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**WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY.**

ALL are invited to receive the bread and the wine. Please know that at CELC this common meal is for all who feel moved to receive. This sacrament is God's gift to all, and is not tied to membership, doctrine or creed.

## *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

June 7, 2026

9:00

*Service of Word and Sacrament*

### *The Gathering*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

**P**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 836 *"JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE"*



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,

We confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,  
all you who are weary  
and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love. Amen.

#### PASTORAL GREETING

**P** 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

Let us pray.

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*[Congregation is seated.]*

*The Word*

## 1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Hosea 5:15—6:6

*Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.*

15 I will return again to my place  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.  
In their distress they will beg my favor:

6:1 “Come, let us return to the Lord,  
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;  
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.  
2 After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.  
3 Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;  
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us like the showers,  
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

4 What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
5 Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;  
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.  
6 For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

**Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 50:7-15

*Call upon me in the day of trouble, says your God. (Ps. 50:15)*

<sup>7</sup> “Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you;  
for I am God, your God.

- <sup>8</sup> **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;  
your burnt offerings are always before me.**
- <sup>9</sup> I will not accept a calf from your stalls,  
nor goats from your pens;
- <sup>10</sup> **for all the wild animals of the forest are mine,  
the cattle on a thousand hills.**
- <sup>11</sup> I know every bird of the mountains,  
and the creatures of the fields are mine.
- <sup>12</sup> **If I were hungry, I would not tell you,  
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**
- <sup>13</sup> Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,  
or drink the blood of goats?
- <sup>14</sup> **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and make good your vows to the Most High.**
- <sup>15</sup> Call upon me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

## **2<sup>ND</sup> READING: Romans 4:13-25**

*Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.*

13 The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15 For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

16 For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, 17 as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. 18 Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." 19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. 20 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21 being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. 22 Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." 23 Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone 24 but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in

him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

**Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: SS5   “ALLELUIA! GIVE THE GLORY”**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Give the glory and the honor to the Lord! (2x)**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

*Jesus demonstrates God’s mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.*

**The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

10 And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” 12 But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

18 While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” 19 And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. 20 Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, 21 for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” 22 Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. 23 When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, 24 he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. 25 But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. 26 And the report of this spread through all of that district.

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: PASTOR PHIL

SONG OF THE DAY ELW 798 "THE SUMMONS"



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



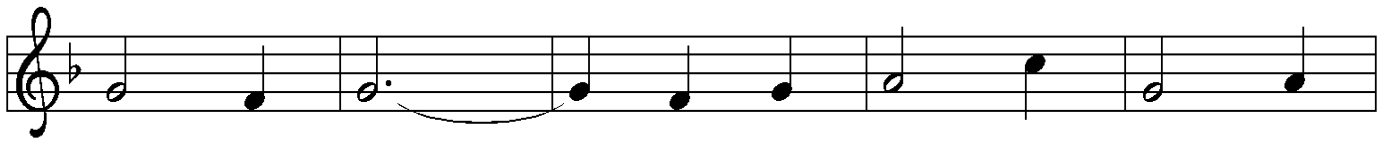
your name? Will you go where you don't  
your name? Will you care for cruel and  
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
kind and nev - er be the same?  
free and nev - er be the same?  
side and nev - er be the same?  
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

*A brief silence.*

God of mercy, you call us to a life filled with acts of mercy. Ground us in following Christ, that we might extend the mercy we receive. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of creation, all you have made is yours. Revive lands in need of healing and make us wise stewards of all you have given us to tend. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, you promise to deliver those who call on you. Bring an end to conflict, bigotry, and injustice in all their forms wherever they are found. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, you provide for those in need. Bring an end to addiction. Comfort people as they mourn. Provide tenderly for those in need (*especially*). God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of blessings, you send the Holy Spirit to provide varieties of gifts in the body of Christ.

Accompany those who travel this summer, make our gatherings joyous, and grant us a spirit of hospitality and togetherness. God of grace,  
hear our prayer.

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

## *The Meal*

### OFFERTORY / OFFERTORY MUSIC

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A**

Let us pray.

Loving God,

**we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.**

**Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,**

**so that all creation can taste your abundance.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus,**

**through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

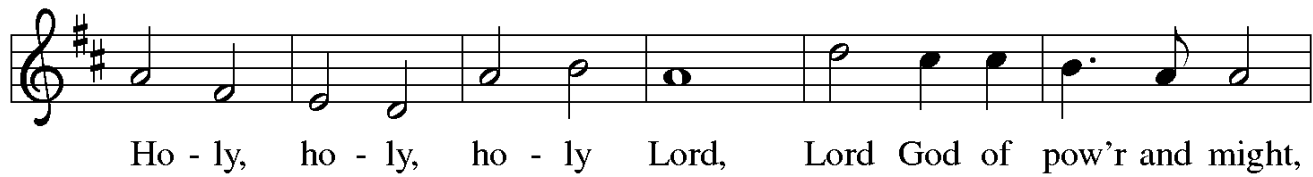
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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



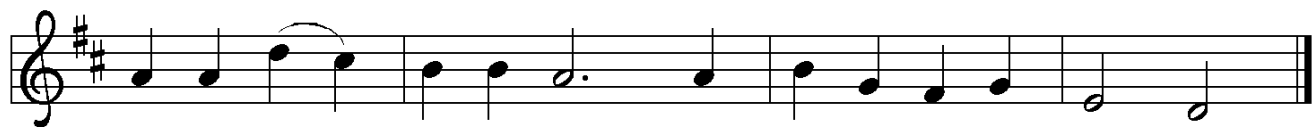
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

You are indeed holy, O God,  
the foundation of all holiness;  
you bring light from darkness,  
life from death,  
speech from silence.

We worship you for our lives  
And for the world you give us.

We thank you  
for the new world to come  
and for the love  
that will rule all in all.

In all this we bless you  
for your only-begotten Son,  
who fulfilled and will fulfill  
all your promises.

**[THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE]**

**P** on the night before he died...

Again, after supper ...

For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup  
we remember the incarnation of your Son:  
his human birth and the covenant he made with us.  
We cry out for the resurrection of our lives,  
when Christ will come again in beauty and power  
to share with us the great and promised feast. **Amen, Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray your Holy Spirit,  
that we and all who share in this bread and cup  
may be united in the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven,  
and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Through him, with him, in him, in the unit of the Holy Spirit,  
All glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Heaven has come near.

Come, share in the feast!

### LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **Grant us peace, grant us peace.**

COMMUNION SONG : ELW 581 *"YOU ARE MINE"*



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,  
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,  
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.  
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be  
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.  
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and  
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*  
 Come and rest in me. *To refrain*  
 all will know my name. *To refrain*  
 up, now walk and live! *To refrain*



*Refrain*  
 Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine."

*To stanzas 3 and 4*

## PASTORAL BLESSING

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P:** Let us pray.  
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.

### *The Sending*

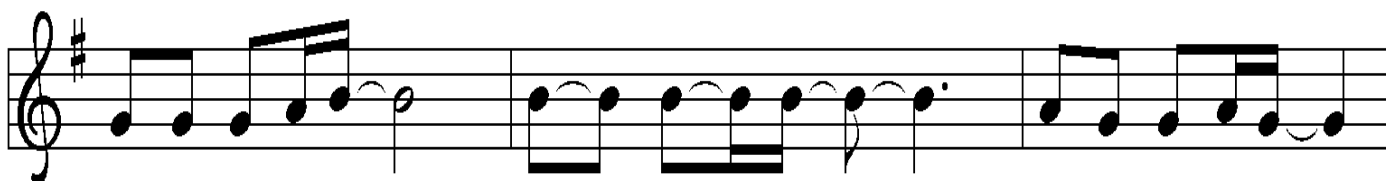
### BENEDICTION:

**P** Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,  
✠ one God,  
bless, heal, and hold you  
today and always. Amen.

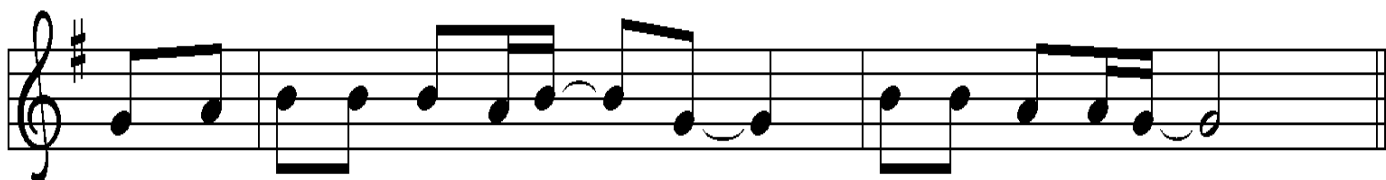
SENDING SONG: ELW 860 "I'M SO GLAD JESUS LIFTED ME"



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad  
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

DISMISSAL:

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

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