

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude, Welcome & Announcements

Welcoming ELW 742 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* (all verses)

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!

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.

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 your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Let us confess our sin to God.

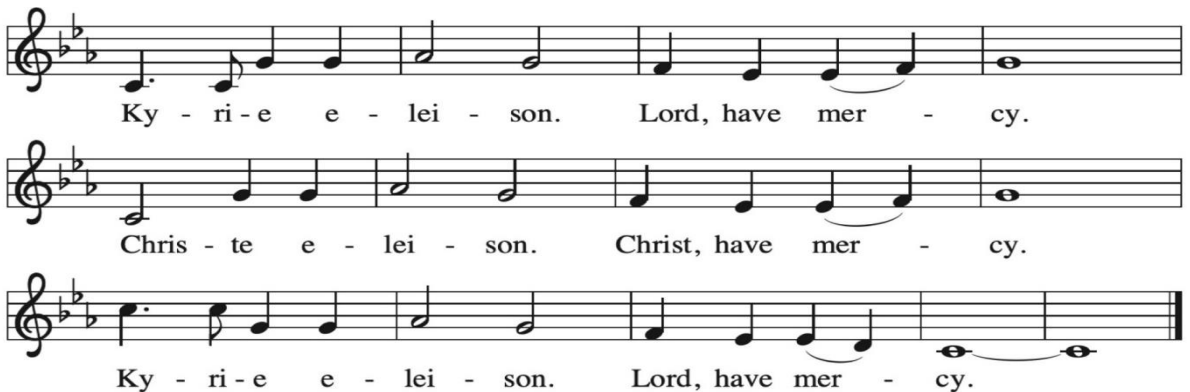
Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

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



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

Prayer of the Day

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. **Amen.**

First Reading **Zechariah 9: 9-12**

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."

Gospel Reading **Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30**

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

Sermon Rev. Kristen Massa

Celebration Song ACS 1017 *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler* (all verses)

"Come to me, O weary trav'ler;
come to me with your distress;
come to me, you heavy-burdened;
come to me and find your rest."

"Do not fear, my yoke is easy;
do not fear, my burden's light;
do not fear the path before you;
do not run from me in fright."

"Take my yoke and leave your troubles;
take my yoke and come with me.
Take my yoke, I am beside you;
take and learn humility."

"Rest in me, O weary trav'ler;
rest in me and do not fear.
Rest in me, my heart is gentle;
rest and cast away your care."

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Profession of Faith – Apostles' Creed

Living together in trust and hope we are bold to say

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 Intercession

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Offering Response & Offering

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

Words of Institution/Lord's Prayer



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



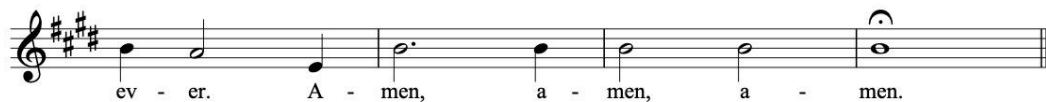
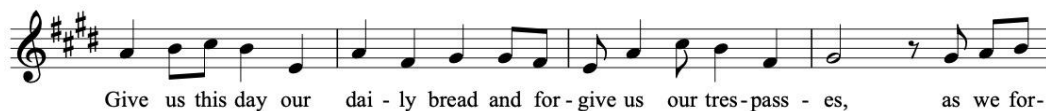
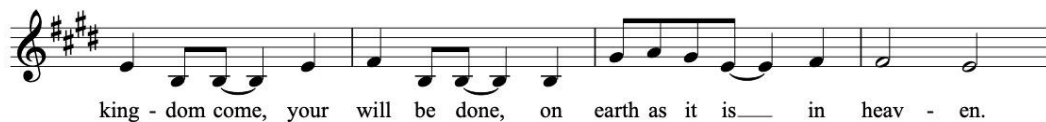
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

For children of all ages

Our Father

Setting by
A. Eric Heukeshoven



Communion Song ELW 790 *Day by Day* (all verses)

Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,

bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,
where at last I'll find eternal rest.

Day by day, I know you will provide me
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek your loving will to guide me
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow,
I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow
till in glory I behold your face.

Oh, what joy to know that you are near me
when my burdens grow too great to bear;
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me,
you will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,
I will reach at last the promised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903

Prayer After Communion

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, 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. **Amen.**

Wonders of Worship

Closing Blessing

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

Sending Song ELW 697 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* (all verses)

Refrain

Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak but thou art strong:
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Refrain*

Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Refrain*

When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. *Refrain*
Text: North American traditional

Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

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Postlude

Your Gifts Make a Difference - Thank you!

Today's Worship Assistants 9:30

Preaching: **Pastor Kristen Massa**
Presiding: **Pastor Michael Short**
Assisting Minister: **Steve Everson**
Lector: **Deneice Stark**
Altar Guild: **Peggy Twait, Bernie Salmon,**
Carol Kramer

Acolytes: **Aubrey Pehler**

Ushers: **Bob Quinlan, Brett Cipperley, Julia Wolf**

Musicians: **Central Singers**
Bread Baker: **Mandy Flesch**
Fellowship: **Eugenia & Julie**
Communion Assistants: **Tim & Laurie Laib**
Videographer: **Jadon Campbell**
Lead Usher: **Tim Ambuhl**

Please remember in your prayers this week:

Ella Korn (Health)

Linda Garrison (Health)

Karen Freiheit (Health)

Scott Steele (Health)

Bobbi (Cancer)

Irene Warren (Health)

Peter Huggenvik (Health)

Kay Brand (Health)

Toni (Health/Recovery)

Don Klagge (Health)

Clarence Dow (Health)

Diane Conrad (Health)

Joyce Brekke (Cancer)

Heidi Krenzke (Cancer)

Kevin Brand (Health)

Chuck Bentley (Health)

Roger Brand (Health)

Heidi Wemette (Health)

Josh G. (Health)

Nash K. (Health)

Nicole Primus (Health)

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This Week at Central:

Sun July 5: 9:30 am, Worship

Mon July 6: 9:30 am, WELCA
6:15 pm, WIN

Tues July 7: 11:00 am, Quilters Salad Lunch
*Quilters, please gather in Grace Hall

Wed July 8: 6:00 pm, WELCA Bible Study
6:30 pm, VBS Volunteer Training

Thur July 9: 10:00 am, Welcome & Worship
7:00 pm, King Singers

Fri July 10: 10:00 am, CLC Book Group

Next Week at Central:

Sun July 12: 9:30 am, Worship

Mon July 13: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Vacation Bible School

Tues July 14: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Vacation Bible School
9:00 am, Quilters
6:30 pm, Council Meeting

Wed July 15: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Vacation Bible School
1:30 pm, Esther Circle

Thur July 16: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Vacation Bible School
1:30 pm, Hannah Circle