

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**  
**June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 9:30 AM**

**WELCOME**



The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

- ✝ Preacher – Brian Griswold
- ✝ Officiant – Pr. Rudy Schneider

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

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

Let us confess our sins - **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. Live now as the forgiven child of God and allow the Holy Spirit to lead you into all righteousness. Amen.

**OPENING HYMN: ELW#836 – Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

**Prayer of the Day** - O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**GOD'S HOLY WORD**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28: 5 - 9**

<sup>5</sup>The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet." The Word of the Lord...**Thanks be to God!**



**Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18**

<sup>1</sup>Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

**2 For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

**3** "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

**4 'I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.'**"

**15** Happy are the people who know the festal shout! They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

**16 They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

**17** For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.

**18 Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel.**



### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

### HOLY GOSPEL

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Matthew 10: 40 - 42; **Glory to You, O Lord!**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40</sup> "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, <sup>42</sup> and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

### SERMON –Brian Griswold

**HYMN: ELW#755 – Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

† *We recognize all joining us virtually and give voice to any greetings or prayer requests.*

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division. Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace.

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

Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Grace those from our families and community that we now name silently in our hearts, or out loud, with our prayers and your blessings. *(Please name silently or out loud).* Bless caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors.

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

Gracious God, we seek Your divine wisdom and guidance in our search for a shepherd to lead us with humility, love, and grace. Lord, bless our search process, our call committee and open doors to reveal the right candidate to us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*(Additional Petitions may be offered.)*

Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

## **OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER**

As we offer our gifts to you, we are reminded of your call to step out into the world and make a difference. Give us courage and wisdom as we engage with others around us, sharing your love and truth. Bless these offerings, that they may support ministries and missions that reach out to those in need. And empower us to be your hands and feet in the world, shining your light wherever we go. **Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

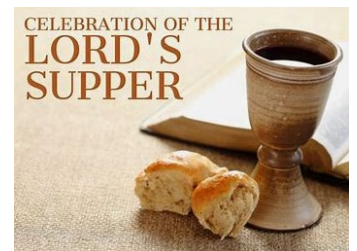
In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection, and His coming again.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest, and pray unto you the prayer he taught us to pray;



**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** – Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

**OUR TIME OF COMMUNION WITH THE LORD!**

**COMMUNION HYMNS:**

<b>1 – As the Deer</b>	<b>2 – Jesus Name, Above all Names</b>
<p>1. As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you. <b>Chorus</b></p> <p>2. You're my friend and You are my brother, even though You are a King. I love you more than any other, so much more than anything. <b>Chorus</b></p> <p><b>Chorus:</b> You alone are my strength, my shield; To you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.</p> <p><small>© 1984 Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing, CCLI License # 22085334</small></p>	<p>Jesus name above all names Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord Emmanuel, God is with us Blessed Redeemer living Word.</p> <p>Jesus, loving Shepherd Vine of the branches, Son of God Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor Lord of the universe, Light of the world.</p> <p>Praise him, Lord above all lords, King above all kings, God's only Son The Prince of Peace, who by his Spirit Comes to live in us, Savior and Friend</p> <p><small>c. 1974, 1978 Universal Music, Brentwood Benson Publishing, CCLI License # 22085334</small></p>

**COMMUNION HYMN 3: Lord, Be Glorified**

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| 1 In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;<br>In my life, Lord, be glorified today.  | 3 In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;<br>In your church, Lord, be glorified today. |
| 2 In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;<br>In our song, Lord, be glorified today | 4 In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;<br>In your world, Lord, be glorified today.   |

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**Closing Prayer** - Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Blessing** - Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: Be Exalted O God**

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the people  
I will sing praises to Thee, Among the nations  
For Thy steadfast love is great, Is great to the heavens  
And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds

**CHORUS:**

Be exalted, O God, Above the heavens  
Let Thy glory be over all the earth  
Be exalted, O God, Above the heavens  
Let thy glory, let thy glory.  
Let Thy glory be over all the earth

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**Dismissal:** Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

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