

**8:45 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**July 20, 2025**  
**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**PRELUDE: “Jesus, the Very Thought of You” – C. Callahan**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

*During the Confession you may either stand or kneel as you are able.*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires 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.

**C: Amen**

P: 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.

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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**

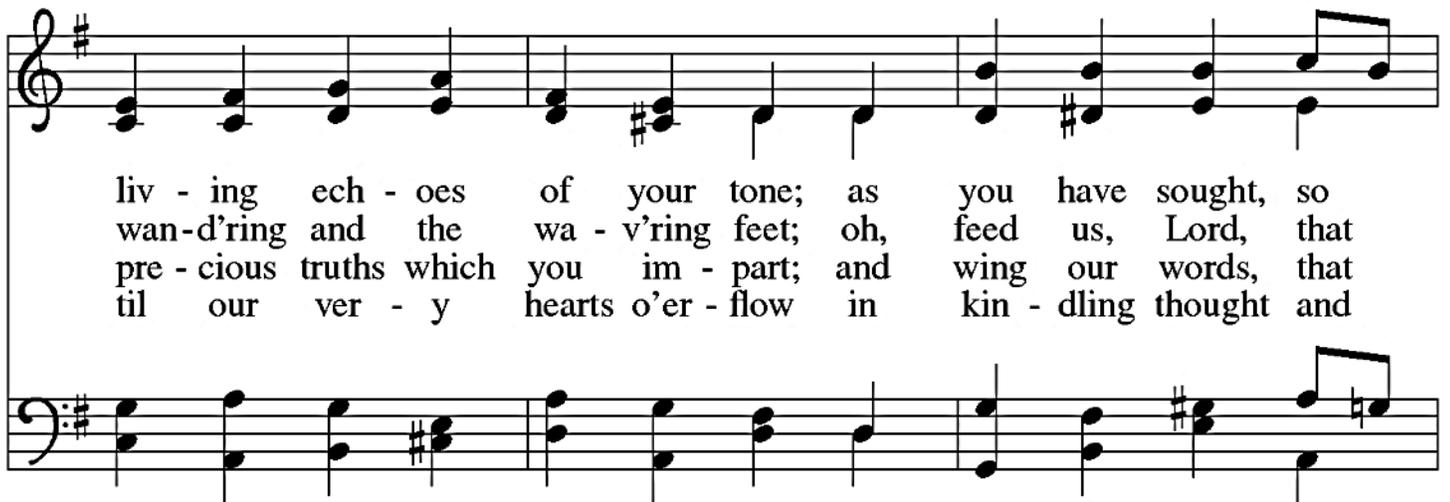
P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: AMEN.**

## GATHERING HYMN: "Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak"



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the  
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the  
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that  
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y\_a heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

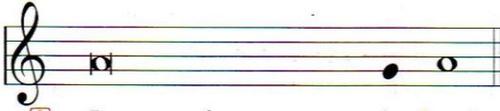
**APOSTOLIC GREETING:**

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:**

*May be spoken or sung.*



**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



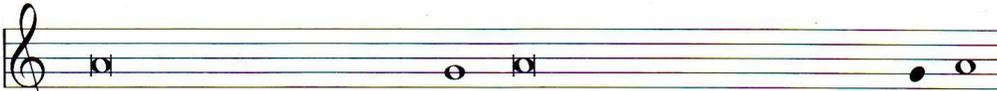
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



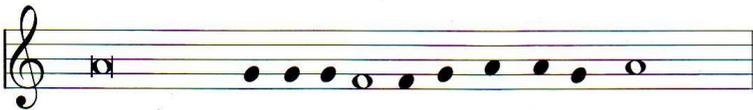
**A** For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



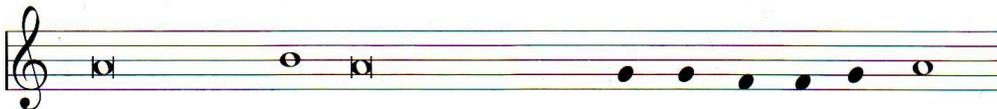
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



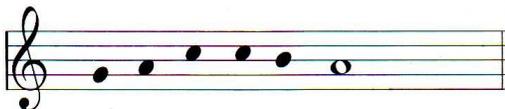
and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



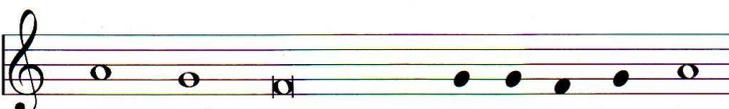
**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



**C** A - men

## HYMN OF PRAISE:



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



**B** 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. 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. 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.

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.

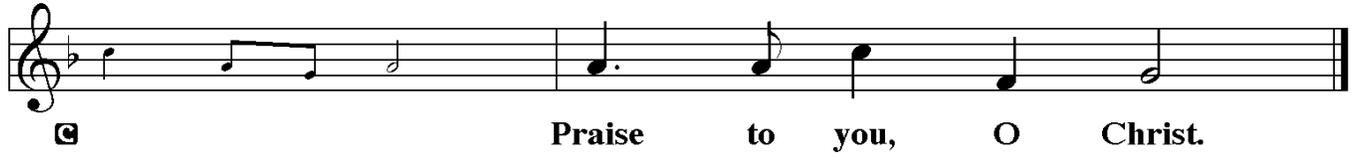
*Please be seated***READINGS FOR TODAY****FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10a***see back of bulletin***PSALM 15***Spoken responsively, the Lector speaks the verses in regular print and congregation speaks the verses in **bold print**.*<sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
who speak the truth from their heart;**<sup>3</sup> they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.<sup>4</sup> **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.  
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**<sup>5</sup> They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.  
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.**SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-28***see back of bulletin**Please stand as you are able.***GOSPEL: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 10:38-42***see back of bulletin*



*After the reading the minister says: "The Gospel of the Lord"*



*Please be seated*

**SERMON: "First, Listen"**

**Pastor Amy Bartleson Balcam**



Please stand as you are able.

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "Jesus, the Very Thought of You"**



1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you Fills us with sweet de - light;  
 2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, Nor can the mind re - call  
 3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,  
 4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; Help us to prize your love;



But sweet-er far your face to view And rest with - in your light.  
 A sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!  
 How kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!  
 Grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."

*Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878, alt.  
 Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876*

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**APOSTLES' CREED:**

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 and born of the virgin Mary.  
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.  
 He descended into hell.  
 On the third day he rose again.  
 He ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again 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:**

A. In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

A God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**SHARING OF THE PEACE:**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Please share the PEACE of the Lord with one another.*

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING:**

**C** 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 the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and  
give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

A. Merciful Father,

**C. we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

A: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
 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.

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:**

C. Amen

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

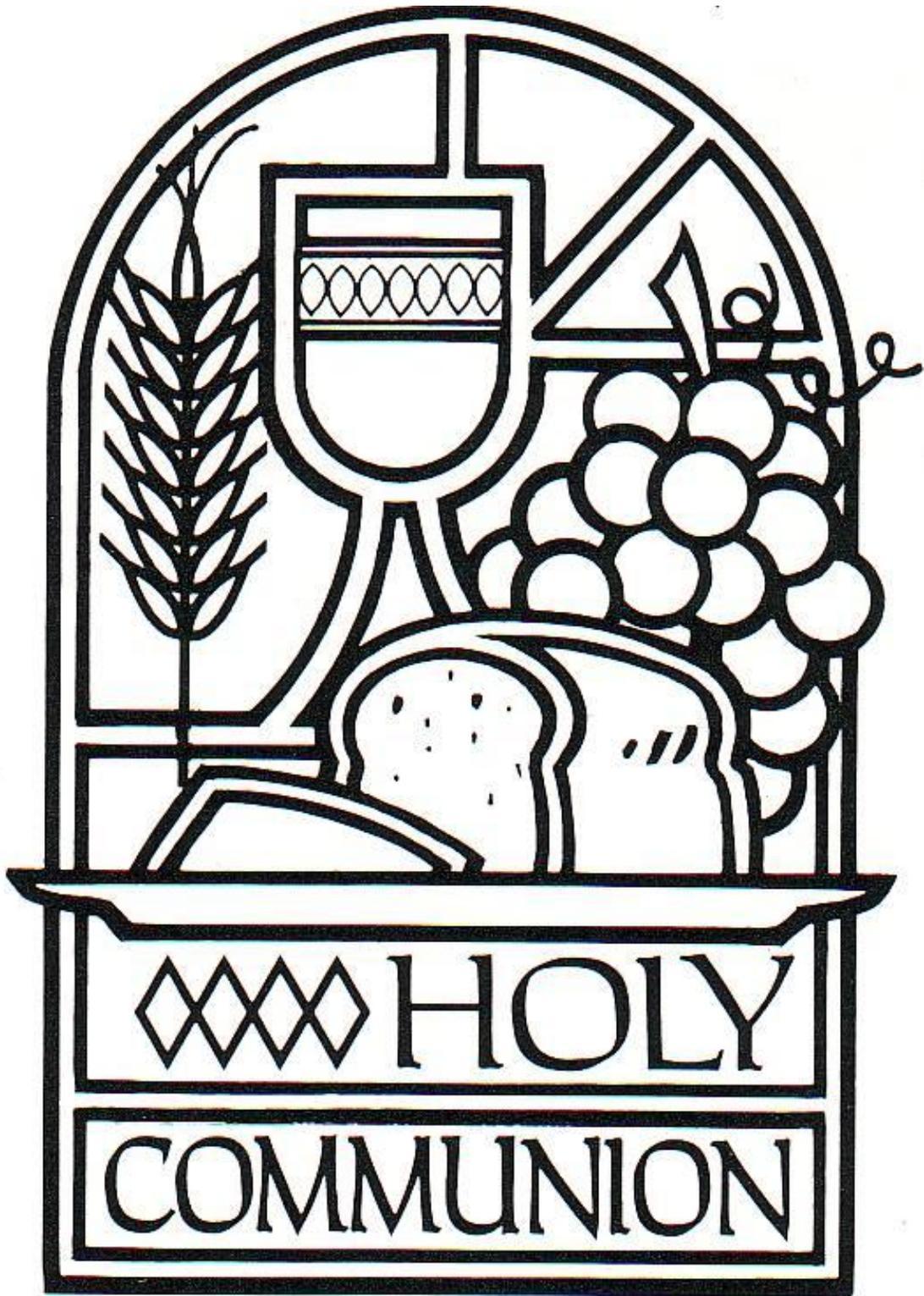
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION:**

P. Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.



*Sit***HOLY COMMUNION:**

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We trust and teach the “real presence” of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine.*

**AGNUS DEI:**


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.

*Please stand as you are able*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

P. Let us pray. We give you thanks almighty God that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift – in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

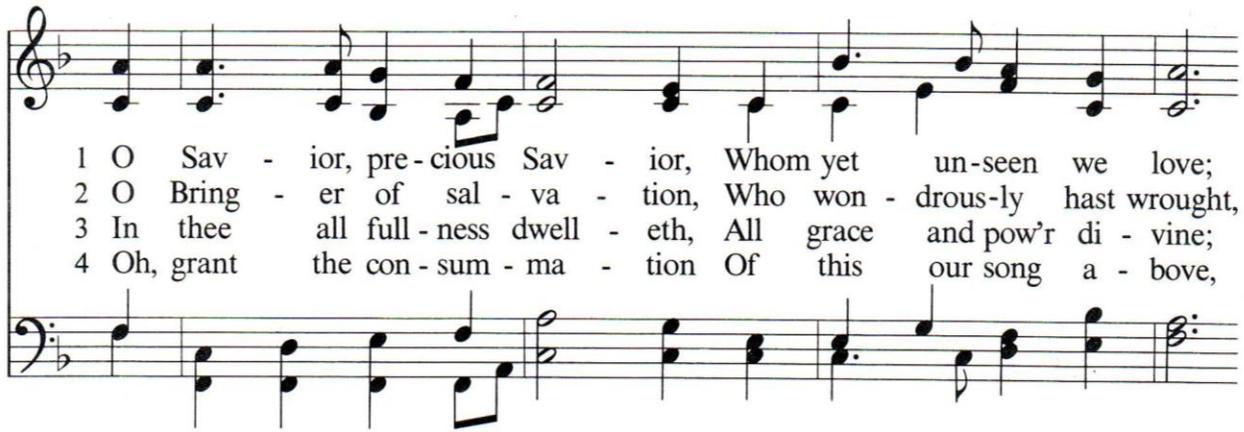
C: Amen

**BENEDICTION:**

P. The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

C. Amen.

## SENDING HYMN: "O Savior, Precious Savior"



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom yet un - seen we love;  
 2 O Bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought,  
 3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;  
 4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove,



O name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove:  
 Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought:  
 The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.  
 In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love;



We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; To thee a - lone we sing;  
 We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; To thee a - lone we sing;  
 We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; To thee a - lone we sing;  
 Then shall we praise and bless thee Where per - fect prais - es ring,



We praise thee and con - fess thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.  
 We praise thee and con - fess thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.  
 We praise thee and con - fess thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.  
 And ev - er - more con - fess thee, Our Sav - ior and our King!

**DISMISSAL:**

A. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE: Dialogue – N. DeGrigny**

**Today's altar flowers are given by the Fuhs family and Bob & Lucie Stricker in honor of Sasha's birthday**



*THANKS FOR*  
**Worshiping**  
*WITH US*