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**Our mission is to share
the Good News
of grace and love with all
through worship, service,
and fellowship.**



Our Vision:
Joy is a spiritual community
sharing the love of Christ in a
challenging world.



Whoever finds their life will lose it,
and whoever loses their life for my sake
will find it.

Matthew 10:39

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4th Sunday After Pentecost-June 21, 2026

PRELUDE

Trust and obey



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Arr. Sandra Eithun

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection



P Compassionate God,
c we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot
free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.



C Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen..

P Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."



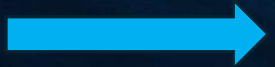
P In the name of God, Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:

***“Let The Whole
Creation Cry”***

ELW # 876

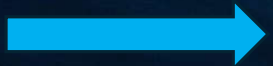


1

Let the whole creation cry,
"Glory to the Lord on high!"
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing,
"Praise to our almighty king!"



**Praise God, angel hosts above,
ever bright and fair in love;
sun and moon, lift up your voice;
night and stars, in God rejoice.**



2

**Servants striving for the Lord,
prophets burning with the word,
those to whom the arts belong
add their voices to the song.**

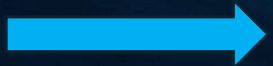


**Pow'rs of knowledge and of law,
to the glorious circle draw;
all who work and all who wait,
sing, "The Lord is good and great!"**



3

**Men and women, young and old,
raise the anthem loud and bold,
and let children's happy hearts
in this worship take their parts;**



**from the north to southern pole
let the mighty chorus roll:
"Holy, Holy, Holy One;
glory be to God alone!"**

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Greeting

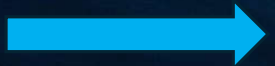
P: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

“This Is The Feast”

ELW page 149

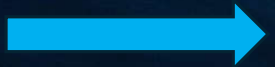


Pastor:
This is the feast of
victory for our God.
Alleluia.



All:

**Worthy is Christ,
the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free
to be people of God.**



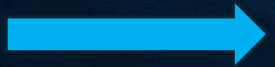
**Power and riches and
wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing
and glory are his.**



**This is the feast of
victory for our God.
Alleluia.**



**Sing with all the people of God
and join in the
hymn of all creation:**



**Blessing and honor
and glory and might
be to God and
the Lamb forever.
Amen.**



**This is the feast
of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as
you deserve, to give and not to count
the cost, to fight and not to heed”
the wounds,



**C to toil and not to seek rest, to labor
and not to ask for reward,
except that of knowing that we do
your will, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

GOD
LOVES
YOU
MORE!



**Jeremiah
20:7-13**

***The prophet
must speak
despite
opposition.***





P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 69: 7-18

***R: Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind.
(Ps: 69:16)***

***⁷ Surely, for your sake I have suffered
reproach, and shame has covered my
face.***

***⁸ I have become a stranger to my own kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.***



⁹ Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has
fallen upon me.

¹⁰ *I humbled myself with fasting,
but that was turned to my reproach. R*

Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind.



¹¹ I put on sackcloth also,
and became a byword among them.

¹² *Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,
and the drunkards make songs about me.*

¹³ But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time
you have set, O LORD: “In your great mercy, O
God, answer me with your unfailing help.



***14 Save me from the mire; do not | let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me
and out of | the deep waters. R***

Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind.

***15 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,
neither let the deep swal- | low me up;
do not let the pit shut its | mouth upon me.***



***16 Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;
in your great compassion, turn to me.***

***17 Hide not your face from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.***

***18 Draw near to me and redeem me;
because of my enemies deliver me. **R*****

Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind.

**Romans
6:1b-11**

*Buried and
raised with
Christ
by baptism.*

Even so consider yourselves to be...

DEAD

To

Sin

The Sin Nature

ALIVE

To

God

In Christ Jesus

Knowing Jesus.com

Romans 6:11



P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC



*This cup is the new
covenant in my
blood, which is
poured out for you.*

“Poured Out For You”-com. Austin North

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

“Alleluia”

ELW page 151



Alleluia.


Lord, to whom shall we go?

**You have the words
of eternal life.**

Alleluia.

**P: The Holy
Gospel
According to
Matthew
10:24-39**

**C: Glory to
you O Lord**



Whoever finds their
life will lose it, and
whoever loses their life
for My sake will find it.

MATTHEW 10:39



P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

A DISCIPLE IS NOT ABOVE
HIS TEACHER, NOR A
SERVANT ABOVE HIS
MASTER.

MATTHEW 10:24



*Today's
Message Is
Given By:*

*Pastor
Art
Wuertz*

***a moment of silence
for reflection***

Hymn of the Day

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

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**1 The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice**



**He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice**



Chorus

How great is our God

Sing with me

How great is our God

And all will see how great

How great is our God



**2 And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End**



The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb



Chorus

How great is our God

Sing with me

How great is our God

And all will see how great

How great is our God



Bridge

Name above all names

Worthy of all praise

My heart will sing

How great is our God



**Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God**



Chorus

How great is our God

Sing with me

How great is our God

And all will see how great

How great is our God

Apostles' Creed

**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 of the PEOPLE

**Response after each petition is:
“Hear Our Prayer”**

Passing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

(Share the sign of peace in the manner you feel most comfortable.)



OFFERTORY



“The Lamb”-com. Gerald P. Coleman

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***“There’s A Wideness In
God’s Mercy”***

ELW #588 verse 3

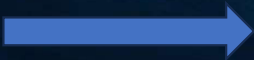


3

**For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.**



**But we make this love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.**



Offertory Prayer

A: 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.



A: We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us
now and forever.

C: Amen.

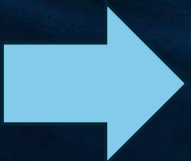
The Sacrament of Communion

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our
God.

C: It is right to give our thanks
and praise.

***It is indeed
right...***



SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

ELW page 153



**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth
are full of your glory.**



**Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution



The 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.**

Invitation to Communion

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

C: Amen.



ALL baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table.

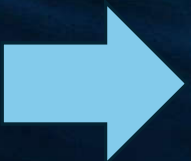
STATION communion will be observed today.

Gluten-free wafers and clear apple juice are available.

***If you would like to receive communion at your seat,
please let the usher know.***

“LAMB OF GOD”

ELW page 154



**Lamb of God,
you take away
the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**



**Lamb of God,
you take away
the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**



**Lamb of God,
you take away
the sin of the world;
grant us peace,
grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

ELW # 796

1

**How firm a foundation,
O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith
in Christ Jesus, the Word!**



**What more can he say
than to you he has said
who unto the Savior
for refuge have fled?**



2

**"Fear not, I am with you,
oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and
will still give you aid;**



**I'll strengthen you, help you,
and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous,
omnipotent hand."**



3

**"When through fiery trials your
pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient,
shall be your supply.**



**The flames shall not hurt you;
I only design
your dross to consume
and your gold to refine."**



4

**"Throughout all their lifetime my
people shall prove
my sov'reign, eternal,
unchangeable love;**



**and then, when gray hairs
shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall
stil in my bosom be borne."**

Because He Lives

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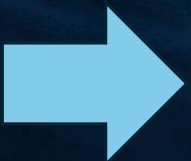
**1. God sent His Son
they called Him Jesus**

**He came to love
heal and forgive**



**He bled and died
to buy my pardon**

**An empty grave is there
to prove My Savior lives**



(CHORUS)

**Because He lives
I can face tomorrow**

**Because He lives
all fear is gone**

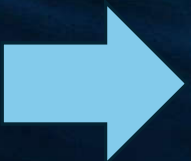


**Because I know
He holds the future
And life is worth the living
just because He lives**



**2. How sweet to hold
a newborn baby**

**And feel the pride
and joy he gives**



**But greater still
the calm assurance**

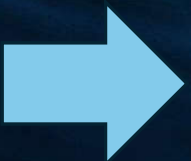
**This child can face uncertain
days because Christ lives**



(CHORUS)

**Because He lives
I can face tomorrow**

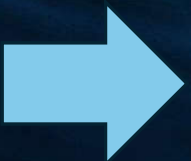
**Because He lives
all fear is gone**



**Because I know
He holds the future
And life is worth the living
just because He lives**



**3. And then one day
I'll cross that river
I'll fight life's final
war with pain**



**And then as death
gives way to vict'ry**

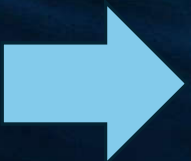
**I'll see the lights of glory
and I'll know He reigns**



(CHORUS)

**Because He lives
I can face tomorrow**

**Because He lives
all fear is gone**



**Because I know
He holds the future
And life is worth the living
just because He lives**

“How Great Thou Art”

ELW # 856



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

**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

**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!**



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

**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!**



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

**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!**

Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

A: 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,



A: 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.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
one God, bless, heal, and
hold you today and always.

C: Amen

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

ELW # 812



1

**Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat
high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious word.**



Refrain

**Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to thee till death.**



2

The martyrs, chained in prisons dark,
were still in heart and conscience free;
and blest would be their
children's fate
if they, like them, should die for thee.



Refrain

**Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to thee till death.**



3

**Faith of our fathers! We will love
both friend and foe in all our strife;
proclaim thee too, as love knows how,
by saving word and faithful life.**



Refrain

**Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to thee till death.**

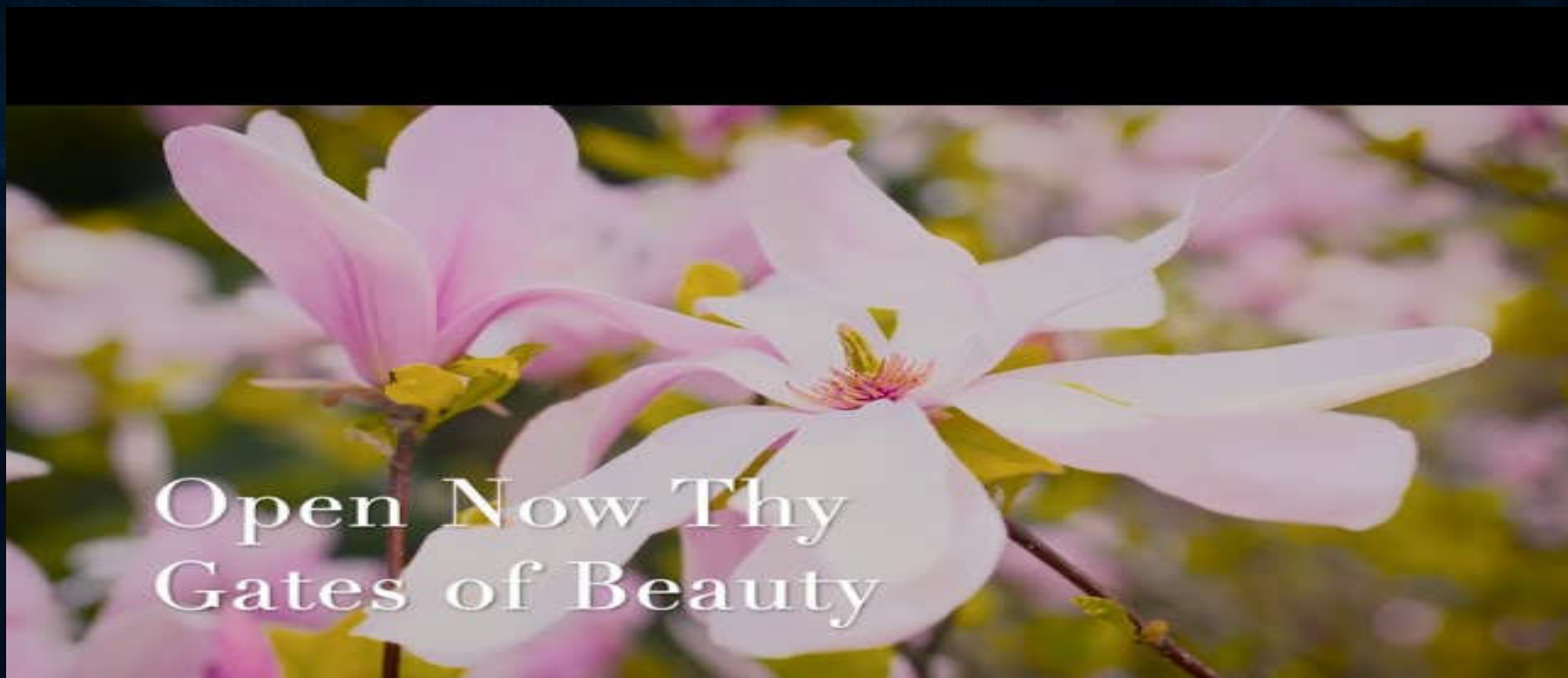
Sending

A: Heaven has come near.

Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”-arr. Narj Bender



Whoever finds their life will lose it,
and whoever loses their life for my sake
will find it.

Matthew 10:39