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**July 20, 2025**

**6th Sunday after Pentecost**



**Introduction to the day**

Perhaps the church, at its best, is “all ears.” God urges the faithful, again and again, to “listen up!”—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

**Food pantry need: cereal and peanut butter**

**Attendance for July 13, 2025-**

## PRELUDE

*(please stand if you are able)*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

(ELW 834)

. **IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE**

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt.


Music: Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807-1876

## GREETING


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

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    Ⓢ Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son:    Ⓢ Christ, have mer - cy.  
Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    Ⓢ Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:

# HYMN OF PRAISE



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



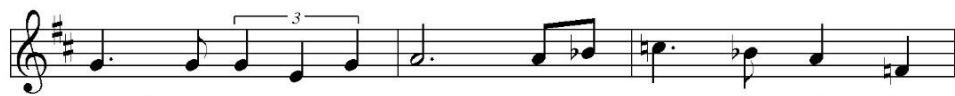
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



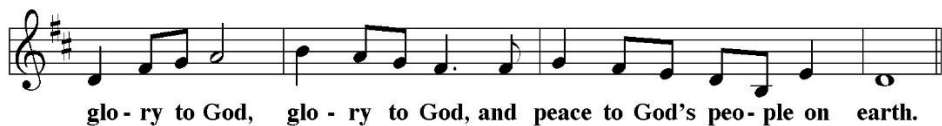
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.



☒ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



I For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



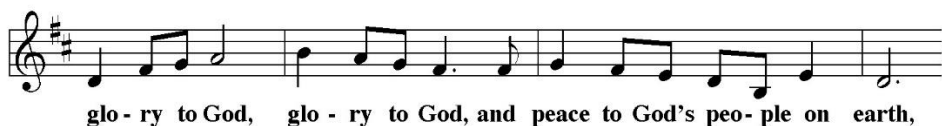
you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



☒ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10a**

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, 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> 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.” <sup>6</sup> And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup> Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <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 your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” <sup>10a</sup> Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 15**

<sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your <sup>1</sup> tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your <sup>1</sup> holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> **Whoever leads a blameless life and does <sup>1</sup> what is right,  
who speaks the truth <sup>1</sup> from his heart,**

<sup>3</sup> there is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil <sup>1</sup> to his friend;  
he does not heap contempt up- <sup>1</sup> on his neighbor.

<sup>4</sup> **In his sight the wicked <sup>1</sup> is rejected,  
but he honors those who <sup>1</sup> fear the LORD.**

<sup>5</sup> He has sworn to <sup>1</sup> do no wrong  
and does not take <sup>1</sup> back his word.

<sup>6</sup> **He does not give his money in <sup>1</sup> hope of gain,  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

<sup>7</sup> Whoever <sup>1</sup> does these things  
shall never be <sup>1</sup> overthrown.

## **SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-28**

A reading from Colossians.

<sup>15</sup> [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> 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.

<sup>21</sup> And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, <sup>23</sup> 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.

<sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup> the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been 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> It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand if you are able)*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the tenth chapter.

#### **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup> Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup> 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." <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, <sup>42</sup> 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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

### Sermon

*(please stand if you are able)*

#### **Hymn of the Day**

**(ELW 306)**

#### **Come, Beloved of the Maker**

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, 1953-2021

Music: David Cherwien, b. 1957

## THE PRAYERS

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.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

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.**

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words*

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
Lord, and give us a fore- taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a fore- taste of the feast to come.'

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**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.**

## **Dialogue**

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,

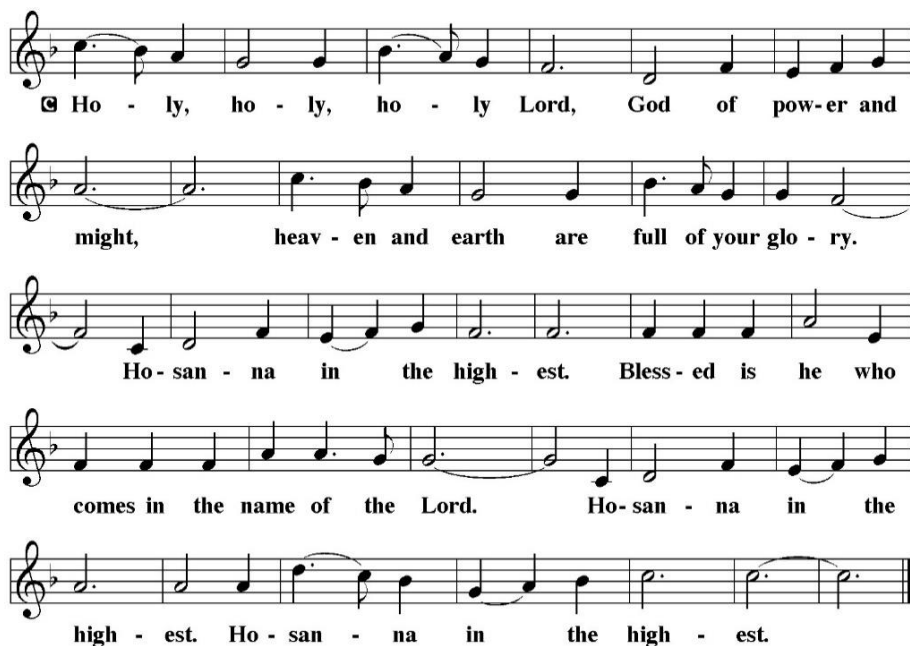
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting

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:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy God,

our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,  
in the harmonious world of your creation,  
the plants and animals,  
the seas and stars  
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,  
you sent your Son to heal our ills  
and to form us again into one.

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, therefore,  
his acts of healing,  
his body given up,  
and his victory over death,  
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth  
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.  
Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:  
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,  
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,  
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.  
Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

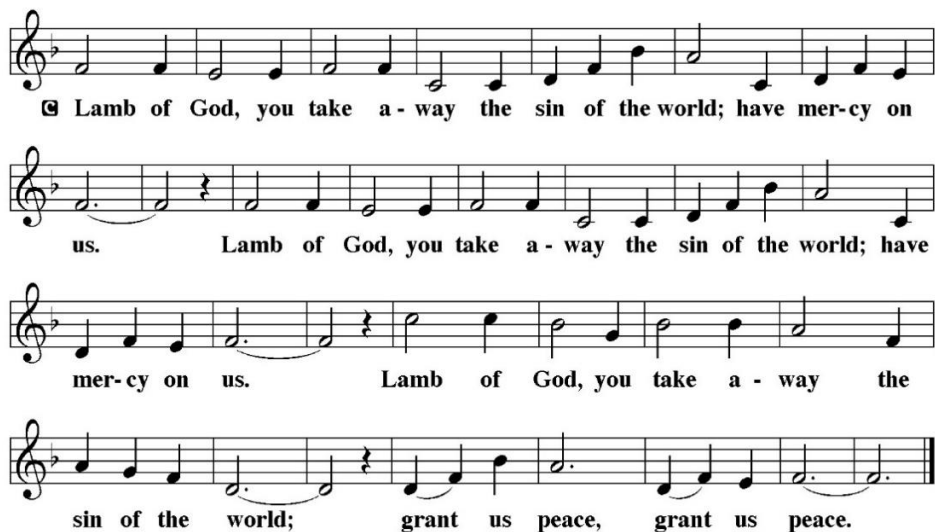
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Communion**

*The communion follows. The bread may be broken for distribution.  
As the ministers give the bread and cup to each communicant, they say  
these words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ,  
shed for you. **Amen***

## Communion Hymn



☐ 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.


## Communion Song

(ELW 475)

. Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

Text: George H. Bourne, 1840–1925 Music: William Owen,  
1814–1893

## Post-Communion Cantic



☐ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and  
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

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.**

## **Sending Hymn**

**(ELW 636)**

. **How Small Our Span of Life**

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: English traditional

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **BREAD LOAF OFFERING -JULY- BABE**

- Our Food Pantry is in need of cereal and peanut butter.
- **Blood Pressure Checks- 1st Sunday every month- Beth Moss, RN, MA Parish Nurse**

- Grace Lutheran Church is now participating in First Fridays downtown in Columbia City. We are not selling anything, just promoting what we do well. Talking about our Preschool, Food Pantry and spreading God's word. The next event will be on July 4th from 6pm to 9pm. We meet at church at 4:30 and walk down to the courthouse where we set up on the west side. We need some volunteers each month thru October. If you are interested, please see Pastor Matt, Joe Freiburger or any member on Church Council.
- Adelphi Women have a new project coming up in September. We will be collecting household goods and furnishings for a newly housed families and individuals. Detailed information will be given in the August Newsletter, but in the meantime, please consider items in your own home that would be good donations to this worthy cause. We are looking for bath and bedroom linens, kitchen needs, furniture, tables and chairs, etc. Items should be clean and still functional. Talk with Linda Grawcock, Linda Trowbridge or any of the Adelphi members with your questions and look for details in the August newsletter.

**Weekly agenda at Grace Lutheran church**

**Monday July 21, 2025**

Helping Hands 12:30 pm

Scouting America Troop 84 B/G 6:30 pm

AA 7:30 pm

**Tuesday July 22, 2025**

Tops 9 am

**Wednesday July 23, 2025**

Men's Breakfast 8 am

Food Pantry 12 pm

Food Voucher 4 pm

**Thursday July 24, 2025**

Life Line Screening 8 am

AA 7:30 pm

AL-non 7:30 pm

**Friday July 25, 2025**

**Pastor's Day off**

**Saturday July 26, 2025**

**Sunday July 27, 2025**

Worship @ Hope 8:15 am

Worship @ Grace 10 am

Fellowship @ 11:15 am

**We have new sign-up sheets in the parish hall, for coffee hour.  
Coffee hour will be after church service, for anyone that would  
like to stay.**