

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 5, 2026

9:00 a.m.

**PRELUDE** . . . . . “America the Beautiful” . .Carla Barrows, Organist  
by Gene Roberson

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**WELCOME** . . . . . Pastor Lonnie Gonzales, Associate Pastor of Outreach

**PROCESSIONAL** . . . . . “Lift Every Voice and Sing” . . . . . LSB 964, vs. 1, 3

Lift ev’ry voice and sing  
Till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the list’ning skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun  
Of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who hast by Thy might  
Led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee;  
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,  
May we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.

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## INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## CONFESSION

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **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.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

**P** 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 forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**HYMN** ..... “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
Our grateful songs before Your throne arise.  
  
Refresh Your people on their toilsome way,  
Lead us from night to never-ending day;  
Fill all our lives with heaven-born love and grace,  
And songs of praise we'll lift before Your face!

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## **SALUTATION**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING . . . . . Zechariah 9:9-12

**R** The Old Testament Reading is from the 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Zechariah.

**R** <sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and He shall speak peace to the nations; His rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. (ESV)

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** . . . . . Romans 7:14-25a

**R** The New Testament Reading is from the 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Romans.

**R** <sup>14</sup>We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup>So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

<sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

<sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! (ESV)

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE** . . . . . LSB 156

**C** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL** . . . . . Matthew 11:25-30

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

**P** <sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus declared, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was Your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” (ESV)

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**CONFESSION OF FAITH** . . . . . Nicene Creed

**C** **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered**

and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** . . . . . Haley Zimmerman, Director of Youth and  
Children's Ministries

**MESSAGE** "The War Waging Within -  
Two Laws at Work" . . . . Pastor Lonnie Gonzales

**RESPONSE** . . . . . "God Bless Our Native Land" . . . . . LSB 965

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!

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## PRAYER

### 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.**

## OFFERING

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**MUSICAL OFFERING. . . . . “This is My Song” . . . . . Ensemble**

*This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
But other hearts in other lands are beating  
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

*My country’s skies are bluer than the ocean,  
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.  
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
And skies are ev’rywhere as blue as mine.  
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,  
A song of peace for their land and for mine.*

*This is my prayer, O God of all earth’s kingdoms,  
Your Kingdom come; on earth Your will be done.  
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve You,  
And hearts united learn to live as one.  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;  
Myself I give You; let Your will be done.*

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**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“One Bread, One Body”

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
One cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many throughout the earth,  
We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
Woman or man, no more.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
One cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many throughout the earth,  
We are one body in this one Lord.

Many the gifts, any the works,  
One in the Lord of all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
One cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many throughout the earth,  
We are one body in this one Lord.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
Gathered to one, for all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
One cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many throughout the earth,  
We are one body in this one Lord.

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“There is a Balm in Gilead” . . . . . LSB 749

**Refrain:** There is a balm in Gilead  
To make the wounded whole;  
There is a balm in Gilead  
To heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged  
And think my work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit  
Revives my soul again. **Refrain**

If you cannot preach like Peter,  
If you cannot pray like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus  
And say He died for all. **Refrain**

Don't ever feel discouraged,  
For Jesus is your friend;  
And if you lack for knowledge,  
He'll ne'er refuse to lend. **Refrain**

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“Amazing Grace” . . . . . LSB 744, vs. 1, 3, 5

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!

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

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.

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## **DISMISSAL**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN . . . . . “Battle Hymn of the Republic”

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;  
His truth is marching on.

**Refrain:** Glory! glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory! glory! Hallelujah  
Glory! glory! Hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;  
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,  
While God is marching on. **Refrain**

We can almost hear the trumpet sound, the Lord’s return is near;  
There are still so many people lost, His message they must hear;  
Father, give us one more moment, one more day, just one more year—  
With God we’re marching on. **Refrain**

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## POSTLUDE . . . . . “America” . . . . . Carla Barrows, Organist by Wolfgang Lampert

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