

**Stewardship 2025
United in Christ**



**Yesterday,
Today and
Tomorrow**

Psalm 46:7 “The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.”

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 20, 2025
9:00 AM Traditional Worship**

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Perhaps the church, at its best, is “all ears.” God urges the faithful, again and again, to “listen up!”—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

CALL TO WORSHIP: “Come and See” by Hobby

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: 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 the path of life. Amen.

P: 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. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.

Stand

HYMN: "Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak" ELW #676

**Vs. 1: Lord, speak to us, that we may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let us seek
your straying children, lost and lone.**

**Vs. 2: Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead
the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed
your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.**

**Vs. 4: Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,
until our very hearts o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.**

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

LITANY

P: You are a treasured people of the Lord,

C: a people holy to the Lord our God

P: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart: teach them to your children

C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

P: One does not live by bread alone.

C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "When Morning Gilds The Skies" ELW #853 Vs. 1 & 4

**Vs. 1: When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised! When evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call: may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Vs. 4: Let all of humankind in this their concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound: may Jesus Christ be praised!**

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

**C: Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest.
Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may
treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Sit

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10a

¹⁻² God appeared to Abraham at the Oaks of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance of his tent. It was the hottest part of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing. He ran from his tent to greet them and bowed before them.

³⁻⁵ He said, "Master, if it please you, stop for a while with your servant. I'll get some water so you can wash your feet. Rest under this tree. I'll get some food to refresh you on your way, since your travels have brought you across my path."

They said, "Certainly. Go ahead." ⁶ Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. He said, "Hurry. Get three cups of our best flour; knead it and make bread." ⁷⁻⁸ Then Abraham ran to the cattle pen and picked out a nice plump calf and gave it to the servant who lost no time getting it ready. Then he got curds and milk, brought

them with the calf that had been roasted, set the meal before the men, and stood there under the tree while they ate. ⁹ The men said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” He said, “In the tent.” ¹⁰ One of them said, “I’m coming back about this time next year. When I arrive, your wife Sarah will have a son.” Sarah was listening at the tent opening, just behind the man.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE: “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” ELW #172

Halle, halle, halle- lu - jah. Halle, halle, halle – lu - jah.

Halle, halle, halle- lu - jah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

The Gospel is announced...

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 10th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

³⁸⁻⁴⁰ As they continued their travel, Jesus entered a village. A woman by the name of Martha welcomed him and made him feel quite at home. She had a sister, Mary, who sat before the Master, hanging on every word he said. But Martha was pulled away by all she had to do in the kitchen. Later, she stepped in, interrupting them. “Master, don’t you care that my sister has abandoned the kitchen to me? Tell her to lend me a hand.” ⁴¹⁻⁴² The Master said, “Martha, dear Martha, you’re fussing far too much and getting yourself worked up over nothing. One thing only is essential, and Mary has chosen it—it’s the main course, and won’t be taken from her.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Stand

HYMN: “Jesus, the Very Thought of You” ELW #754

**Vs. 1: Jesus, the very thought of you fills us with sweet delight;
but sweeter far your face to view and rest within your light.**

**Vs. 2: No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind recall
a sweeter sound than your blest name, O Savior of us all!**

**Vs. 3: O Hope of ev'ry contrite soul, O joy of all the meek,
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!**

APOSTLE'S 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 INTERCESSION

P: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A Brief Silence

P: Inspire your church, like Sarah and Mary, to listen with eager longing for your words of life. Equip biblical interpreters and teachers with faithful discernment, that your word may be more fully known. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Every creature under heaven has been promised the hope of the gospel. From that promise, generate in humankind an eagerness to protect and care for creation. Bring healing to the earth with your words of life. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Peel away the distractions, worries, and fears of all who govern the nations of the world. May your word of love and life dispel all other voices. Provide gracious hospitality in places where hostile forces hold sway. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Speak your word of comfort to any who suffer pain, illness, grief, depression, or despair. Bring honor to any who experience slander and evil intent or are discredited by others. God of grace

C: hear our prayer.

P: Enliven and uphold all siblings in Christ who strive to provide hospitality and safe spaces where everyone, without exception, can receive and be transformed by your word of life. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Mary, Martha, and all the saints who attended to your word, we give thanks. Open our ears to your voice until that day when we realize the promise of the gospel with all creation. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

Sit

OFFERTORY: "Come, Beloved of the Maker" Cherwien/Wold

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest

is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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.

ANOUNCEMENTS

Stand

BLESSING

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

SENDING HYMN: "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" ELW #551

Vs. 1: The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.

Vs. 2: We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.

Vs. 3: We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed

and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.

**Vs. 4: Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.**

POSTLUDE: "Sing With All the Saints in Glory" Roberts/Organ