

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A joint service of worship and praise with members of the  
Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church of North America

**JULY 20, 2025**

**IN THE NAME OF JESUS, WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!**

10:00 a.m.



*THE ENTRANCE RITE*

*PRELUDE*

*Prelude in a Classic Style*  
Gordon Young

*WELCOME*

*ENTRANCE HYMN*

*How Great Thou Art*

LSB 801

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed; *Refrain*

*Refrain*

- Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*
- 3 But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

- 4    When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
         And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
      Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
         And there proclaim: “My God, how great Thou art!” *Refrain***

*INVOCATION and BAPTISMAL LITURGY*

*PROFESSION OF FAITH    (Addressed to all)*

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil and all his empty promises?

**I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**✠ THE BAPTISM ✠**

*PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS*

*WELCOME BY THE CONGREGATION*

**We welcome you into the Lord’s family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION*

LSB 203

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

**Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*KYRIE*

LSB 204

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**1 To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,  
The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy;  
You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,  
Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit  
Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.  
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray. O Lord,  
**grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful, that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



*THE LITURGY OF THE WORD*

*FIRST LESSON (Be seated)*

Genesis 18:1-10a

The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet

them and bowed himself to the earth and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of 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.” And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. 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.

They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## *SECOND LESSON*

Colossians 1:21-29

You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. 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. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*ALLELUIA VERSE (Stand)*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*GOSPEL*

Luke 10:38-42

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter  
**Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to You, O Christ.**

*SERMON (Be seated)*

*Rev. Dr. Yared Halche  
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*HYMN OF THE DAY (Stand)*

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

LSB 770

**1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
Oh, what needless pain we bear—  
All because we do not carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**2 Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

### OFFERING

*Offerings support the church's mission work – both here and through our many partners. Offerings may be placed in the box at the sanctuary entrance or sent to the church through our website or the mail. Fellowship Cards help us welcome new people and track participation. Please fill one out and place it in the offering box following the service.*

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all of us gathered here in Christ, that we may be presented to the Father as those whom Christ has made holy and righteous and fit for eternal life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our hearing of God's Word, that we would faithfully make time to read and meditate upon the Holy Scriptures, truly listening to their teachings; and that we would grow in wisdom and understanding, both for the sake of our faith and our witness, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our pastors, deaconesses, missionaries, translators, teachers and all those who work to bring God's Word to His people, that their labors may be fruitful and their hearts faithful, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the young people of the LCMS and of our congregation as they gather in New Orleans, that their eyes may be fixed on Jesus, who endured the cross for them; and that they may be filled with Christ's Spirit and return safely and joyfully to their homes, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the people and leadership of the Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church of North America, that they be blessed in their life together and know all the joys of serving, praying and witnessing in Christ's name, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our civic leaders as they make, judge and administer our laws, that they may know the ways of the Lord and follow them for the good of all people, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and those who suffer, for the grieving and the dying, for all those on our prayer list including Arlo, and for those we name in our hearts at this time... that they may rejoice in their sufferings for the sake of Christ and know healing and grace according to God's will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who join in the Supper of Christ's body and blood this day, that they may treasure this precious gift as the good portion that is above all earthly things, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, You have forgiven our sins and delivered us from death through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Continue to pour out Your mercy upon us, grant to us all good things needful to this body and life, and keep from us all things harmful; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit is one Lord, one God, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

*OFFERTORY*

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

(LSB 955)

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, 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 the dreams of all;  
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with Your presence, and give us  
A foretaste of the feast to come.**



*SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT*

*PREFACE (Stand)*

LSB 208-210

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 Him thanks and praise.**



It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

*SANCTUS*

LSB 208

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING*

*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 ever. Amen.**

*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD*

*PAX DOMINI*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**Amen.**

*AGNUS DEI*

LSB 210

**1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

*THE COMMUNION (Be seated)*

*Those wishing to commune at the foot of the steps should come forward first. Those wishing to commune at the altar rail should come forward after these, front rows first, from both sides of the aisle. After receiving, all should return to their seats. A common dismissal will be given at the end.*

*DISTRIBUTION HYMNS*

*What Is This Bread*

LSB 629

**1 What is this bread?  
Christ's body risen from the dead:  
This bread we break,  
This life we take,  
Was crushed to pay for our release.  
O taste and see—the Lord is peace.**

**3 So who am I,  
That I should live and He should die  
Under the rod?  
My God, my God,  
Why have You not forsaken me?  
O taste and see—the Lord is free.**

**2 What is this wine?  
The blood of Jesus shed for mine;  
The cup of grace  
Brings His embrace  
Of life and love until I sing!  
O taste and see—the Lord is King.**

**4 Yet is God here?  
Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,  
In mouth and soul  
He makes us whole—  
Christ, truly present in this meal.  
O taste and see—the Lord is real.**

**5 Is this for me?  
I am forgiven and set free!  
I do believe  
That I receive  
His very body and His blood.  
O taste and see—the Lord is good.**

- 1** Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
Our Lord's body let us take together,  
Our Lord's body let us take together.
- 2** Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.  
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,  
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.
- 3** In His presence now we meet and rest,  
In His presence now we meet and rest.  
In the presence of our Lord we gather,  
In the presence of our Lord we gather.
- 4** Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word,  
Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word.  
Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom,  
Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom.

*NUNC DIMITTIS*

LSB 211

**1** O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles  
Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people,  
Your chosen Israel.

**2** All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.

*PRAYER (Stand)*

*BENEDICAMUS*

LSB 212

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*BENEDICTION*

- 1    **Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,  
     Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
     Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
     Feed me till I want no more;  
     Feed me till I want no more.**
- 2    **Open now the crystal fountain  
     Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
     Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
     Be Thou still my strength and shield;  
     Be Thou still my strength and shield.**
- 3    **When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
     Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction,  
     Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
     I will ever give to Thee;  
     I will ever give to Thee.**

*ANOUNCEMENTS**DISMISSAL*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*POSTLUDE*

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer*

Setting: Paul Manz

*FELLOWSHIP: LWML*

Those serving: Sunday, July 20

10:00 a.m.:

Greeter: Anne Kauzlarich

Comm. assist: Dede Dixon, Judy Koucky

Reader: Rich Kauzlarich

Acolyte:

5:00 p.m.:

Greeter: Steve Berg

Reader: Bill Muller

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