



**Sunday, July 20, 2025**

**9:30 AM Worship Service**

*The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*



**Altar Flowers given by:**

Nat Davies, in honor of Marcia Mederos



## Welcome and Opening Prayer

**Opening Song:** God Loved the World So That He Gave

LSB #571  
vs. 1-4, 6

God loved the world so that He gave  
His only Son the lost to save,  
That all who would in Him believe  
Should everlasting life receive.

Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,  
Who was made flesh and suffered death;  
All then who trust in Him alone  
Are built on this chief cornerstone.

God would not have the sinner die;  
His Son with saving grace is nigh;  
His Spirit in the Word declares  
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.

Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
Forgives all sins which you have done;  
And, justified by Jesus' blood,  
Your Baptism grants the highest good.

Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

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## Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore remind you all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

## Share Grace

### Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 18:1-5

- 1 As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.
- 2 And Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house.
- 3 Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul.
- 4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt.
- 5 And David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him, so that Saul set him over the men of war. And this was good in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

- 4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant
- 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;
- 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.
- 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Reading

John 15:12-17

- 12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

- 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.  
14 You are my friends if you do what I command you.  
15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.  
16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.  
17 These things I command you, so that you will love one another.
- P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.  
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

**Message Song: What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

LSB #770  
vs. 1-3

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
Oh, what needless pain we bear—  
All because we do not carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

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## Apostles' Creed

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.

## Connection Points

### Offering

#### Center of My Joy

*CHORUS:* Jesus, you're the center of my joy  
All that's good and perfect comes from you  
You're the heart of my contentment, hope for all I do  
Jesus, you're the center of my joy

*VERSE 1:* When I've lost my direction, you're the compass for my way  
You're the fire and light when nights are long and cold  
In sadness, you are the laughter, that shatters all my fears  
When I'm all alone, your hand is there to hold

*(CHORUS)*

*VERSE 2:* You are why I find pleasure in the simple things in life  
You're the music in the meadows and the streams  
The voices of the children, my family, and my home  
You're the source and finish of my highest dreams

*(CHORUS)*

*BRIDGE:* Jesus, You're The Center of My Joy (repeat)

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## Communion

## Sent Forth by God's Blessing

LSB #643

vs. 1-2

Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended. O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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## Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

LSB #680

vs. 1-5

Thine the amen Thine the praise, Alleluias angels raise  
Thine the everlasting head, Thine the breaking of the bread  
Thine the glory Thine the story, Thine the harvest then the cup  
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

Thine the life eternally, Thine the promise let there be  
Thine the vision Thine the tree, All the earth on bended knee  
Gone the nailing gone the railing, Gone the pleading gone the cry  
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

Thine the truly Thine the yes, Thine the table we the guest  
Thine the mercy all from Thee, Thine the glory yet to be  
Then the ringing and the singing, Then the end of all the war  
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

Thine the kingdom Thine the prize, Thine the wonder full surprise  
Thine the banquet then the praise, Then the justice of Thy ways  
Thine the glory Thine the story, Then the welcome to the least  
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

Thine the glory in the night, No more dying only light  
Thine the river Thine the tree, Then the Lamb eternally  
Then the holy holy holy celebration jubilee  
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness, Only Thee only Thee.

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## Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

LSB #623

vs. 1-5

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray  
That we may feast on You today;  
Beneath these forms of bread and wine  
Enrich us with Your grace divine.

Give us, who share this wondrous food,  
Your body broken and Your blood,  
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n,  
The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.

By faith Your Word has made us bold  
To seize the gift of love retold;  
All that You are we here receive,  
And all we are to You we give.

One bread, one cup, one body, we,  
Rejoicing in our unity,  
Proclaim Your love until You come  
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:  
O keep us steadfast till that day  
When each will be Your welcomed guest  
In heaven's high and holy feast.

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## What Wondrous Love Is This

LSB #543

vs. 1-4

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, Beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing His love for me,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on.

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## Prayers of the Church / Lord's Prayer

## Ways to Follow Jesus

## Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## Sending Song: The Blessing

### *Verse:*

The Lord bless you  
And keep you  
Make his face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn his  
Face toward you  
And give you peace

### *Chorus:*

Amen  
Amen  
Amen

### *Verse*

### *Chorus*

*Bridge 1:* May his favor  
Be upon you  
And a thousand generations  
And your family  
And your children  
And their children  
And their children

### *Chorus*

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Mark your calendars and join us for our Service of Blessing on Sunday, August 3, 2025.

Last year, approximately 200 kids from our community

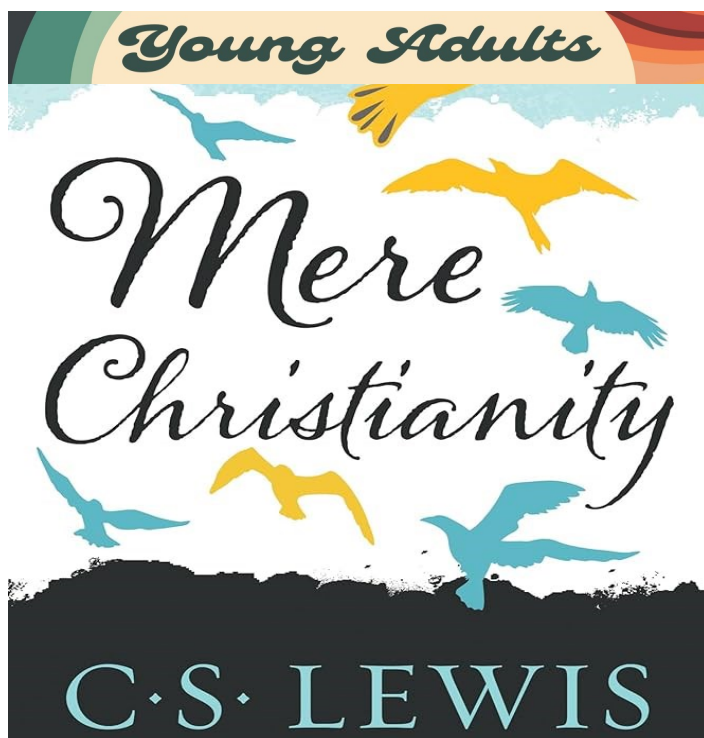
received a special blessing and a bag filled with supplies to begin the new school year.

We encourage you to pray about how you can help us and support this year.

**You can help by:**

- Donating school supplies. A supplies list and place to drop off the supplies is in our Narthex/lobby.
- Donating money for this cause: *CHECK MEMO (SCHOOL SUPPLIES 2025)* or online giving.
- Bagging supplies (*a sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex/lobby*).
- Helping host at the reception after the back-to-school service.
- Praying for this event as we serve, care for, and share the Good News of Christ to our community.

To volunteer or any other questions, please contact Serena, Vicar Roberto or Deaconess Intern Lucy.



**Young Adults Bible Study:**

Sundays @ 10:45 a.m. in the Conference Room  
(Old Library in Main Building — behind Connection Corner)  
Leader: Martin Bode



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Scan the QR code or type the link above to check in, submit prayer requests, and more!

# PRESCHOOL PREVIEW

**JULY 30TH  
5:00-6:00 PM**

**PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO PREVIEW OUR  
PRESCHOOL CLASSROOMS & TEACHERS BEFORE, THE  
2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR.**



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## ~ Sundays @ 10:45 a.m. ~

- ♦ Jim Runzheimer's Bible Class - *Fireside Room*
- ♦ Pastor Doug Widger's Class: Book of John - *MR 2*
- ♦ Biblical Youth (Grades 7-8) - *Meeting Room 4*
- ♦ Grace Kids Parenting Group - *GLEE Wing*
- ♦ Young Adult Bible Study - *Conference Room*
- ♦ Grace Youth (Grades 9-12) - *Youth Shed*
- ♦ Grace (Preschool 4's/Kinder, Grades 1-6) - *Preschool Wing Classrooms*
- ♦ Babies - 3 year olds - *Nursery*  
(throughout the morning)  
*Comfort & Nursing Rooms are available.*

### ELDERS AND THEIR ASSIGNED MEMBERS

Joe Masterson	A-B
Hank Jacobs	C-E
Keith Mangels	F-H
Mike Kennedy	I-L
Mike Curtis	M-O
Ernie Owens	P-R
Brian Bassett	S
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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### Sunday, July 20, 2025

- 9:30 AM Worship Service - *Sanctuary*
- 10:45 AM Bible Classes for all ages
- 12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - *Fireside Room*
- 1:00 - 2:00 PM Catechesis - *Hispanic Ministry office (FLC)*

### Tuesday, July 22, 2025

- 7:30 PM Community Basketball - *Gym*

### Wednesday, July 23, 2025

- 9:30 AM Braille (Cross of Christ) - *Braille Room: MR1*
- 6:15 PM Women's Choir Rehearsal - *Music Room*
- 6:30 - 8:00 PM English Summer School
- 7:00 PM The Chosen & Chat - *Meeting Room 2*

### Thursday, July 24, 2025

- 3:00 PM Braille (WWFF Braille Group) - *Braille Room: MR1*
- 6:00 PM Braille (Thumbprint Group) - *Braille Room: MR1*
- 7:00 PM Guitar Lessons - *Music Room*

### Friday, July 25, 2025

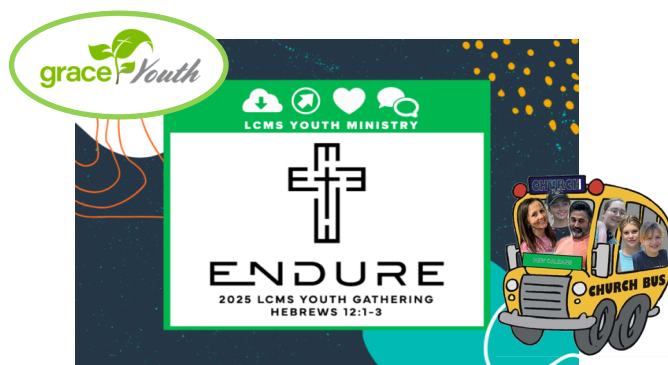
- 7:00 PM Spanish Bible Study - *Fireside Room*

### Saturday, July 26, 2025

- 9:00 AM Altar Guild
- 2:00 - 3:00 PM Catechesis - *Hispanic Ministry office (FLC)*

### Sunday, July 27, 2025

- 9:30 AM Worship Service - *Sanctuary*
- 10:45 AM Bible Classes for all ages
- 12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - *Fireside Room*
- 1:00 - 2:00 PM Catechesis - *Hispanic Ministry office (FLC)*



**JULY 18 — 24:** Please pray for our  
LCMS YOUTH GATHERING PARTICIPANTS:  
Lexie A., Shahid A., Lilikoi M., Serena P., Makena  
R., and Miranda W. They are in New Orleans  
joining 25,000 other youth from all over the USA  
and the world! They will experience seminars that  
speak to teens' hearts, a service opportunity,  
interactive stations, amazing worship and so  
much more!

**graceSeniors** If you ordered a downsizing  
book, please pick your copy  
up from Serena.

## COMMUNION NOTES

A traveling tray will be available for those who desire it.  
Gluten-free wafers are available. Grape juice is provided on the inner ring of the communion tray.

### We ask ourselves questions of examination:

- Do I believe that I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
- Do I believe that Jesus is my Savior and that through faith in Him my sins are forgiven?
- Do I believe that in this meal I receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus, for the forgiveness of my sins, not just a symbol of it?
- Do I intend, with the help of God, to live a Christian life?

**We welcome to the altar all who answer yes to these questions and believe as we do.**

Those who have never communed with us before are asked to speak to the Pastor or Elder before the service. If you're not ready to participate in the Lord's Supper with us, please feel free to come forward. Folding of your arms will indicate to the Pastors your desire to receive a blessing.