

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 20, 2025



MARY & MARTHA

LUKE 10:42

WHICH ONE ARE YOU?



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As we enter the sanctuary, let us quietly prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

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: God of all mercy, we confess that we often fail to recognize your presence among us.

C: We pass by neighbors in need. We protect our comfort rather than risk compassion. We act as if love has limits.

L: But you are still at work---building community from the unlikely, stirring the Spirit in quiet corners, calling us to love again and again.

C: Forgive us, Lord. Renew our hearts. Shape us to reflect the hospitality we have received in Christ.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Hear the good news: God's mercy is wider than we know. Christ meets us where we are and sends us to build community and love boldly.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Opening Hymn ELW#857

Lord, I Lift Your Name On High

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.

I'm so glad you're in my life. I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth

to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave.

from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

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



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.

Hymn of Praise



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

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

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

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.

The Word

First Reading

Genesis 18:1-10a

¹ The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little 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." ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ 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. ⁹ They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ^{10a} Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 15

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

² **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴ **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.**

They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:15-28

¹⁵ Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he

has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him,²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church.²⁵ I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints.²⁷ 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.²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:38-42

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

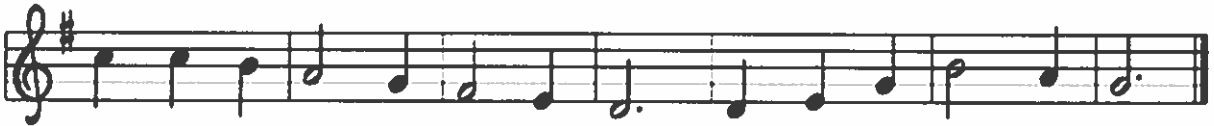
L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Message



1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;
 2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call
 3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
 4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;



but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.
 a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!
 how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
 grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."

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

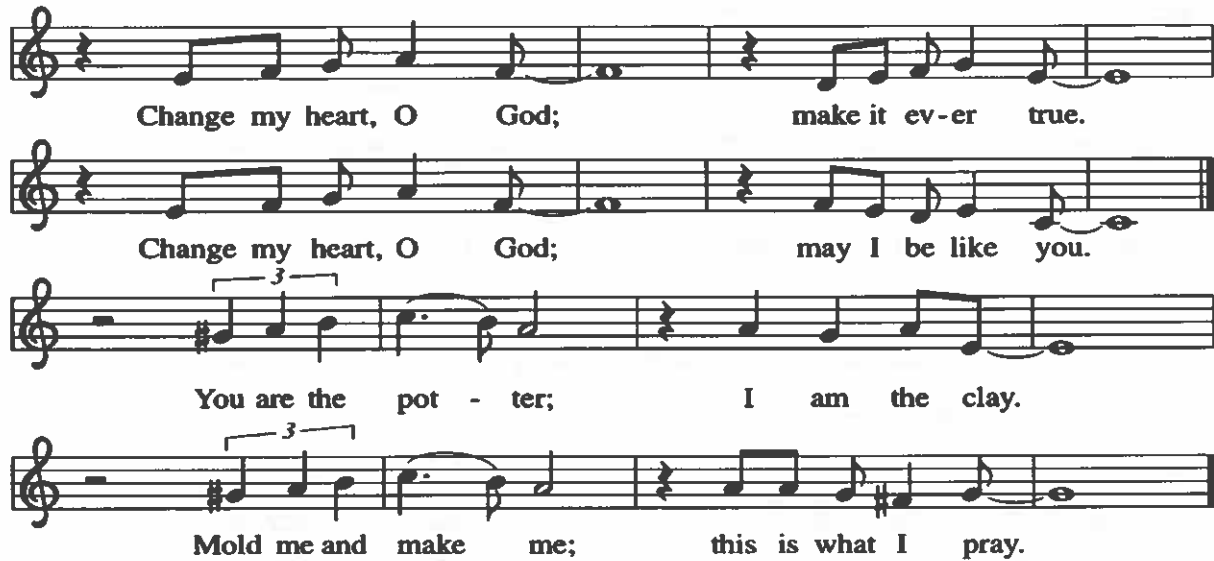
After each petition of the prayers:

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

Prayer Concerns

Call Committee, Kathy Arnold, Dan Benben (Kathy Owen's Brother in Law), Fritzie Cvengros, Rich Emerson (Kathy Owen's Family), Pam Guth, 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



Change my heart, O God; make it ev-er true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

The musical notation is written on four staves. The first two staves have a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The third and fourth staves have a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are written below the notes. There are triplets indicated by a '3' and a bracket over the notes for 'You are the pot - ter' and 'Mold me and make me'.

Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

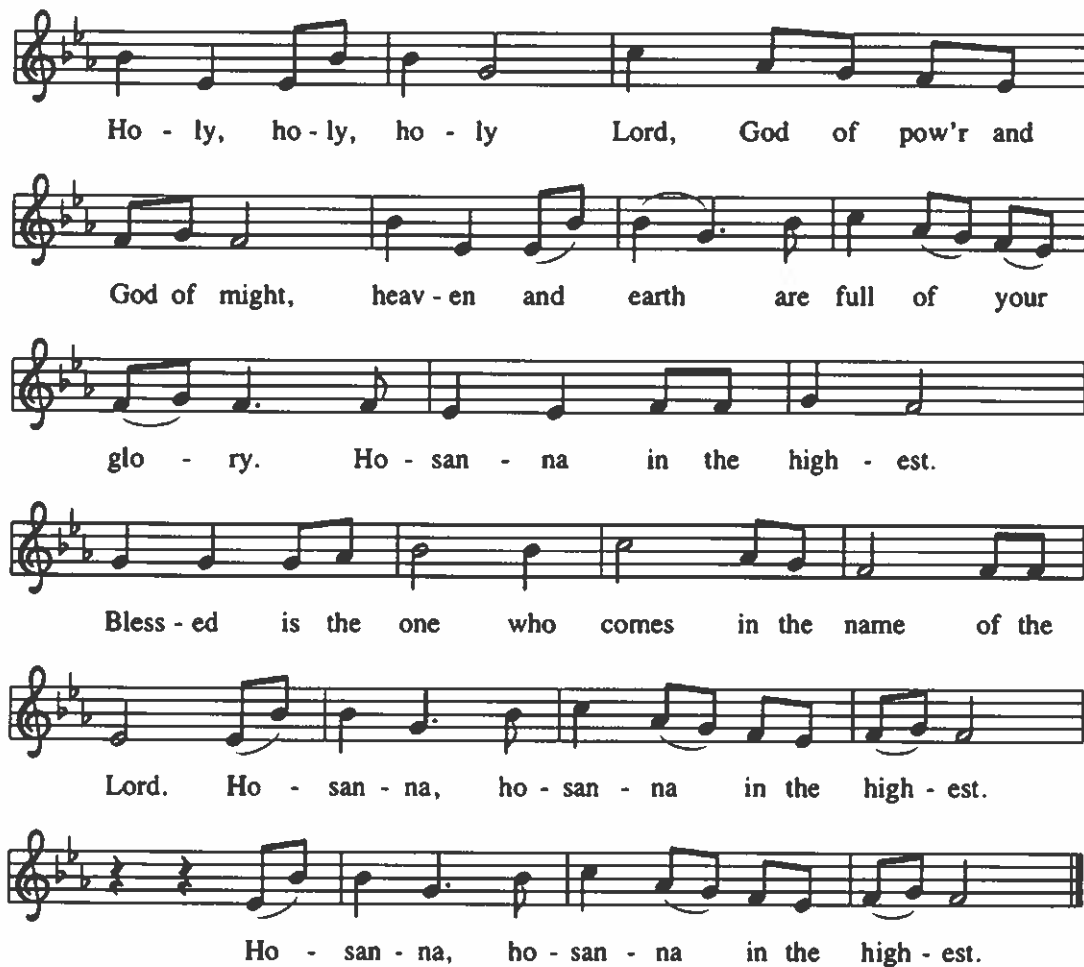
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

L: 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

ELW#474 Bread of Life From Heaven



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1	Break	now	the	bread	of	Christ's	sac - ri - fice;	giv - ing
2	Seek	not	the	food	that	will	pass a - way;	set your
3	Love	as	the	one	who,	in	love for you,	gave him -
4	Dwell	in	the	one	who	now	dwells in you;	make your
5	Drink	of	this	cup	and	de -	clare his death;	eat this



thanks.	hun - gry ones,	gath - er	round.	Eat,	all	of	you,	and	be
hearts	on the food	that en -	dures.	Come,	learn	the	true	and	the
self	for the life	of the	world.	Come	to	the	one	who	is
home	in the life -	giv - ing	Word.	Know	on -	ly	Christ,	Ho -	ly
bread	and be - lieve	Eas -	ter morn;	trust	his	re -	turn	and,	with



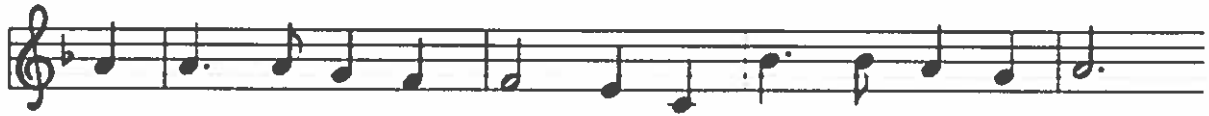
sat - is - fied;	in	Christ's	pres -	ence	the	loaves	will	a -	bound.
liv - ing way,	that	the	full -	ness	of	life	may	be	yours.
food for you,	that	your	hun -	ger	and	thirst	be	no	more.
One of God,	and	be -	lieve	in	the	truth	you	have	heard.
ev - 'ry breath,	praise	the	one	in	whom	you	are	re -	born.

Prayer After Communion

Sending

Benediction Hymn ELW#820

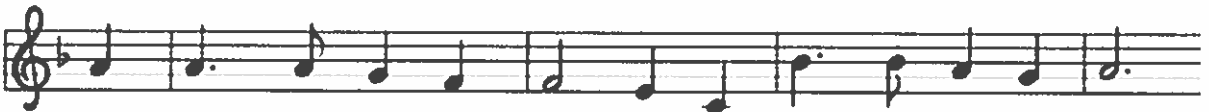
O Savior, Precious Savior



- 1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;
- 2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,
- 3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;
- 4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,



O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:
thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:
the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.
in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;



we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring,



we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.
and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

Dismissal

L: Go with the peace of God and bring Christ's peace with you in the world!

C: **Thanks be to God, and we will!**

Postlude

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS TODAY!

Those Serving This Week:

Worship Leader & ALM: Sue Hahn & Kathy Scott

Music: Dan Schmidt

Ushers: Judy Hoover & Charles Polacek

Altar Guild: Kathy Scott

Counters: Judy Hoover & Lenora Walejko

Ministers: All the members of HCLC

Church Attendance 7/13:

**Faith &
Fellowship**

⇒ **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. Study lessons from *Gather* magazine, a publication of WELCA.

⇒ ****ATTENTION** Bible Study on Wednesdays is taking a hiatus.**
Class will resume sometime in September.



*Altar
Flowers*

*Altar Flowers are given today by
Marty & Fran Bauman in
celebration of their 63rd Anniversary*

**Congregational
Meeting**



There will be a Special Congregational Meeting held following worship on Sunday, July 27th.

Those Serving Next Week:

Worship Leader & ALM: Tim Koenig & Charles Polacek

Music: Dan Schmidt

Ushers: Pete Cvengros & Kathy Scott

Altar Guild: Jane Smith

Counters: Pat Jones

Ministers: All the members of HCLC

This Week at Holy Cross

Monday 7/21	8:30am-12:30pm 9:00am	Church Office Open WELCA Workshop
Tuesday 7/22	8:30am-12:30pm 10:00am 1:00pm	Church Office Open Hope Circle Senior Exercise Class
Wednesday 7/23	8:30am-12:30pm 9-11am;1-3pm	Church Office Open Food Pantry
Thursday 7/24	8:30am-12:30pm	Church Office Open
Friday 7/25	8:30am-12:30pm	Church Office Open
Saturday 7/26		
Sunday 7/27	9:00am 10:00am	Worship Congregational Meeting 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 Kathy Owen for hosting today!