - ness,

19 come to Je - sus and find your way. If you want free - dom,

22 *D.S. al Coda*  $\oplus$   
need for-give-ness, just come to Je - sus and find His grace. He is is.

28 Com - fort - er, Coun - sel - or, Prince of Peace, Au - thor and Mak - er of ev - ry - thing, De -

31 - fend - er, De - liv - er - er, King of kings, He is, He is. Help - er and Heal - er for - ev - er - more,

33 Sav - ior and Shel - ter through ev - ry storm, my Ref - uge, Re - deem - er and Lord of Lords, He

36 is, He is. Child of Heav - en and Son of Man, Pro - vid - er, Pro - tec - tor, the great I AM,

39 Al - pha, O - me - ga, Be - gin - ning and End, He is. He is hope for the hope - less,

42 rest for the wea - ry, help for the hurt - ing. He is, He is mend - ing the bro - ken,

45 bear - ing the bur - dens. All that you're need - ing He is.

All that you're need-ing He is.

## 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 into hell. 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 THE PEOPLE

A: Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*Each petition shall conclude with:*

A: God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

*The Prayers conclude:*

A: Into your mercy, O God, we entrust our restless hearts and all our cares, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

# THE MEAL

## THE OFFERING

### MUSICAL OFFERING

**America the Beautiful** (For a New Beginning)  
Katherine Lee Bates & Samuel A. Ward | Arrangement: Ronald E. McVey

## THE OFFERTORY

**Create in Me a Clean Heart** (ELW 187)

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me.

Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your

Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

#### OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray together.

**C: Blessed are you, O God, for waves of grain and harvesters, fruitful vines and winepresses, for our labor and our rest, for the gifts of your hand in this land. Transform us and what we offer into the banquet of your compassion, serving your love without limits through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise!**

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### 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.**

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## HOLY COMMUNION

*We practice "Open Communion," acknowledging that Jesus welcomes all persons, sinners and saints alike, to the table. All means ALL. Please come forward by the center aisle and receive the Sacrament in a continuous line, exiting by the side aisles.*

**Communion is by intinction.** *We offer a chalice of wine and a chalice of white grape juice in which you may dip the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask for them at the altar, if needed. The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen.*

*Infants who are not yet ready to receive food will receive a blessing. Parents who have questions about the practice of open communion may instruct their children to receive just a blessing.*

*Communion can be served to those who are not physically able to join us for worship. Please speak with an usher if you know of someone who would desire communion from Sunday's table brought to them.*

## COMMUNION SONG

**Come to Me**  
(Slides Only)

## COMMUNION BLESSING

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace until life everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

# THE SENDING

## THE BENEDICTION

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to 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  $\text{✝}$ , and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

1. This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
but other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
- 2 My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.  
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.  
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
- 3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,  
your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.  
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,  
and hearts united learn to live as one.  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;  
myself I give you; let your will be done.

## BLESSED AND SENT TO SERVE

A: This little light of mine...

**C: I'm gonna let it shine!**

A: Jesus wants us all to find rest in him. Jesus has high standards for how we carry ourselves, following the commandments, and helping others. But Jesus also knows that life can give us difficult burdens, and for that he gives us his grace and forgiveness which we experience together here in this community. We will continue to proclaim Jesus' promise of comfort and rest until...

**C: Everyone knows that God loves them!**

A: Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

*If you are worshipping with us at 9:00 am we kindly ask that you leave your bulletin on the back table on your way out for those that are worshipping at 11:00 am if you did not make notes. We wish to be good stewards of our environment and resources.*

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# EPIPHANY

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am & 11:00 am (in-person and online)

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**Pastor:** Chris Hermansen

**Minister of Youth:** Kris Perkola

**Director of Worship and Music:** Steve Belfield, Interim

**Worship Production:** Steve Belfield

**Worship Accompanist:** Anna Keiserman, Ph. D.

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By Katherine Lee Bates & Samuel A. Ward

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