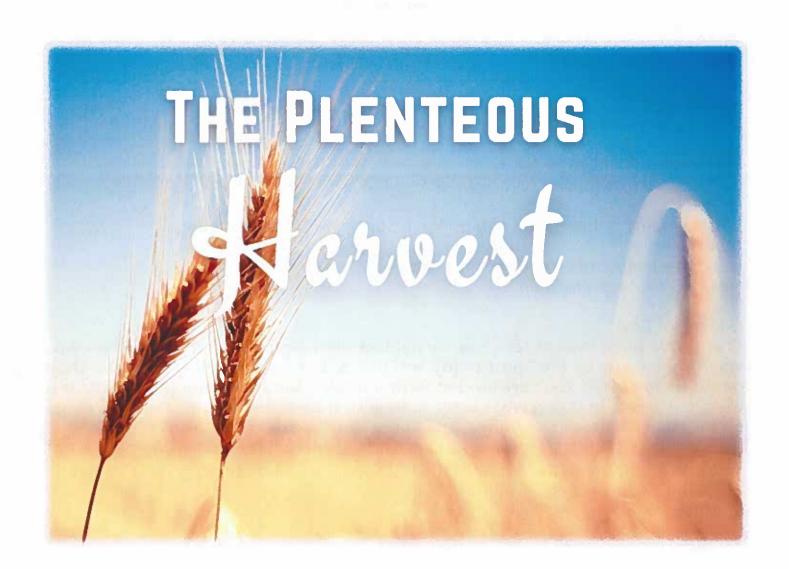
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost July 6, 2025



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Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

Gathering

Sharing of the Peace

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you!

L: Let us offer this gift of God's peace to one another.

Confession & Forgiveness

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

L: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

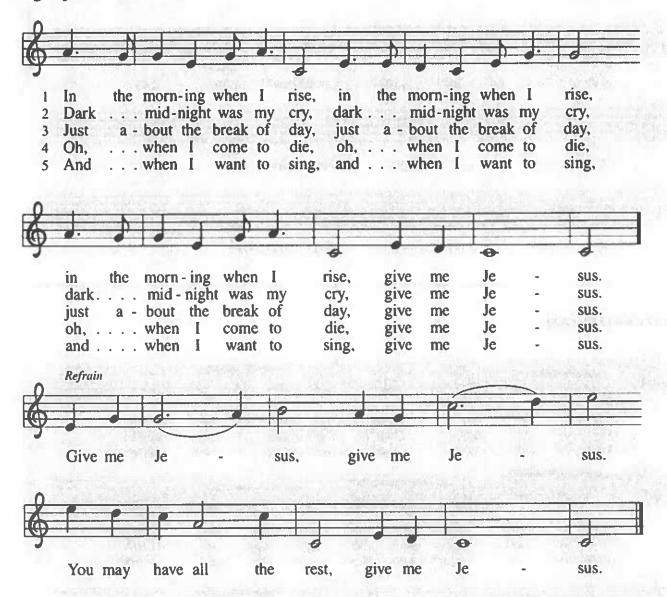
L: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. Silence is kept for reflection.

L: 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.

L: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of H Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.



Greeting

L: 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.

Kyrie



Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray the prayer of the day together;

C: O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Word

First Reading

Isaiah 66:10-14

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—

1 that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast, that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream, and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm and bounced on her knees.

As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass, and it shall be known that the power of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalmody Psalm 66:1-9

Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.

² Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.

³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

⁴ All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."

⁵ Come now and see the works of God,

how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

⁶God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot,

and there we rejoiced in God.

⁷ Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.

⁸ Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

⁹ Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

Galatians 6:1-16

¹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill

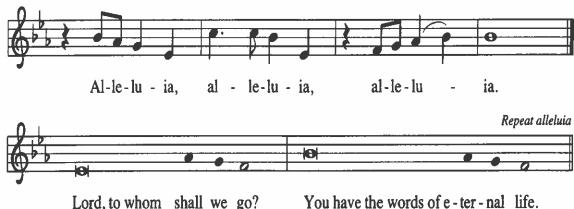
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the law of Christ. ³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. 5 For all must carry their own loads. 6 Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. 7 Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. 8 If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. 9 So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. 10 So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! 12 It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. 14 May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. 15 For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! 16 As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. 8 Whenever you enter a

town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' ¹⁶ "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." ¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸ He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

L: Word of God, word of life. C: Praise to you, O Christ

Message Hymn ELW#663

Spread, Oh Spread, Almighty Word



- 1 Spread, oh, spread, al might y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.
- 2 Tell of our Re-deem-er's grace, who, to save our hu-man race
- 3 Tell of God the Spir it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,
- 4 Lord of har-vest, great and kind, rouse to ac-tion heart and mind;



Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, heav-en's gifts ex - tend to all. and to pay re - bel-lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice. strong and ho - ly, just and true, work-ing both to will and do. let the gath-'ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

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 into hell. 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

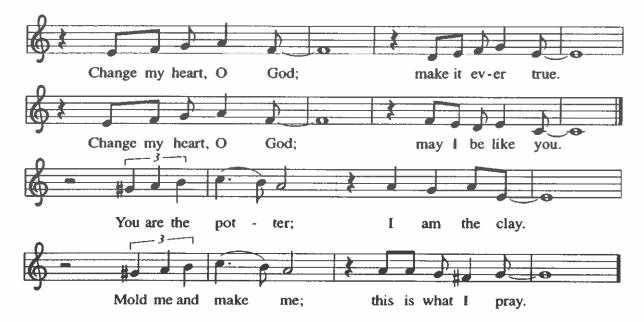
After each petition of the prayers:

L' God of grace; C: Hear our prayer.

Prayer Concerns

Call Committee, Kathy Arnold, Dan Benben (Kathy Owen's Brother in Law), Barbara Buffon-Anderson, Fritzie Cvengros, Rich Emerson (Kathy Owen's Family), Pam Guth, David Hahn, Wayne Heinz (Close Friend of the Hamilton's), Dan Jones, Marilyn Parbs, Dan & Donna Schmidt, Marita Stanford, Dion Stanford (Marita's Husband), Nancy Thoren, Matt Zipperer (Former member), and for all our homebound members and friends. Those serving in uniform, for our enemies and those we find hard to love, and for all who travel.

Offering & Offertory



Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

L:The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

L: 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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy Holy Holy



Words of Institution

L: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

L: Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

C: Amen.

L: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

C: Amen.

P:Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that,

rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.

Holy Communion

All who are repentant of their sins and believe in the Real Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Sacrament are welcome to receive the elements. As usual, the wine is the dark liquid and the grape juice is the light liquid. Please be cautious and only touch the cup you choose to commune with. Those who are not communing may come forward, with arms crossed upon the chest, to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn (Bulletin Insert)

ELW#396 Spirit of Gentleness

Prayer After Communion

Sending

Benediction
Hymn ELW#674

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



- 1 Let us tal-ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a ble to make us one, at the ta ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je sus calls us in, sends us out bear-ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro-ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo-ken and seen and heard. teach-ing peo-ple to live to bless, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man-u-el) ev-'ry-where!



Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Those Serving This Week:

Worship Leader & ALM: Linda Masters & Carol Wheeler

Music: Dan Schmidt Ushers: Dean & Jane Smith Altar Guild: Carol Wheeler

Counters: Wanda Soutter & Nancy Thoren
Ministers: All the members of HCLC
Church Attendance 6/29: 38



Altar Flowers are given today by The Cryts in celebration of their 44th Anniversary

⇒ WELCA's Monday Morning Workshop. The ladies gather every Monday morning at 9:00am to sew and share in fellowship.

Hope Circle is on the Fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:00am.

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⇒ **Bible Study on Wednesdays** at 10:00am. We study the Bible readings for the upcoming Sunday along with good fellowship. Join us for some interesting discussions. **Bible Study Did Not Meet on 7/2**

Those Serving Next Week:

Worship Leader & ALM: Pastor Mike Clark & Jan Clark

Music: Dan Schmidt

Ushers: David Deterding & Judy Hoover

Altar Guild: Lisa Streu

Counters: Judy Hoover & Lisa Streu **Ministers:** All the members of HCLC

This Week at Holy Cross						
Monday	8:30am-12:30pm	Church Office Open				
7/7	9:00am	WELCA Workshop				
Tuesday	8:30am-12:30pm	Church Office Open				
7/8	1:00pm	Senior Exercise Class				
Wednesday 7/9	8:30am-12:30pm 9-11am;1-3pm 10-11am	Church Office Open Food Pantry Bible Study				
Thursday	8:30am-12:30pm	Church Office Open				
7/10	9:30am	Church Council Meeting				
Friday 7/11	8:30am-12:30pm	Church Office Open				
Saturday 7/12						
Sunday	9:00am	Worship				
7/13	10:00am	Fellowship				



We're glad you're here! Visitors are invited to fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate. Join us for fellowship after worship. Thank you to Lisa Streu & Carol Wheeler for hosting today!

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