

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026

9:30 a.m. Worship



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We welcome all to worship here: those who are strong in faith and those who are seeking, those who are hurting and those who give comfort; all who are drawn to worship, community, and faith.

We acknowledge and celebrate the rich diversity within and around us. As a community rooted in the body of Christ, we commit ourselves to creating a space where people of all races, ages, ethnicities, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions are not only included but deeply valued and seen as essential to our shared journey.

Together, we value human diversity as a divine gift and blessing—a reflection of God’s boundless creativity and love. Because of this, we commit ourselves in ministry to fully embracing all people and advancing racial equity in our ministry.

We recognize that we hold a variety of beliefs, perspectives, and lived experiences; and yet we gather in Christ to worship God together. If you have questions, feedback, or needs for assistance, please ask. We seek to grow together in ministry, community and faith, and we are glad that you are here with us today.

~ The People of Como Park Lutheran Church

♥ IT TAKES MANY HANDS ♥

Worship at Como Park Lutheran happens because our community shows up for one another. Greeters, ushers, readers, communion assistants, coffee hosts, video techs, bus drivers—every role helps create the welcoming experience we love each week.

Could you help? Most volunteer roles take only a small amount of time, and training is always provided.

We're especially looking for communion assistants to join the rotation.

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To help, contact: Alex Leone, Sunday Volunteer Coordinator, alex@leonesoftware.com

**Coffee hour will take place immediately after the service.
Join us in the Narthex for coffee and light snacks.**

Upcoming events and announcements can be found at the back of the bulletin.

This service is broadcast live on YouTube and recorded for later viewing:
www.youtube.com/c/ComoParkLutheranChurch



Regular - Liturgist
Bold - Congregation
✠ - Stand as able



ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on “If You But Trust in God”

J.S. Bach

WELCOME, GREETING, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

~ Silence is kept for reflection. ~

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

✠OPENING HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

ELW 742

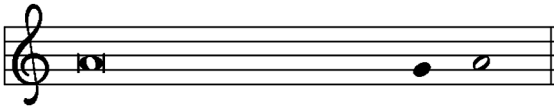
✠THE APOSTOLIC GREETING (2 Corinthians 13:14)

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

ELW pg. 147-148



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



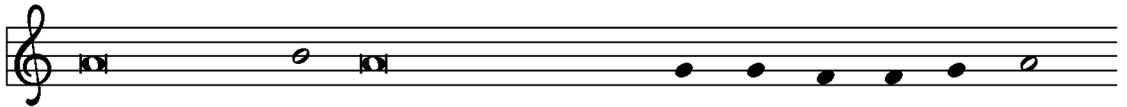
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,




let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

✠PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray...

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.

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 that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. 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 that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

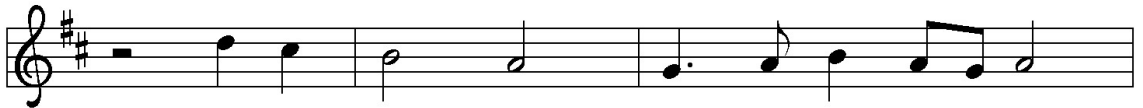
²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

✠ GOSPEL VERSE

ELW pg. 151



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



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

✠GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mathew the Eleventh Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ “But 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 that 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.”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Friends from Camp Onomia

(Jesus Loves Me! ELW 595)

SERMON

Pastor David Person

✠HYMN OF THE DAY

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

ELW 611

✠APOSTLES' CREED

Standing together, let us confess our faith...

**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

... Lord, in your mercy,
... **hear our prayer.**

✠THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(In sharing God's Peace we share with each other our hope for God's blessing by shaking hands, or turning to one another and nodding, or bumping fists and saying "God's peace be with you.")

THE MEAL

OFFERING

What a Friend We Have in Jesus setting

Robert Hobby

Electronic offerings can be made using smart phones and tablet devices by going to www.ComoParkLutheran.org and clicking on the “donate” button. You may also use the giving kiosk in the narthex located by the staircase.



✠OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray...

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✠WORDS OF INSTITUTION (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

In the night in which he was betrayed...
... Do this for the remembrance of me.

✠THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13; Revelation 11:15)

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

All who believe Christ is truly present in the sacrament are invited to receive communion. At the server, hold out the flat of your palm to receive the wafer. If you desire gluten-free wafers, simply say to the first server "gluten-free." Then, step to the second server and take the wine in the small cup. The cups hold red wine and grape juice. If you are allergic to grapes, you are free to receive only the bread, knowing that Christ is fully present within each element. Children who do not yet commune will receive a blessing from pastor or first server.

LAMB OF GOD (John 1:29)

ELW pg. 154



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 HYMN

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

ELW 769

✠POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

✠POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE SENDING

✠BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

✠CLOSING HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness

ELW 765

✠DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fughetta on “The Star Spangled Banner”

Dudley Buck

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Please pray for...

Anders N.	Tyler F. (brother-in-law of Ginger F.)
Kathy H.	J.J. K. (great grandson of Bill H.)
Ann L.	Joe (friend of Sandra H.)
Ruth R.	Cheryl & Jim (quilter & husband)
Gina K.	Nichole (friend of Como Connects)
Gary (friend of Deb S.)	Mary C.
Heidi G.	... and all in need of prayers

We welcome names of members, family, and friends on our prayer list.

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Serving in the Military

Dane Beecham, Jonathan Lund, Kristian Nelson
... and all others who serve

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**We pray regularly for all members and friends of our congregation.
This week in worship, we pray for:**

Rocky & Elizabeth Weber, Douglas, Sasha
Joe & Greta Wegner, Sam
Jordan & Sarah Wein, Cooper
Nick & Kelly Whitstone, Pearl, Layla, Daphne
Raija Wietzke
Walter Wietzke & Allison Steinmaus, Wren, Suvi
Jenni Wolf

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Pastor: David Person

Director of Music Ministry: Tom Ferry

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Date	July 5, 2026
Time	9:30 AM
Acolyte	Wren Wietzke
Communion Prep	Rosemary Johnson & Zarida Young
Assisting Minister	Meg Duncan
Communion Asst 1	Darrell Anderson
Communion Asst 2	Mary Hagerman
Greeter	Janice Kragness
Coffee Servers	Fred & Lois Halberg
Children's Message	David Osterhouse
Reader	Spencer Bracewell
Liturgist	Ken Purdham
Ushers	Family Team Bracewell
Welcome Desk	Deb Spivey
Bus Helper	Shirley Dingman
Bus Driver	Lowell Lundy
Video Tech	Jeff Carnes

USHER TEAM

Family Team Bracewell: Larry & Sara, Morgan and Spencer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sisterhood Social



Sisterhood Social – Como Dock & Paddle

Friday, July 10, 6:00–8:00pm

The Sisterhood Social takes place every 2nd Friday, every two months. All women are warmly invited to join us for a casual time of connection over food and drink. Come when you can, leave when you need—no formal agenda, just good company. Join us at the Dock & Paddle, Como Lakeside Pavilion.

Dorothy Lou Evers

Sep 26, 1939 — Jun 12, 2026

Age 86, of St. Paul, MN, formerly of Valley City, ND, passed away on June 12, 2026.

Preceded in death by husband, Norman; daughter, JoAnne; and brother, Myron Nelson.

Survived by children, Carmen (Steve) Olson, Cheryl (Bret) Grundmeier, Dwight (Kathy) Evers; grandchildren, Garrett, Forrest, Holly (Luke), Lori, Sophia, Rachel & Noah.

Dorothy was a teacher with St. Paul Schools for nearly 20 years. She was loved so much and will be deeply missed.

Memorial service 11:00 AM Friday, July 10 at Como Park Lutheran Church, 1376 Hoyt Ave. W., St. Paul. Visitation at the church from 10–11 AM Friday. Private interment Roselawn Cemetery.

Rest eternal grant to her O Lord and let your light perpetual rest upon her.



Featured Community Event

Enjoy some summer



JAZZ

SouthSide Big Band

Summer 2026 Concerts

Sunday, July 12th | 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Hopkins Park Pavilion - Raspberry Festival



Calendar Reminder

Vacation Bible School & Church Day Camp

July 6–9 • 9am–3pm



GROW ONE EXTRA ROW

Whether you have a backyard garden, a raised bed, or just room for one container, you can make a difference. **Como Grow-a-Row** is a community gardening initiative that invites neighbors to grow a little extra produce to share with others. Together with the Como Community Seed Library and gardeners throughout the neighborhood, we're helping provide fresh, locally grown produce to Keystone Community Services and Peace House Community.

Last year, gardeners throughout our congregation and neighborhood donated **more than 2,500 pounds of fresh produce.**

If you're thinking, "I don't have a garden. I don't have room. I can't do this," you're not alone. "I said that three years ago," says Sue Brogger, Como Park Lutheran's Director of Hunger Ministries. "I can plan and I can lead, but I don't know if I can grow anything." Now Sue encourages others not to let that stop them.



"You don't have to be an avid gardener, and you don't need an acre to plant. You can just make a decision to pick one spot, one pot, and grow something."

Grow abundance for your neighbors, Join the Community Action!

Como Grow a Row Today



Sign up for the Grow a Row community it's easy just scan the QR code



Choose your Seeds



Grow them in your garden lot or Container



Track your progress and Tell your Story



Donate your Harvest—We Can Help Coordinate with Donation collection and Delivery minimizing our collective carbon footprint



SCAN HERE

JULY 5, 2026
SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Jesus gives rest to the weary.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Rest for the weary
Monday	Zechariah 9:9-12	Coming ruler of God's people
Tuesday	Romans 7:15-25a	The conflict in us
Wednesday	Isaiah 40:27-31	The Lord gives strength
Thursday	Hebrews 4:1-11	Rest that God promised
Friday	Mark 2:23-27	A question about the sabbath
Saturday	Psalms 145:8-14	The Lord is kind and merciful
Sunday	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Parable of the sower

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Come to me, all you that 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." **Matthew 11:28-30 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Merciful God, we thank you for giving us rest when we are weary and the invitation to lean on you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord God, we thank you for this gift of food that strengthens our bodies and your presence in our lives that gives rest for our souls. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God take your burdens and give you rest.



JULY 5, 2026

HYMN OF THE WEEK

I Heard the Voice of

Jesus Say



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When you are exhausted, where do you find rest and support?
- Jesus gives rest to the weary. How has Jesus given you rest?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.

In this text Jesus speaks with two very different emotional tones. When Jesus names “*this generation*” (v. 16), he is really speaking about us. As humans, we are bent on rejecting God, preserving alienation from God, and pursuing idols of any sort. We, as people seeking after our own glory, will never be satisfied with God. We reject the austerity of John the Baptist and the life of abundant pleasure of Jesus. God’s message offered music that we refuse to dance to and grief for which we refuse to express sadness. But the tone changes dramatically at verse 25. God reveals Jesus to infants, to the weary, and to those carrying heavy burdens. The Gospel of Matthew is filled with judgment for those who are content with their own lives and yet merciful to those wanting and needing something they cannot give themselves: the peace and joy of the reign of God. In the moment of need, Jesus comes and gives us rest, takes our burdens, and gives us an easy yoke to guide us.

Discuss: Jesus speaks with words of judgment and of comfort. Why do you think we need to hear both?

Pray: **Merciful God, cleanse us of our self-assurance that is blind to you, and help us to hear your invitation to find rest for our souls through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help and support someone you know who is in need of rest?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Read Psalm 145:8-14 as a traditional prayer practice called *lectio divina*. Read the text two times slowly, pausing after each reading. After the second reading, choose a word or phrase from the text that captures your attention. Focus on that word or phrase. Then read the text again and think about how the text connects with your life today. Pause, again, for reflection. Read the passage a fourth time and spend time reflecting on how this passage might direct your life to some action in the next few days. Conclude your time of prayer and reflection with verse 8: **“The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Amen.”**



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

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faith
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