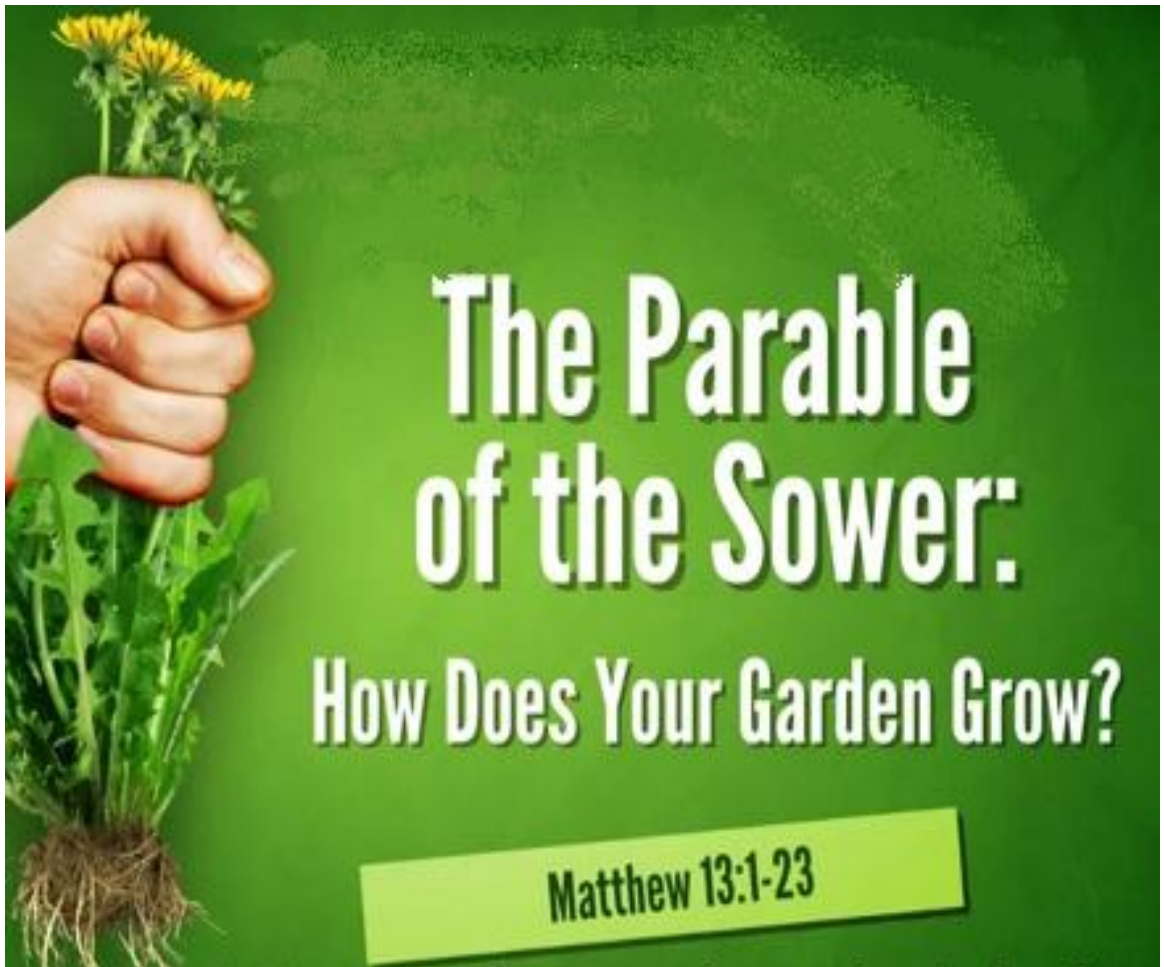


St. Luke Lutheran Church
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2026
9:30 a.m.



Sermon
Rev. David Wackenhuth
"How Does Your Garden Grow?"

**Welcome to
St. Luke Lutheran Church**

20 Candlewood Path
Dix Hills, NY 11746-5398
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Welcome!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome both members and guests to His church. We are present this day to worship Him. In this service we thank and honor our Lord for His many blessings and seek His guidance and comfort for each day of life.

- ❖ Be **reverent** and **thoughtful** in this Holy place.
- ❖ **Before** the service, speak with God.
- ❖ **During** the service, let God speak to you.
- ❖ **After** the service, speak to one another.

As We Gather: We begin our worship today praising the lamb of God who has taken away the sins of the world. For this saving work, Christ is truly worthy of praise, adoration, thanks and honor. He is truly worthy of our worship because of who He is and what He has done for us. Now we shall hear again the great story of salvation that was won for us by the Lamb of God. Rejoice! For the lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia!

Holy Communion is celebrated at each Worship Service.

The Lord's Supper is a gift from our Savior in which He offers us Himself and His forgiveness. Those who partake witness their love for Him and their faith and fellowship for each other. If you have confessed your sins and if you have been properly instructed regarding the Lord's Supper and believe in the presence of Christ in the form of bread and wine, which are the body and blood of Christ, please join us for the celebration of Holy Communion.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

8:15am & 10:45am w/ Sunday School **returns in September**

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Sundays: Traditional w/ Holy Communion at 9:30am Thursdays: Traditional w/ Holy Communion at 7:30 PM begins June 25 th

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

Bible Studies on select dates – See flyer

The **C.A.R.E Team** encourages *anyone experiencing illness or a challenging situation in their life to reach out to us for support. Support can consist of emotional/spiritual support, meals, transportation, help with errands or chores, and other areas as they are identified. Contact via **Hotline: (631) 600-0271***
Or email careteam@stlukedixhills.org Coordinators: Trish Klare & Amanda Fenty

Mission Statement

To know Christ and make him known by Serving, Teaching, and Loving.

ABOUT TODAY

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest.

PRELUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King - Janet Linker

PASTORAL GREETING

CALL FOR PRAYERS

Stand

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Merciful God,

People: **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 your ways. Amen.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

“All Creatures of Our God and King” LBW 527 vs. 1-4

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice with
2 O rush-ing wind and breez-es soft, O clouds that ride the
3 O flow-ing wa-ters, pure and clear, Make mu-sic for your
4 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day Un-folds rich bless-ings

us and sing: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
winds a - loft: Oh, . . . praise him! Al - le - lu - ia!
Lord to hear. Oh, . . . praise him! Al - le - lu - ia!
on our way, Oh, . . . praise him! Al - le - lu - ia!

O burn-ing sun with gold-en beam And sil-ver moon
O ris-ing morn, in praise re-joice, O lights of eve-
O fire so mas-ter-ful and bright, Pro-vid-ing us
The fruits and flow'rs that ver-dant grow, Let them his praise

Refrain
with soft-er gleam:
ning, find a voice. Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
with warmth and light,
a - bun-dant show.

GREETING

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

People: **And also with you.**



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: and also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By Your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love

People: Amen.

Sit

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

(God's word does not return to him empty)

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 65: 1-8

(The earth is filled with awe at your wonders)

¹ You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be fulfilled.

² **To you, the one who answers prayer,
to you all flesh shall come.**

³ Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴ **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶ **You make firm the mountains by your power;
you are girded about with might.**

⁷ You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸ **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17

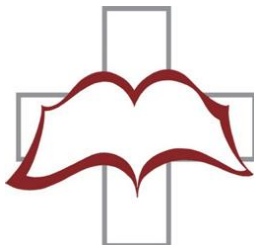
(Spirit bears witness to our adoption by God)

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand



ALLELUIA AND VERSE- LSB p. 205



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



These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

(Parable of the good seed on different soils)

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!"

¹⁸ "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.

²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.
 People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY
“Word of God Come Down on Earth” WOV 716



1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
 3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove



faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
 cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
 world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

SERMON
Rev. David Wackenhuth
“How Does Your Garden Grow?”

HOLY BAPTISM



Kellin Joseph Todaro
Son of Emily & Joseph Todaro

Godparents:
Hannah Rayve & James Rayve

RITE OF BAPTISM

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the Church, the Body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors present the candidate:

Pastor: How is *your child* named?

The presiding minister addresses parents:

Pastor: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Kellin Joseph baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do

Pastor: As you bring Kellin to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with Kellin among God's faithful people, place in his hands the Holy Scriptures, encourage him toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, pray for him and support his ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith so that Kellin may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: Do you promise to help Kellin grow in the Christian faith and life? **I do.**

Pastor: Sponsors, do you promise to assist Emily and Joseph and nurture Kellin in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the Church? **I do.**

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Kellin Joseph and pray for his new life in Christ? **We do.**

PROCLAMATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Do you renounce the devil, all his works, and all his ways and do you renounce those forces, powers of the world, and sin that defy and rebel against God and draw us away from him?

Yes, I renounce them.

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

HOLY BAPTISM

Pastor: Kellin Joseph, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Kellin Joseph, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the ✠ Cross of Christ forever. Let us pray. The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins strengthen you with his grace to life everlasting.

Receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Receive this burning light. Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The minister and the baptismal group face the assembly.

Let us welcome the newly baptized. In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heir with us, of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear his Word, receive his gifts, and proclaim the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord!

PRESENTATION OF LAMB

Raegan James Todaro

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with "God of grace,"
The response is "**hear our prayer.**"

Pastor: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

People: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Sit

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

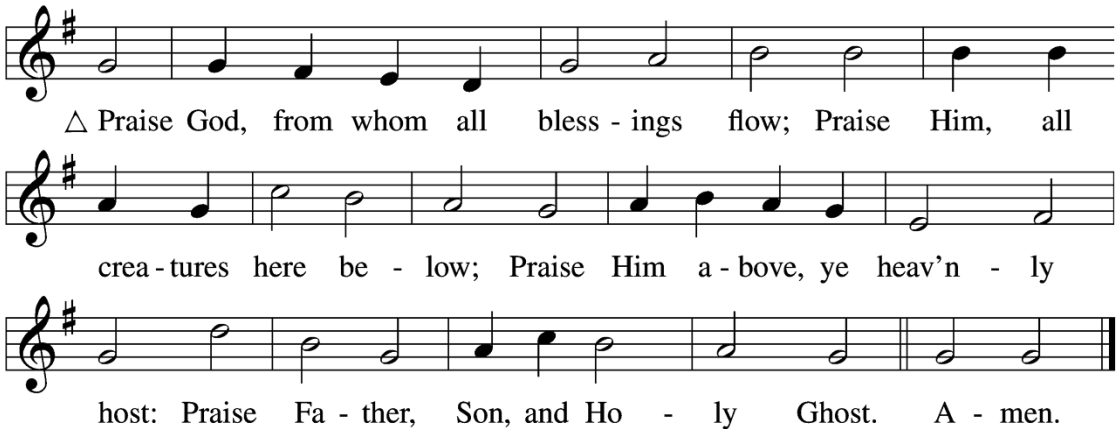
“Blessed Jesus, We are Here” - George Walker

Stand

OFFERING PRESENTATION & OFFERING HYMN

OFFERING HYMN

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” LSB 805 V.1



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

People: **we humbly offer to you the gifts of our treasures, talents, and time.
Use them to your glory, and for the benefit of all your people; through
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING – LBW 88

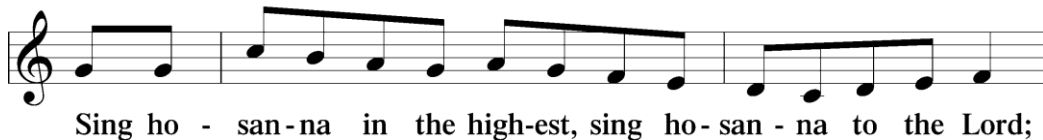
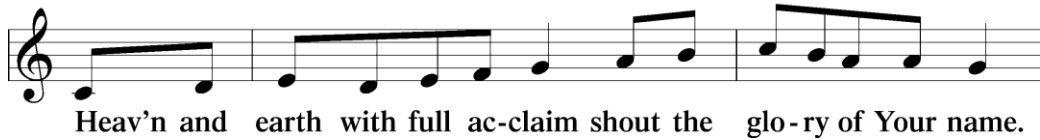
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS LSB 208



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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

People: **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.**

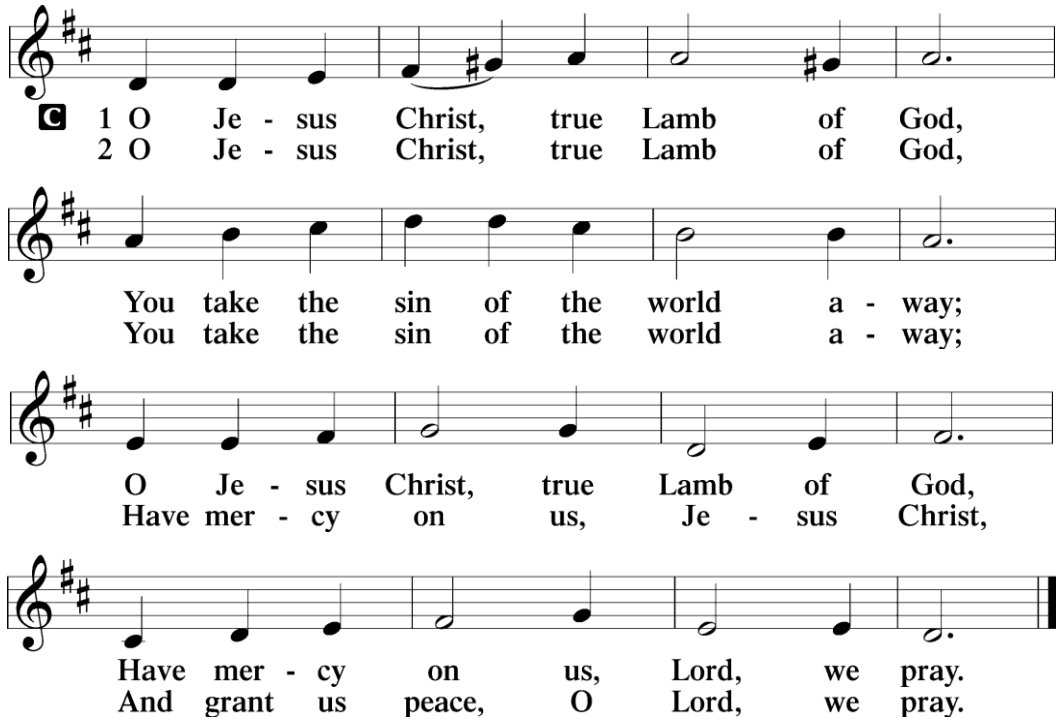
Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

Sit

LAMB OF GOD /AGNUS DEI

LSB 210



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

I Am the Bread of Life WOV 702

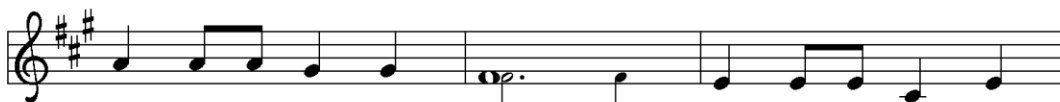
Leader or All



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less you eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and
 I am the life. If you be -
 you are the Christ, the



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, you shall . . live for -
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in me, e - ven . . though you
 Son of God, who have

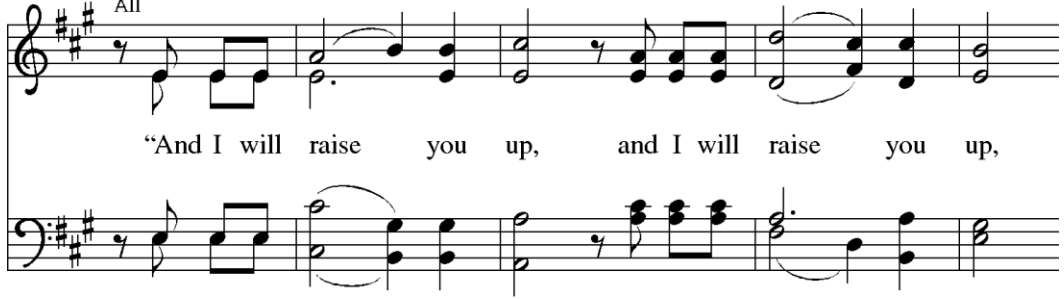


me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world.

Cont'd →

Refrain

All



“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day.”



“Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet”

Refrain



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right be -



side me, and noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.



Please be near me to the end.

Refrain



2 I will not for-get your love for me, and yet my heart for-ev-er is



wan-der-ing. Je-sus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and



I will love you to the end.

Refrain

“Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult” LBW 499 vs. 1-4



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 As of old St. An - drew heard it by the
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 5 Je - sus calls us! In your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 make us hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, “Chris - tian, fol - low me.”
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.
 keep us, say - ing, “Chris - tian, love me more.”
 plea - sures, “Chris - tian, love me more than these.”
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Stand

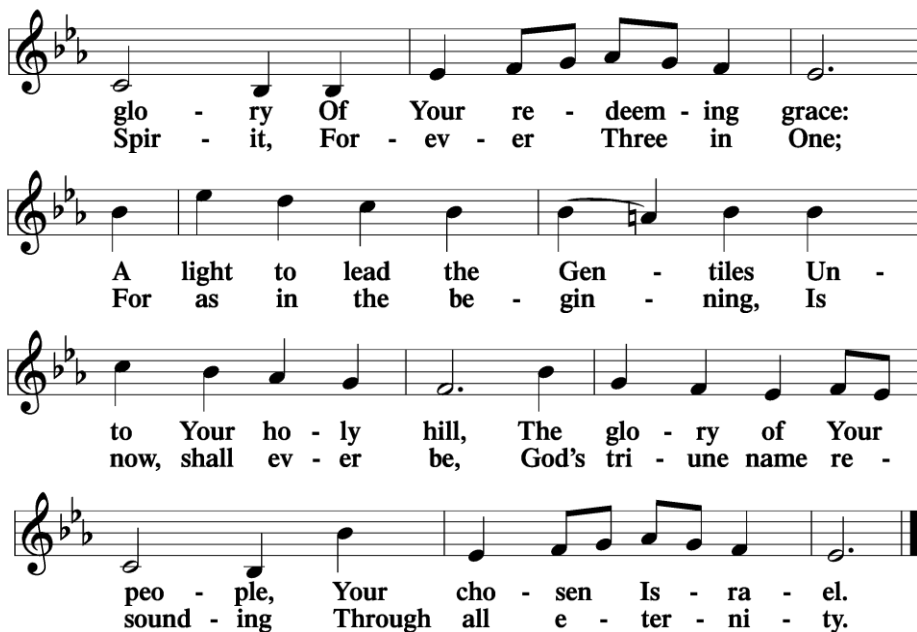
**POST COMMUNION HYMN
 Nunc Dimittis – LSB p.211**



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Deacon: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son, and for assuring us that we are living members and heirs of your eternal kingdom. Send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses, through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

BLESSING

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

People: **Amen.**

Sit

MINISTRY NEWS

Stand

CLOSING HYMN
“Sent Forth by God's Blessing” LBW 221



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con - fess - ing, the
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing, the



peo - ple of God from his dwell - ing take leave.
tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed the
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em -



fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
brac - ing his chil - dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of his teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in - vite us, his love shall u - nite us to
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing give



work for God's king - dom and an - swer his call.
hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

A SENDING WORD

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Sent Forth by God's Blessing” - James Loeffler

**** Church Attendance and Offerings ****

Attendance week ending 7/5/2026

Sunday, July 5, 2026

9:30AM: 80

Offerings Received in May 2026

(total monthly offerings includes online giving)

May 2026 Offerings Received:

Regular Weekly Offerings: \$13880.70

Loose Plate: \$240.11

Celebrations \$5.00

TOTAL May 2026: \$14,125.81

Budgeted: \$22,608.33

Year to Date Received (July through May) 2025-2026: \$207,932.59

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FAITH, FAMILY & FUN

Join us Sunday, July 12th

Worship at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary



Followed by a Brunch in the Field



Lawn Games • Community Gathering • Ice Cream Truck Appearance

NO NEED TO SIGN UP • JUST SHOW UP

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