

Service of the Word
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
July 06, 2025

Order of Worship: Service of the Word

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PRELUDE & BELLS *We observe a moment of silence for prayer and meditation.*

WELCOME

Blessed be the Kingdom...now and forever **and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

We stand OPENING HYMN

#576

“We All Are One in Mission”

vv1-3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

adapted from Compline, p321

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

Make haste, O God, + to deliver me. **O Lord, Make haste to help me.**

Glory 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.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.

Holy and gracious God,

I confess that I have sinned against you this week and this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace.

By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. We rest each night in his peace and rise each morning to serve him. **Amen.**

DIALOG

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,
for in your wisdom you have formed us.

You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You set free those who are bound.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You raise up those whose courage falters.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You provide for our every need.

Accept our grateful praises.

You have called us from all peoples.

We rejoice and bless your name forever.

You bless your people with peace.

We bless you and praise your loving grace.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,
for in your wisdom you have formed us.

PROCLAMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Next Steps Weekly Memory Verse: COLOSSIANS 3:15, 16

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 66:10-14

¹⁰ “Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her; ¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance.”^[a] ¹² For thus says the Lord: “Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees. ¹³ As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bones shall flourish like the grass; and the hand of the Lord shall be known to his servants, and he shall show his indignation against his enemies.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE & MEDITATION: PSALM 66:1-7

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

sing the glory of his name;

give to him glorious praise!

Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

All the earth worships you

and sings praises to you;

they sing praises to your name.”

Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

He turned the sea into dry land;

they passed through the river on foot.

There did we rejoice in him,

who rules by his might forever,

whose eyes keep watch on the nations—

let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

SECOND READING: GALATIANS 6:1-10; 14-18

Brothers,^[a] if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴ But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵ For each will have to bear his own load. ⁶ Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷ Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. ¹⁴ But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which^[a] the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. ¹⁶ And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. ¹⁷ From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. ¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

We stand. GOSPEL VERSE: JOHN 6:68

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 10:1-20

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁰ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two^[a] others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ² And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ ⁶ And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷ And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹ Heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ¹¹ ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.’ ¹² I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town. ¹³ “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴ But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ¹⁵ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades. ¹⁶ “The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me.” ¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” ¹⁸ And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to You, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY

#656

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

vv1-4

We sit. SERMON

Rev. Dave Wendel

We sit. OFFERING - *Giving back to God*



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We stand. PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

By the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to God our Father in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord, making intercession for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need.

A brief silence

Heavenly Father, thank you for entrusting us with the mission of spreading the Gospel throughout the world! Thank you for the Holy Spirit, who reminds us of everything Jesus has taught. Thank you for your Son's grace and forgiveness when we fall short. And thank you for his promise to give us his strength and authority, which is sufficient for all our needs.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your Son sent the Seventy to announce your Kingdom's close approach. We pray for the Church across the earth. Grant that, in the power of the Spirit, it sows your Word in many hearts. Let it correct, encourage, comfort, and instruct sinners gently. May it reap a harvest of salvation in Jesus Christ.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make this congregation eager to worship, pray, and serve. We pray for our mission to develop fully devoted followers of Jesus; to support Solid Rock our mission in action; and that you send us adults for baptism. Help us to endure rejection and to focus on the joy in heaven over each sinner who repents and turns to Jesus in faith.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As a mother comforts her children, we pray that you would comfort your persecuted Church. Give it gentle and valiant faith, so the hearts of its tormentors may be softened with repentance and remorse.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for our country, especially as we celebrate the blessings of independence, liberty, and justice for all. Guide us, especially our elected leaders, in pathways of righteousness and truth. Let us continue to be a beacon of freedom to the world. Grant the blessings of justice and peace throughout the world, so that all people may live, work, and serve you with glad and quiet hearts.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guard and protect all who travel this summer, especially families enjoying time together on vacation. Grant them refreshment and relaxation; and renew their love for each other, for you, and for the loveliness of your creation.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that all who suffer in body, mind or spirit may know that your Kingdom has indeed drawn near to them. Today we remember, {List}. Give wisdom and competence to their doctors, nurses, and caregivers. Grant them healing and hope, so they may praise your awesome deeds.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, comfort your children who mourn the death of a loved one. We pray for the families of {List}. Turn sorrow into rejoicing, and despair into confident hope. Give us such a spirit of gentleness, that through our witness, those who have strayed are encouraged to return to your forgiving and merciful care. Lead us into the full splendor of your Kingdom, where with all the redeemed, we shall delight in praising and worshipping you forever.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we entrust our prayers and petitions into your hands, gracious Father, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

CLOSING HYMN

#888

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

vv1-3

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace. **Amen.**

Go in peace; serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God

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Our mission is Christ's mission – "I will build my church"
by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.



MANNA FOOD PANTRY DRIVE: In Bible study on the 29th, the discussion included the question- "Who is our neighbor?" our congregation members continue demonstrating the answer to this through the amazing response to the project of collection of cereals and juices for our local Manna Food Pantry! As we share our blessings with "those in need," the next delivery to Manna included 25 cereals, 20 juices, and 2 boxes of other items. Thank you to all who are praying for and responding to this project of the social ministry Committee, which continues through the month of July.

Sunday, July 6 No 5PM Worship

Sunday, July 13 VBS Volunteer Meeting at 10:30 am in the basement

OFFERING YTD (Jan-May '25) \$126,702.74; EXPENSES \$140,481.60
DIFFERENCE +/- -\$13,778.86 *(due to yearly insurance payment)*

This Weekend July 6

Sunday AM: *Assisting:* Sophie Teltschik

Communion Set Up: NO COMMUNION TODAY

Communion Clean Up: NO COMMUNION TODAY

Organist: Denise Drozd

Ushers: Donald Muehr, Clayton Muehr, Ramon Lopez, & Chris Chudej

Acolytes: McKenna Patterson & Elli DeForest

Power Point Sunday: Sharyn Sullivan

Altar Flowers given by: Glen & Carol Drozd in honor of our 48th Wedding Anniversary

Radio Ministry given by: June Pence in honor of Jennie Pence Shafer's birthday

NO 5PM Sunday Worship

Attendance for Sunday, June 29th: 9AM 83/5PM 7

Openings for Radio: Aug 31; Sept 7, 14, 21; Oct 26; Nov 2, 16, 23, 30; Dec 14, 28

Openings for Flowers: Sept 14, Oct 19, 26; Nov 16; Dec 14, 28

This Week @ St. Peter

Sun July 6, 9:00 am Worship Service(LAMB Sunday), 10:00 am Coffee Time,
NO 10:30 Adult Christian Learning, NO 5:00 pm Worship Service

Mon July 7, 1:00 pm Quilting

Tue July 8, 6:00 pm Learning Commission, 7:00 pm Prayer Group

Thu July 10, 6:00 pm Solid Rock Board, 7:30 pm AA/Al-Anon

Fri July 4, Church Office Closed

Sun July 13, 9:00 am Worship Service(*Camp Milestone*), 10:00 am Coffee Time,
10:30 am Adult Christian Learning, 5:00 pm Worship Service

Our Prayer List:– Requests listed 4 weeks under *Concerns For unless otherwise requested.*

Steve Kossa, Edward Robles, Becky Berger, Edita Rybak, Ruby Young, Keith Ethridge,
Abraham Soloria, Jimmy Gutierrez III, Betty Clark, Mary Schroeder, Melanie Gilliam,
Julie Tanner, Elizabeth McGee, Deanna Ness, Leroy Schroeder, Joelle Mihalovich,
Janice Delmar, Aubrey Martell, Leon Koehne, James Kubecka, Wayne Briscoe,
Charlotte Murphy

Extended concerns: Requests listed 9 months unless otherwise requested.

Ky Lange, Pauline Karl, Oleen Covey, Gracie Isbell, Jim Brandt, Edmund Koerth,
Barbara Tackett, Melissa Grice, Charlotte Hartmann, Melissa Grice, Michael Drozd,
Jeffrey Morgenroth, Charlie Garmon, Carrie Besetsny, DeWayne Dixon, James Evans,
Pr. John Schmidt & family (*Missionary in Ghana*)

Other Concerns: first responders (*military, law enforcement, firefighter, medical*), Safe House Church (*Hallettsville*);
San Miguel (*Ft. Worth*) and Houston Oromo Lutheran Churches, President Trump, & our country

Grieving Families of: Billie Jean Mayes, Barbara Lundy, Joseph Benbenik, Gary Muehr,
Elliette Mae Kocian, Darleen Kastner, Jean Niemietz

Serving Next Weekend: July 13

Sunday AM: *Assisting:* Cheryl Draper

Communion Set Up: Patsy Klekar

Communion Clean Up: Kellee Horton

Organist: Denise Drozd

Ushers: Donald Muehr, Clayton Muehr, Ramon Lopez, & Chris Chudej

Acolytes: Liam Sralla & John Stillions

Power Point Sunday: Judy Drozd

Altar Flowers given by: Judy Drozd in honor of Lana's Birthday

Radio Ministry given by: Shannon & Kari DeForest in honor of Betty Williams' 91st Birthday

Sunday PM: *Assisting:* Daniel Drozd

Communion Clean Up: Daniel Drozd

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-7; Galatians 6:1-10; 14-18; Luke 10:1-20

SAVE THE DATES IN JULY:

July 14-16 St. Peter VBS "Epic Australian Adventure"

Thursday, July 17 5:00 pm Worship Meeting

ENTRANCE HYMN *We All Are One in Mission* (ELW 576)

Text by Rusty Edwards; Music by Finnish Folk tune

1 We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.

2 We all are called for service,
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different;
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.

3 Now let us be united,
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.

HYMN *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* (ELW 656)

Text by John Fawcett; Music by Johann G. Nageli

1 Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.

2 Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

4 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

CLOSING HYMN *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies: America the Beautiful* (ELW 888)

Text by Katherine L. Bates; Music by Samuel A. Ward

**1 O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain:
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.**

**2 O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life:
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness,
and ev'ry gain divine.**

**3 O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears:
America! America!
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.**