

June 28, 2026

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am service with Holy Communion

Pr. Ben Groth, Preaching and Presiding

Matthew Harrison, Director of Music

## Welcome!

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We are so glad you have joined us for worship! If this is your first time here, please fill out the yellow welcome card in the pew and place it in the offering plate if you would like to be contacted by Pastor Ben, would like more information about the church, or would like to sign up for our weekly news email.

Restrooms: Our restrooms are located downstairs at the bottom of the stairways at the back of the sanctuary. There are signs about which side has the men's and women's restrooms. There are any-gender solo restrooms in the education wing, one of which has a changing table. Please knock and ensure no one else is inside!

Care and Prayer: If you would like to request prayer or speak with Pastor Ben about struggles, joys, or anything else, please feel free to email him at [bgroth@1stlutherannb.org](mailto:bgroth@1stlutherannb.org) or call/text at 860-348-3966.

Children: We love having children in worship! At the front of the sanctuary there is a "pray ground" with lots of space to spread out and sit comfortably, some toys, and a great collection of books for different ages. All children and caretakers are welcome to use that space anytime during the service!

Volunteering: We have lots of opportunities at First Lutheran to volunteer and serve our community. Our Monday Morning Mingle free meal takes place from 8-9am each Monday, while our free Pasta Dinners take place from 5-6pm each Wednesday. Both of these programs can always use volunteers. If you'd like to help out, or are interested in helping with worship or other things at First Lutheran, please contact Pastor Ben.

Coffee Hour: After the service, please join us downstairs for coffee, goodies, and a chance to get to know one another better!

# Gathering

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## PRELUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as able*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C Amen.**

**P** 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.

**C Amen**

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*A brief silence.*

**P** Gracious God,

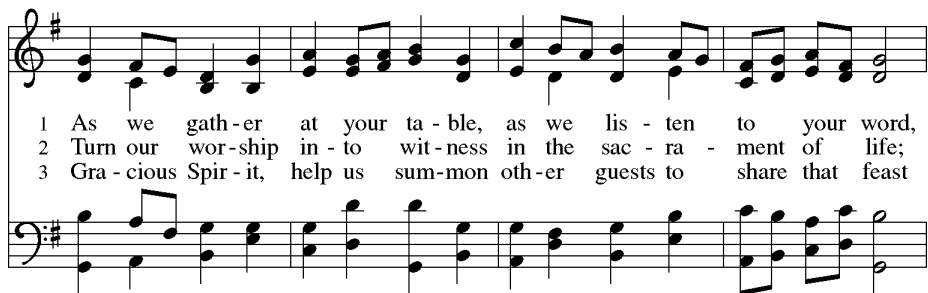
**C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**P** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

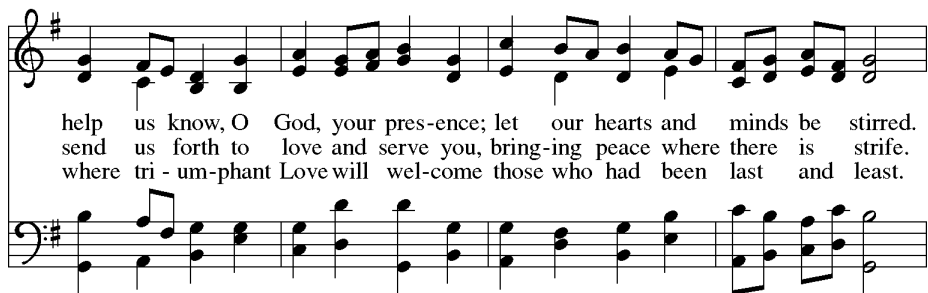
**C Amen.**

THE GATHERING HYMN # 522

As We Gather At Your Table



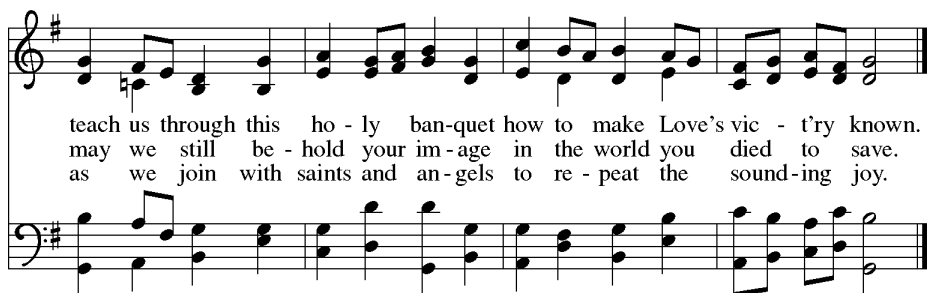
1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,  
 2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;  
 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
 where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;  
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;  
 There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.  
 may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.  
 as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. O God,  
**C** you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

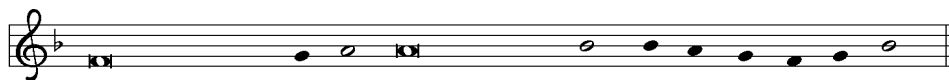
## KYRIE



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.



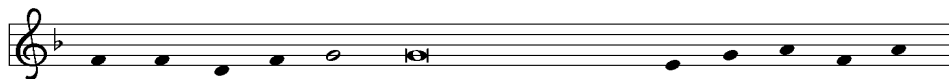
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



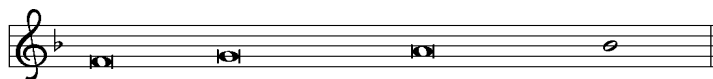
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

*Please be seated*

## Word

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### THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 28:5-9

**A** A reading from Jeremiah:

<sup>5</sup>The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.” The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18

Read Responsively

- A** <sup>1</sup>Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- C** <sup>2</sup>**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**
- A** <sup>3</sup>“I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- C** <sup>4</sup>**I will establish your line forever,  
and preserve your throne for all generations.’”**
- A** <sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the festal shout!  
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.
- C** <sup>16</sup>**They rejoice daily in your name;  
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**
- A** <sup>17</sup>For you are the glory of their strength,  
and by your favor our might is exalted.
- C** <sup>18</sup>**Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

## THE SECOND READING

Romans 6:12-23

- A** A reading from Romans:

<sup>12</sup>Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. <sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**☩ Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able*

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

**📖** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**☩ Glory to you, O Lord.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10:40-42

**📖** Jesus said to the twelve: <sup>40</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.” The Gospel of the Lord.

**☩ Praise to you, O Christ.**

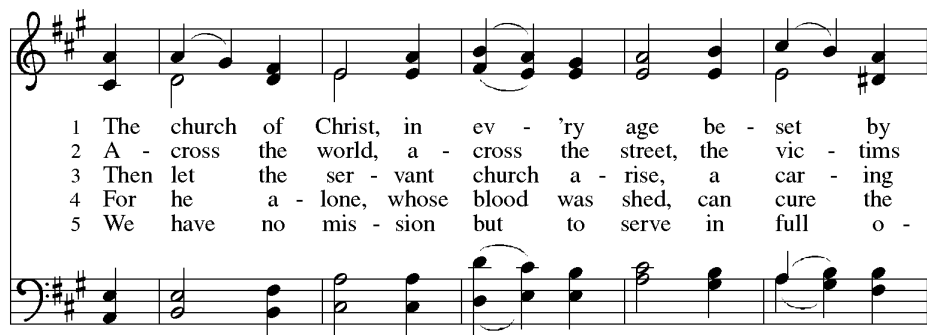
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## THE SERMON

Pr. Ben Groth

*Please stand as able*

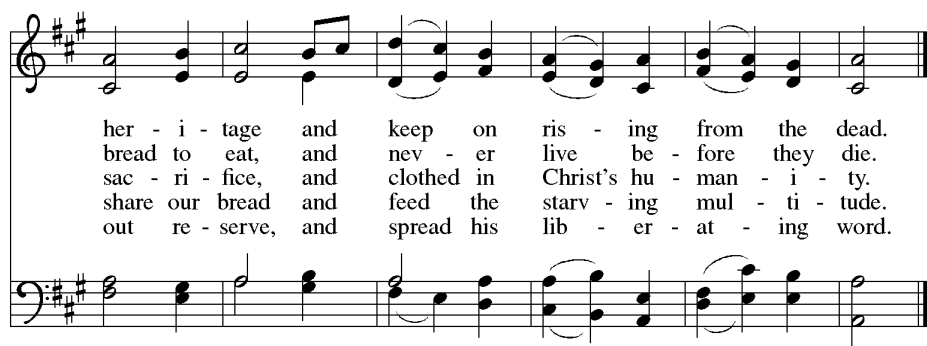
## HYMN OF THE DAY # 729 The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

- P** Let us confess the Christian faith, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- C** **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.**

## THE PRAYERS

- A** Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.
- A brief silence.*
- A** Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world.  
God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division. Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace. Bless our military especially Nick and Dylan and those they serve. God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- A** Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We pray especially for Eileen, Scott, Lin, Jim, Barbara, John, and Ruth. Bless caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service. God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors. God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community especially Sandy Quarello, and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places. God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.
- C** **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**

**The minister and congregation may greet one another  
in the name of the Lord.**

- P** Peace be with you. **C** Peace be with you.

*Please be seated.*

THE OFFERING is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

**The offering is brought to the altar during the Offertory Response**

*Please stand as able*

## THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE

## Praise God

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here be -

low. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Cre - a - tor, Praise the

Son. Praise, praise the Spir - it, Three in One. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

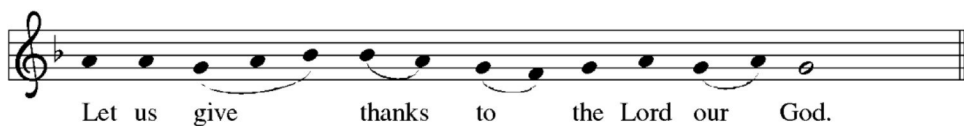
**Meal** \_\_\_\_\_

## THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

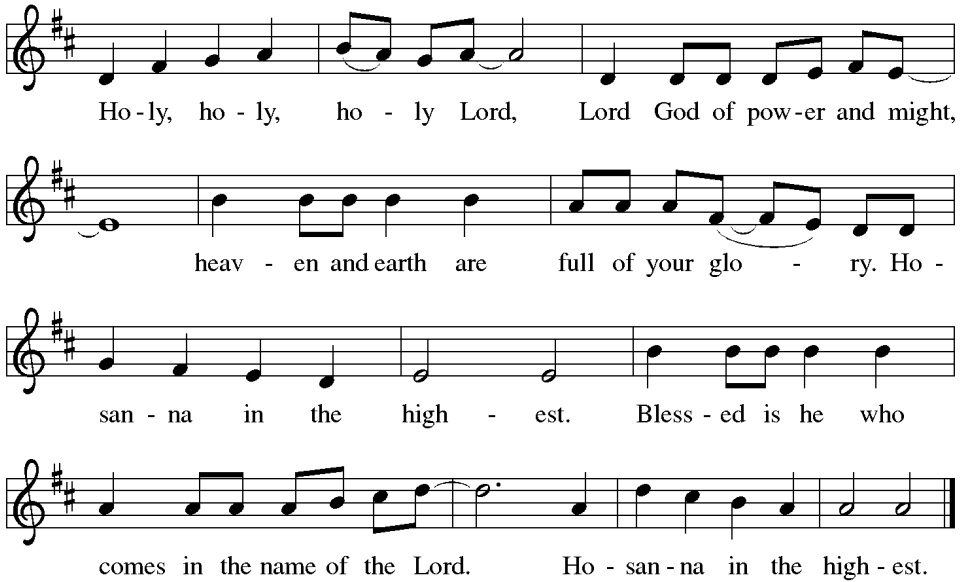
## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## THE INITIAL DIALOG



## THE 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.  
 Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,  
 you pour out the fire of your Spirit,  
 uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.  
 And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the  
 resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
 and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, 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.

## THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- Ⓟ Here the pastor continues with the Thanksgiving at the Table.
- Ⓢ ...Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

- Ⓟ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- Ⓢ **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.**

## THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

- Ⓟ Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*Please be seated*

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

## 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.

## THE COMMUNION HYMN # 592

Just as I Am

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,  
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
 man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

*Please stand as able*

## Sending

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### THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C** Amen

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen

## THE BENEDICTION

**P** 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.

**C** Amen

THE SENDING HYMN # 575

In Christ Called to Baptize

## THE DISMISSAL


**A** Go in peace. Praise the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE




1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace  
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,  
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach  
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.  
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.  
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.  
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,  
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.  
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise  
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.  
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.  
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.  
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

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*Thanks to*

*Worship Assistant*

*Robert Buchholz*

*Communion Assistant*

*John Halverson*

*Reader*

*Louise Patterson*

*Ushers*

*Louise Patterson, Frank Murphy*

*Coffee Hour Goodies*

*Clarisa and Bob*

*and*

*Videographer*

*Eric Nilsson*

*for volunteering*

*to be a part of the service this morning*

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*People Power for 7/5/2026*

*Worship Assistant - Gail Bates*

*Communion Assistant - Elaine Borselle*

*Reader - Alan Robertson*

*Ushers - Jane Holmstrom, Louise Patterson*

*Coffee Hour Goodies - NA*

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# calendar

- June 29** - Monday, 8am - Morning Mingle  
**June 29** - Monday 5pm - Pizza Night  
**June 30** - Tuesday, 6pm - AA Meeting  
**July 1** - Wednesday, 1pm - Mission/Outreach Meeting  
**July 1** - Wednesday, 4:30pm - Worship Service  
**July 1** - Wednesday, 5-6pm - Pasta Dinner  
**July 1** - Wednesday, 6pm - Choir  
**July 1** - Wednesday, 6pm - AA Meeting  
**July 5** - Sunday, 9:30am - Prayer Group  
**July 5** - Sunday, 10am - Worship with Holy Communion  
**July 6 - Monday, OFFICE CLOSED**  
**July 6** - Monday, 8am - Morning Mingle  
**July 7** - Tuesday, 6pm - AA Meeting  
**July 7** - Tuesday, 7pm - Executive Meeting  
**July 8** - Wednesday, 4:30pm - Worship Service  
**July 8** - Wednesday, 5-6pm - Pasta Dinner  
**July 8** - Wednesday, 6pm - Choir  
**July 8** - Wednesday, 6pm - AA Meeting  
**July 12** - Sunday, 9:30am - Prayer Group  
**July 12** - Sunday, 10am - Worship with Holy Communion  
**July 13** - Monday, 8am - Morning Mingle  
**July 14** - Tuesday, 4pm - Worship & Arts Meeting  
**July 14** - Tuesday, 6pm - AA Meeting  
**July 15** - Wednesday, 4:30pm - Worship Service  
**July 15** - Wednesday, 5-6pm - Pasta Dinner  
**July 15** - Wednesday, 6pm - Choir  
**July 15** - Wednesday, 6pm - AA Meeting  
**July 19** - Sunday, 9:30am - Prayer Group  
**July 19** - Sunday, 10am - Worship with Holy Communion  
**July 19** - Sunday, 11:15am - Art Class

**Monday Morning Mingle 8am-9am**  
**Wednesday Come-As- You-Are Worship Service 4:30pm**  
**Wednesday Pasta Dinner 5pm-5:45pm**  
**Clothing - Please call Marianne Farr**  
**for more information (860)-637-6460**

## PRAYER LIST

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*Please note: Prayer names will remain for two weeks unless renewed in the church office. Named in parentheses are those who submitted the names they follow.*

Eileen Buys

Scott Johnson (Carol McQueeney);

Lin, Jim, Barbara (Eileen Buys)

John Johnson, Ruth Perrone (Jane Holmstrom)

The grieving family and friends of Sandy Quarello.

### **Serving in the armed forces:**

Nick - Deployed to the Middle East (Laurie Kosich)

Dylan Cameron - (Robert Buchholz)

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### **OUR VISION**

**First for what is first: Christ, our Lord**

**First** in nurturing youth and families in faith

**First** with inspiring worship, fellowship and service

**First** by reaching out to all

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