



**6th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Gathering**

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A Welcoming Community Making Christ Known Through Worship and Service

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

- ♦ **Breathe**
- ♦ **Ponder:** Whom did you bring with you on your heart today? For what or whom are you feeling thankful? What is making you anxious today? What do you need to confess today?
- ♦ **Be still**, empty your hands, empty your mind, let sounds pass you, wait upon God.

Gathering

WELCOME

The Congregational responses are indented and in bold.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

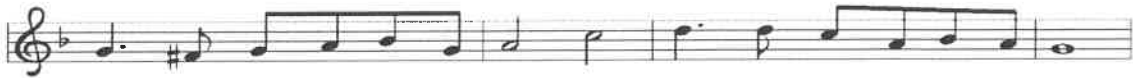
What a Friend We Have in Jesus



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

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.

Glory to God *Gloria a Dios*

Glo - ria, a to Dios, glo - ria, a to Dios, God, God,
glo - ria, a to Dios en los cie - los. glo - ry to God in the high - est.
Paz pa - ra ti, paz pa - ra mi, Peace be to you, peace be to me,
paz pa - ra to all, da - la to tie rro. peace be to all the earth,

PRAYER OF THE DAY

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-14

Refrain: The Lord is gracious and merciful.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you,

Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,

**to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendour of
your kingdom.**

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

Refrain: The Lord is gracious and merciful.

Glory to the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ 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. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

A Reading from Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶ "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

¹⁸ "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹ 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."

²⁵ 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; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ 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.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Word of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SERMON The Rev. Luis Iván Echandía

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
 Through Him all things are made. For us and for our salvation
 He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit
 He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
 For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance
 with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
 and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins,
 We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: **Hear our prayer.**

GOD SIGHTINGS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Meal

OFFERING *The giving of our time, talents, and money to the work of Christ's Church is an act of worship. As God has blessed us, let us return thanks to Him.*

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing Verse 1

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we Christ, whose love di-vine gives his
 3 Where the pas-chal blood is poured death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas-chal

our vic-tor-ious king, who has washed us in the tide
 sa-cred blood for wine, gives his bod-y for the feast
 an-gel sheathes the sword; Is-rael's hosts tri-um-phant go
 vic-tim, pas-chal bread; with sin-er-i-ty and love

flow-ing from his wound-ed side. Al-le-lu-ia!
 Christ vic-tim, Christ the priest. Al-le-lu-ia!
 through the wave that drowns the foe. Al-le-lu-ia!
 eat we the man-na from a-bove. Al-le-lu-ia!

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

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.

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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earthly and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

A: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

P: 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.
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

A: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

A: Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. 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 forever. Amen.**



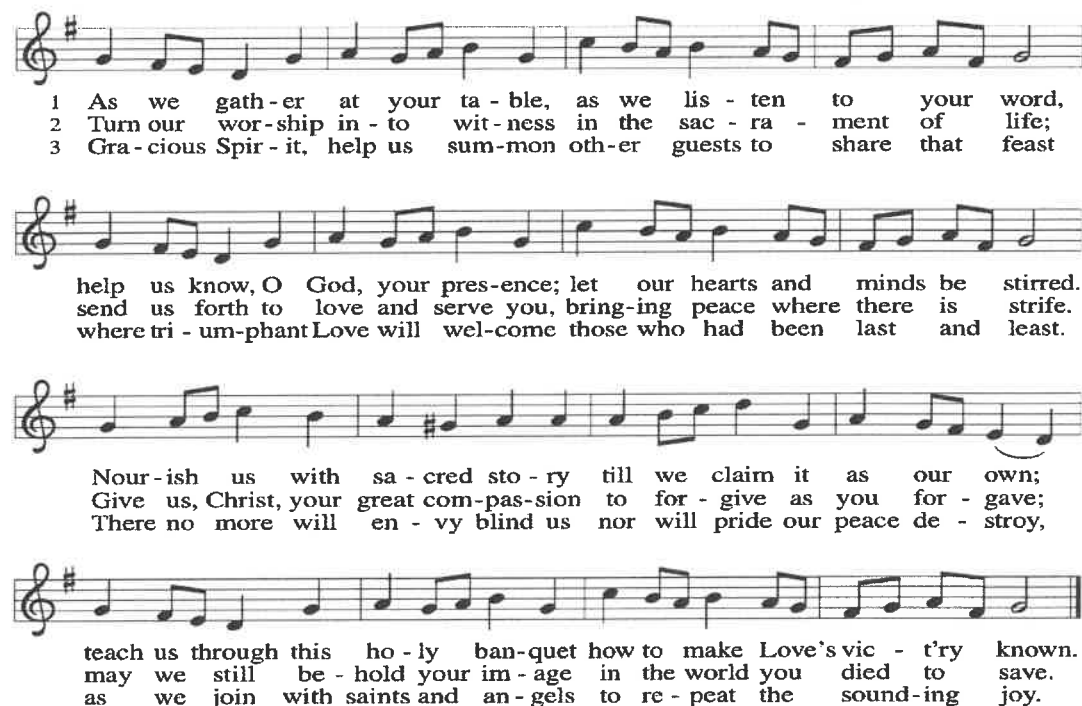
INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION All are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ as he comes to us in the Holy Eucharist. Communion is by individual glass. Grape juice is also provided for those who prefer it.

As We Gather at Your Table



Please stand

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

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.
 (Lent) A - men, a - men.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

Amen.

Sending

BLESSING

Let's bless the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Do mim lam
 El Se - ñor te ben - di - ga, y te guar - de. El Se - ñor
 May the Lord ev - er bless you and keep you. May the
 Do rem⁷ mim⁷ Fa Sol⁷ sol m⁷ Do⁷ Fa Sol/Fa
 ñor ha - ga res - plan - de - cer su ros - tro so - bre
 face of the Lord shine on you, and may the Lord en -
 mim lam rem⁷ fam Sol⁷ Do
 ti - ga de ti mi - se - ri - cor - dia.
 light - en you with un - fail - ing love and mer - cy.
 Mi^b Si^b Sol/Si
 El Se - ñor Lord vuel - va ha - cia ti su ros - tro
 May the Lord look up - on you with fa - vor
 dom fam Si^b Do Si^b Do sol m⁷ Do
 y te con - ce - da su paz. A - mén, a - mén.
 and give you peace, give you peace. A - men, a - men.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

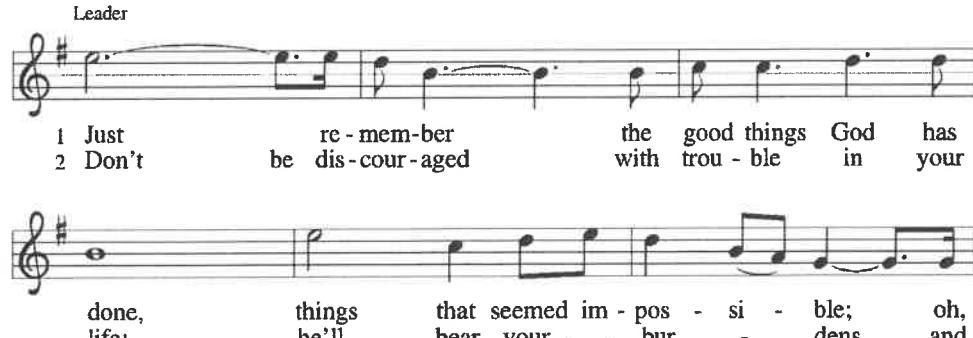
We've Come This Far by Faith

Refrain – All



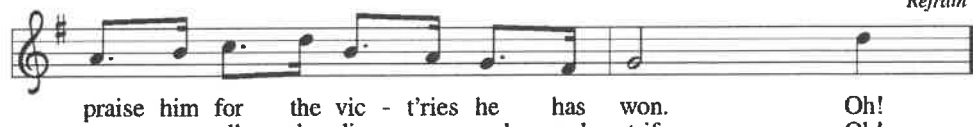
We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord;
trust-ing in his ho-ly word, he's nev-er failed us yet.
Oh, can't turn a-round, we've come this far by
faith. We've come this far by faith.

Leader



1 Just re-mem-ber the good things God has
2 Don't be dis-cour-aged with trou-ble in your
done, things that seemed im-pos-si-ble; oh,
life; he'll bear your bur-dens, and

Refrain



praise him for the vic-t'ries he has won. Oh!
move . . . all the dis-cord and strife. Oh!

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

The Liturgical Corner

Understanding Why We Worship the Way We Do

Capsule 1 – Why Do We Worship Through a Liturgy?

Every Sunday, Christians gather to worship God through a liturgy. The word *liturgy* comes from the Greek *leitourgia*, meaning "the work of the people" or "public service." In Christian worship, however, the liturgy is first God's work before it becomes ours.

God gathers us, speaks to us through the Scriptures, nourishes us through Holy Communion, and sends us into the world to serve our neighbors. Everything we do in worship is a response to God's gracious initiative.

The liturgy is not valuable simply because it is ancient. Lutherans cherish it because it faithfully proclaims Christ through Word and Sacrament. Every prayer, hymn, reading, and action helps us encounter the living Lord.

As we explore our worship together over the coming weeks, we hope you will discover not only *what* we do each Sunday, but *why* we do it.

Prayer List

Strength

The Nielsen Family
Rev. Charles Simonson
Glenn Vegezzi
John Wallace
Norman White
Sally White
Christa Zago
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church/Bay
Ridge Teenagers in Kiev

Serving in the Armed Forces

Bryan Bennett
Timothy DelUniversita
Carmen Green
Justin Ortega
Jesse Fritz

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