



***SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***  
***July 20, 2025***

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HELPING HANDS OFFERING FOR THE TEXAS FLOODS

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins*

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God, you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. **Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG** “Lord, Speak to Us ,That We May Speak” #676

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**    “*There is a Green Hill Far Away*”

Keri Olson and Wayne Roth

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**First Reading**

Genesis 18:1-10a

**Psalms**

Psalms 15

**Second Reading**

Colossians 1:15-28

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

“*Celtic Alleluia*”

#174

**GOSPEL**

Luke 10:38-42

**SERMON**

Pastor Karen Hofstad

**SERMON SONG**

“*Give Me Jesus*” (vs.1-3, 5)

#770

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**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 Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to 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 INTERCESSION**

God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERTORY**        “*Wonderful Songs of Grace*”

**OFFERING RESPONSE**    “*Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring*” #691

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**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.**

*Receive the wafer and choose the wine (light) or juice (dark) (gluten free wafer available upon request)*

## COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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