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**For my yoke
is easy,
and my burden
is light**

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WELCOME TO ALL who join us today for worship!

Most everything you need is printed in this bulletin. Hymns are found in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) hymnal.

- **Rest room facilities** are located in the hallway south of the Atrium.
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- **Please silence** your cell phone or switch it to vibrate.

*** The congregation please stand as you are able.**

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

God Bless Our Native Land

Text: Charles T. Brooks, John S. Dwight Music: Thesaurus Musicus

Bob Lamparter, violin Joanne Vasey, piano

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, source of hope in every nation, rest for the weary, glory and peace to the ends of the earth.

C **Amen.**

P Let us bring every burden to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of all mercy,

C **we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your creation. Within ourselves and our communities, our desire to do what is good is at war with the evil that dwells in us. We lament the evil that holds us captive. We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us for lives of compassion and courage through our Savior Jesus Christ.**

P All-merciful, Almighty God forgive you all your sins through the grace of ✠ Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit's power strengthen you in doing what is good.

C **Amen.**

*** GATHERING HYMN**

This Is My Song - ELW # 887

*** 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.**

* KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

WOV p. 28



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, . . . have mer - cy:



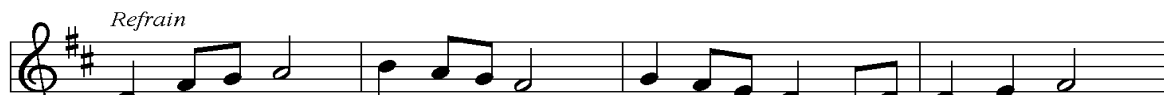
Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**
Christ, . . . have mer - cy:



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, . . . have mer - cy:

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

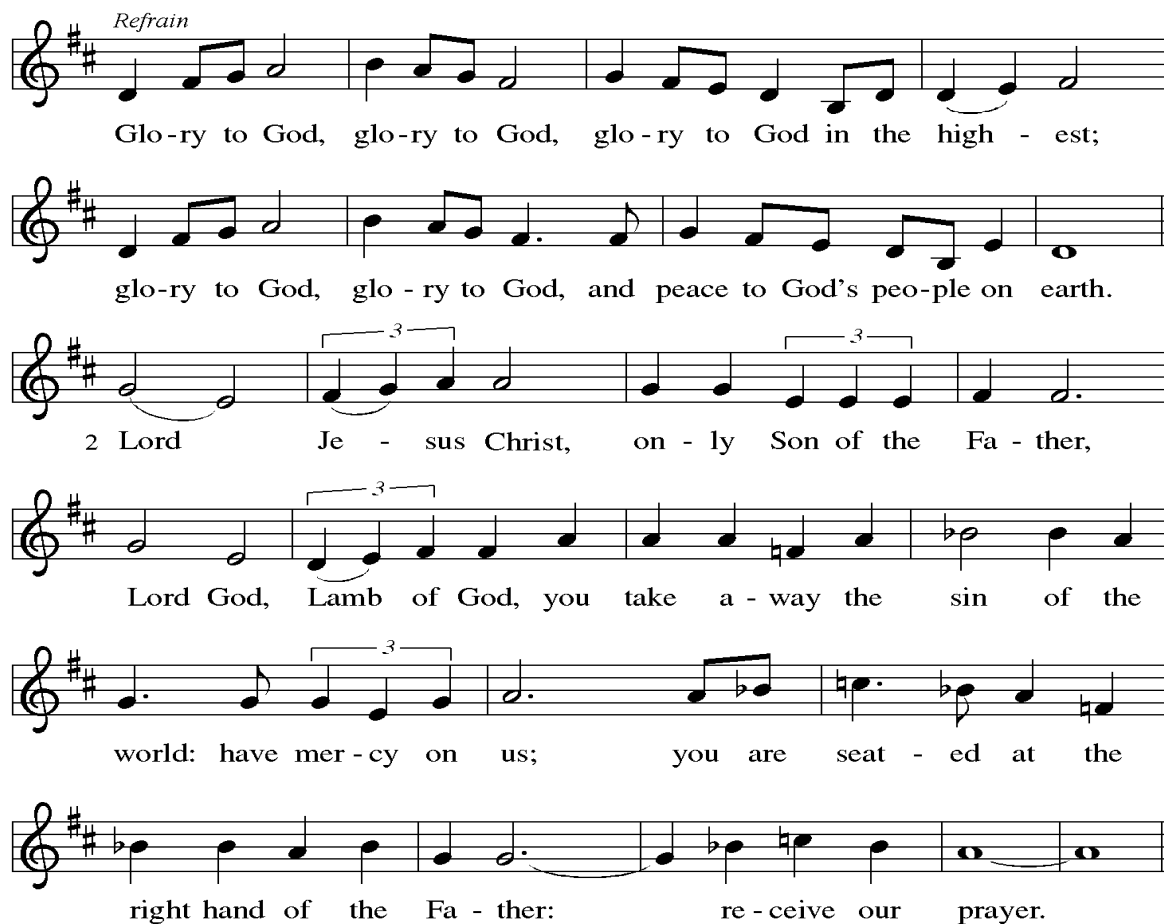


1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain

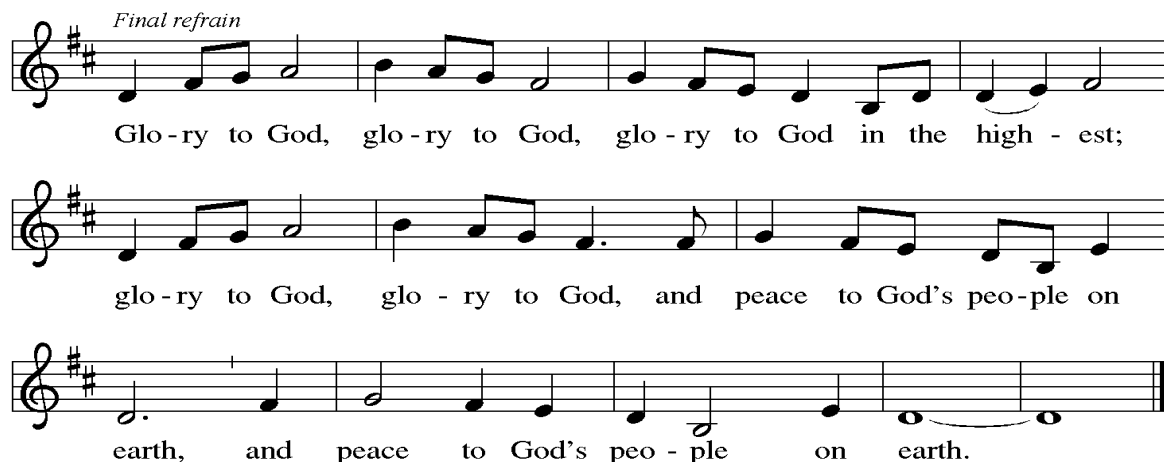


Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
 3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord of the universe, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in peace, justice, and freedom. Give to all living in these lands the blessing of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring to glory to your name and blessing to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Psalm 145:8-14

⁸ The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ Lord, you are good to all,
 and your compassion is over all your works.

¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O Lord,
 and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹ They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
 and speak of your power,

¹² that all people may know of your power
 and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through-out all ages.

You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

WOV p. 31

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

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

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

*** THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-30**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the eleventh chapter:
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus spoke to the crowd saying: ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁰ Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent. ²¹ “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ²³ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades.

“For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴ But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P The Gospel of our Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

The Rev. Katy Moran

* HYMN OF THE DAY

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say - ELW # 611

* THE APOSTLE'S CREED

P Living together in trust and hope with believers around the world, we confess our common faith:

C 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 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 THE PEOPLE

Leader: God of grace. Congregational Response: hear our prayer.

P Into your mercy, O God, we entrust our restless hearts and all our cares, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

* SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

(Worshippers are encouraged to share the greeting "Peace be with you" with one another.)

OFFERTORY INTERLUDE

Seek Ye First - Karen Lafferty
Joanne Vasey, piano

Wooden offering boxes for contributions are located at the rear of the Sanctuary on the left and right walls and the back of the center aisle or scan the QR code to the right to donate through Vanco.



* DOXOLOGY

WOV p. 35

A musical score for a doxology in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come." The music is written in a single melodic line on a treble clef staff.

Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Blessed are you, O God, for waves of grain and harvesters, fruitful vines and winepresses, for our labor and our rest, for the gifts of your hand in this land. Transform us and what we offer into the banquet of your compassion, serving your love without limits through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

* SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

WOV p. 36

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

- P Holy God, you alone are Majesty,
you alone are Excellency,
you alone are Sovereign.
- P Within the vast reaches you spoke into being,
you formed our star and this Earth:
purple mountains, fruited plains,
crystal waters, towering forests, gleaming mines.
Hear your fashioned human beings
in our infinite variety and hue,
yet each one created equal,
to care for one another
and our earthly home.
- P In a time of peace
enforced by the cruelty of empire,
you sent to us, Jesus, your Son.
Born under the rule of a merciless king,
Jesus revealed the merciful realm of God.
Moving across borders to people broken and oppressed,
Jesus brought healing, restoration, and freedom.
- P 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.
- P 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
- P Remembering, therefore,
Christ's execution at the hands of a ruthless regime,
Christ's resurrection that buries death,
Christ's ascension to rule with love forever,
we declare the revolutionary mystery of faith:
- C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P God, shed your grace on us.
Shower your Holy Spirit
on these gifts of bread and wine
and on your people gathered this day.
Ignite in us the flame of freedom—
freedom from prejudice, from supremacy, from fear;
freedom for acceptance, for welcome,
for the *shalom* that you have first shown us.

P Faithful God, loving God:
Your majesty shines forth in weakness.
Your Excellency is revealed to infants.
Your Sovereignty reigns from a cross.

P Through him, with him, in him,
in unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us saying:

C **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.**

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Citizens of the commonwealth of heaven: Taste and know that God is good to all.

C **Thanks be to God.**

☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

God the Omnipotent

Russian Hymn; Alexis Fyodorovich Lvov

Bob Lamparter, violin Joanne Vasey, piano

COMMUNION HYMN

Amazing Grace - ELW# 779

*** POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

*** POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A We thank you, God of heaven and earth, that you fill our deepest need with the very gift of Jesus Christ, broken and poured out for us. Pour us out into a broken world. Channel our common life toward the common good, following the way our Savior leads us now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*** AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN VOCATION IN CIVIC LIFE**

P People of God, you have been named and claimed as God's beloved. You have received the gift of Christian vocation, a holy calling lived out in various dimensions of your life, your relationships and communities, your work and your rest. Daily and richly we live in the promises of holy baptism, sustained by grace to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God created, and work for justice and peace.

P I ask you, therefore: Will you endeavor to pattern your life on Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others?

C **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

P Will you strive to pursue the common good in public life, nurturing mutual care among neighbors near and far?

C **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

P Will you pledge to bear witness in word and action, commending what is true and right, renouncing what is unjust and harmful, and working to mend what is flawed?

C **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

P Sovereign God, you Son Jesus lived within the structures of society even as he spoke truth to those in power and challenged systems of oppression. Give to your servants courage, patience, and vision in their commitment to serve in Christ's name. Empower us all in our Christian vocation to be courageous disciples and responsible citizens. Grant that our life in the public realm be grounded in love for our neighbors, care for the most vulnerable, and respect for the common life we share, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

*** BENEDICTION**

P The Author of life, the Word of salvation, the Breath of new birth, ☩ one God, bless you and equip you for living and serving, today and every day.

C **Amen.**

*** SENDING HYMN**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! - ELW # 634

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all.

C **Thanks be to God.**

* POSTLUDE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Words: Isaac Watts Music by William Croft

Joanne Vasey, piano

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THANKS to Bob Lamparter for providing today's special music on the violin.

July 5 - 12, 2026

Sunday, July 5 6 Pentecost Pastor Katy preaching	9:30am Holy Communion
Monday, July 6	7:00pm –8:00pm Al-Anon-YR
Tuesday, July 7	2:00pm –4:00pm Transitions - LCH
Wednesday, July 8	9:00am Holy Sew 'N' Sews-LCH 2:00pm –3:30pm Transitions - Parlor
Thursday, July 9	
Friday, July 10	9:30am –11:00am Bluebird Atelier – LCH/Rain site
Saturday, July 11	
Sunday, July 12 7 Pentecost Pastor Katy preaching	9:30am Holy Communion 1:00pm –4:00pm SVSWG - LCH/Room 202 4:05pm Crosscutter's Game - Williamsport

ATTENDANCE: 9:30am: June 28, 2026: 85