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The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28th, 2026

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prayer on entering church: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on "St. Elizabeth"

Douglas E. Wagner

RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!
The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

CONGREGATIONAL GREETINGS

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross (†) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P: In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION¹

P: Our Help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

(We take a moment of silence before the Lord as we call to mind how we have not properly loved Him, ourselves, or other people.)

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess unto You that we are sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. We therefore flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end, that by Your grace, we may receive the crown of eternal life in Your Kingdom of Glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

C: **Yes, so I believe.**

P: Let it be done for you as you believe.

As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymnal p. 794

The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my Life from heaven;

My Maker, who to me has soul and body given;

My Father, who will shield and keep me day by day

And make each moment yield new blessings on my way.

The Lord, my God, be praised, My Trust, my life from heaven,
The Father's own dear Son, Whose life for me was given,
Who for my sin atoned with His most precious blood
And gives to me by faith the highest heav'nly good.

The Lord, my God, be praised, My Hope, my Life from heaven,
The Spirit, whom the Son in love to me has given.
His grace revives my heart and gives my spirit pow'r,
Help, comfort, and support in sorrow's gloomy hour.

The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ever living,
To whom the heav'nly host their laud and praise are giving.
The Lord, my God, be praised in whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spiit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 28:5-9

L: The first reading is from Jeremiah, chapter twenty eight.

Prophets and peace.

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY

Psalm 119

L: Plead my cause and redeem me;
give me life according to Your promise!

**C: Plead my cause and redeem me;
give me life according to Your promise!**

L: Look on my affliction and deliver me,
for I do not forget Your law.
Salvation is far from the wicked,
for they do not seek Your statutes.
Great is Your mercy, O Lord;
give me life according to Your just decrees.

**C: Plead my cause and redeem me;
give me life according to Your promise!**

L: Many are my persecutors and my adversaries,
but I do not swerve from your testimonies.
I look at the faithless with disgust,
because they do not keep Your commands.

**C: Plead my cause and redeem me;
give me life according to Your promise!**

L: Consider how I love Your precepts!
Give me life according to Your steadfast love.
The sum of Your word is truth,
and every one of Your just and righteous decrees endures forever.

**C: Plead my cause and redeem me;
give me life according to Your promise!**

**A: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

SECOND READING

Romans 7:1-13

L: The second reading is from chapter seven of Romans.

We are released from the Law and bound to Christ.

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10:34-42

P: The Holy Gospel is according to St. Matthew, chapter ten.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Following Christ will bring division.

Following the reading...

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED²

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymnal p. 685

**Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world, that would deceive us And to sin our souls allure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.**

Let us suffer here with Jesus, And with patience bear our cross,
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth here after.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.

Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.

Let us also live with Jesus; He has risen from the dead,
That to life we may awaken. Jesus You are now our head.
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.

Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

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SERMON³

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

VOLUNTARY

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Richard Blake

OFFERING SONG

Hymnal p. 786 sts. 1, 3

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;

Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.

Tokens of love and pledges they shall be
That our whole life is offered to Your will.

Father, whose bounty all creation shows;

Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;

Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:

To You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for ourselves, the church, and the world.

Following each petition:

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

P: Almighty God, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may rule and direct us according to Your will, strengthen us in all our temptations, afflictions and sorrows, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth that we might continue steadfast in faith, may increase in all good works and in the end join You in Your everlasting kingdom of glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with His favor and (†) give you His peace.

C: Amen.

**God bless our native land; Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night.**

**When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save By Thy great might.**

**So shall our prayers arise To God above the skies;
On Him we wait. Thou who art ever nigh, Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry: God save the state!**

Prayer after worship: Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on "St. Thomas"

James J. Stanley

¹*The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."* John 20:22-23. We take heart that the absolution proclaimed by the pastor is as from the Lord Himself.

²*It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.* Romans 10:10. Our response to the Word of God that has just been read is our confession of faith in the one, true, triune God.

³Martin Luther teaches us about hearing the Word: "Know, therefore, that you must be concerned not only about hearing, but also about learning and retaining it in memory, and do not think that it is optional with you or of no great importance, but that it is God's commandment, who will require of you how you have heard, learned, and honored His Word." (Large Catechism) *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!* Luke 11:28

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