

June 28, 2026



Prelude

Confession & Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

C: Amen

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us gather with true hearts that confess our sins to God, that earnestly ask for forgiveness and that trust in our renewal through the work of our Savior Jesus the Christ.

A: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth. [Psalm 124:8]

A: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin. [Psalm 32:5]

A: Almighty God, merciful Father:

C: I confess to you all my sins with which I have offended you and my neighbors. I am sorry for them. I devote myself to repentance and pray for your mercy. In your boundless grace and compassion send me your

Holy Spirit that I may be strengthened in my faith and made ready for a life obedient to your will and your way.

P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of steadfast love. [Exodus 34:6] Therefore, in obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Entrance Hymn

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1. The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

2. The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

3. The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

4. God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

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

ELW Setting 2

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

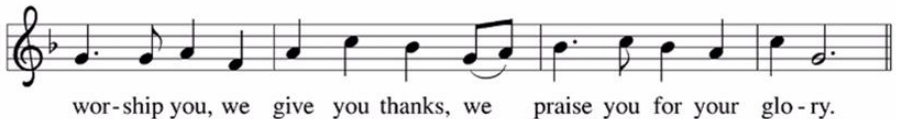



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.




Hymn of Praise

ELW Setting 2





2 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.

Refrain




Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 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.



Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

P: You are the treasured people of the Lord,
C: A people holy to the Lord our God.

A: We have seen what our God has done

C: We declare God's faithfulness from age to age for all time.

A: We hear and keep God's Word,

C: And all that God has spoken we will do.

P: Let us pray:

C: Almighty God, at times life seems perilous, with terrible things happening all around. Renew Your Spirit in us that we will not be driven to respond in terror or despair, but, in the confidence of Your presence and purpose, guide us to endure in acts of peace, hope and faithfulness. Trusting in the unconquerable work of Jesus we pray in His blessed name. Amen.

LESSON

Genesis 2 & 3

And Yahweh, Elohim (that is, "The Lord, God") planted a garden in Eden, to the east; and there the Yahweh, Elohim put the human the Yahweh, Elohim had formed. Out of the ground Yahweh, Elohim made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, and "The Tree of Life" was in the middle of the garden along with "The Tree of Knowledge," that is, the source of discerning Good and Evil. . .

Yahweh, Elohim, took the human the Yahweh, Elohim had made from the dust and breathed the breath of life into, and put him in the garden of Eden to serve and keep watch. Then Yahweh, Elohim, came above the human to say; "From all trees of the garden you will eat, but from "The Tree of Knowledge," that is, the source of discerning Good and Evil, you are not to eat from, for, in that day you will die, yes, you will die. . . "

After the woman was formed from half of the human as companions to each other, the two of them were naked - the Man and the Women - and they were not ashamed.

Now the snake was more shrewd than all the living-things of the field that Yahweh, Elohim, had made.

The snake said to the woman, "Even though God said; 'You are not to eat from all the trees of the garden . . .'"

But the woman interrupted the snake, saying, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we do eat. But the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden God said, "You are not to eat from it and you are not to touch it, so that you do not die."

But the snake then said to the woman, "Die? You will not die! God only said this because God knows that on the day that you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

And the woman saw that the tree was good as food and that it was desirable to the eyes and that the tree was desirable for understanding and she took from its fruit and she ate and she also gave to the man with her, and he ate and the eyes of the two opened, and they knew that they were naked and they sewed fig leaves together and made underwear for themselves.

Later, they heard the sound of Yahweh, Elohim walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and the woman hid themselves from the presence of Yahweh, Elohim among the trees of the garden.

But Yahweh, Elohim called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"

The man said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked and so I hid myself."

Yahweh, Elohim said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate."

Then Yahweh, Elohim said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate. . . "

And Yahweh, Elohim made for man and for woman, clothes of animal skins and they wore them.

Then Yahweh, Elohim said, "Now that humans have become like one of us, knowing good and evil, they might reach out their hand and take also from the 'Tree of Life', and eat, and live forever"-- so Yahweh, Elohim sent them out of the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which they were taken.

R: The word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm

Psalm 107

*Hear, O my people, while I admonish you;
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!*

**There shall be no strange god among you;
you shall not bow down to a foreign god.**

*I am the Lord your God,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.*

**"But my people did not listen to my voice;
Israel would not submit to me.**

*So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts,
to follow their own counsels.*

**O that my people would listen to me,
that Israel would walk in my ways!**

*Then I would quickly subdue their enemies,
and turn my hand against their foes.*

**Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him,
and their doom would last forever.**

*I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,
and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."*

LESSON

James 4

Submit yourselves therefore to God, but set yourself against the devil and the Devil will flee from you. Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and the Lord will exalt you. Do not speak evil against one another, brothers and sisters. Whoever speaks evil against another or judges another, speaks evil against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is one lawgiver and judge who is able to save and to destroy. So, who then, are you to judge your neighbor?

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a town and spend a year there, doing business and making money." Yet you do not even know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, "If the Lord wishes, we will live and do this or that."

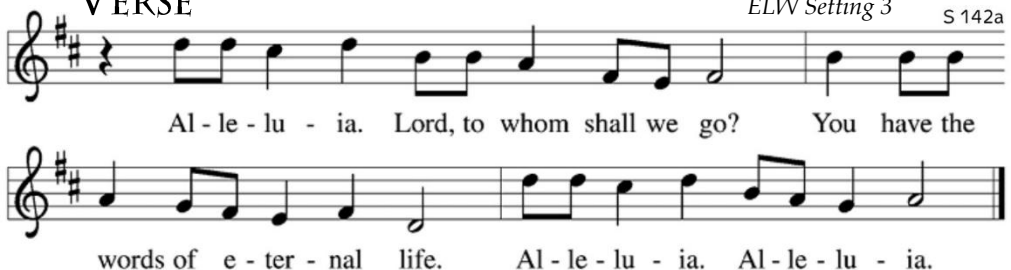
As it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil. Anyone, then, who knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, commits sin.

R: The word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

VERSE

ELW Setting 3

S 142a



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Matthew 13

The Parable of the Weeds of the Field

While Jesus was still on the boat and the crowd was gathered on the beach he told them a second parable. . .

"The "Kingdom of the Heavens" can be compared to a farmer who planted good seeds in his field. But then, while everyone on the farm was sleeping, an enemy snuck onto the fields and planted weeds among the wheat and then left without a trace. Weeks later, when the wheat came up and the heads of grain were developing, the weeds came up, too. Baffled by this, the farmworkers went to the owner of the farm and asked, 'Hey Boss, didn't you plant good seed in your field? Then what happened? Where did these weeds come from?'

The Farmer replied, 'My enemy has done this.'

So, the farmworkers said to the farmer, 'Ok. Well, do want us to go out into the fields and pull out the weeds?'

The farmer answered, 'Absolutely not! If you try to pull out the weeds you will also pull up the wheat! Instead, we will let both the weeds and the wheat grow until the harvest. Then, at that critical moment I will tell the harvesters, 'Now collect the weeds and bind them into bundles to be burned. Then go and gather the wheat and put it into my barn.'"

Later in the day when the crowds had left the beach Jesus went back into the house where he was staying.

There, his disciples came over and said, "We want you to explain the parable of "The Weeds of the Field" to us."

So Jesus replied, "The farmer who planted the good seed is the Son of Man and the field is the world. The "good seed" are the children of the "Kingdom of the Heavens." The "weeds" are the children of the "Evil One." The enemy who planted them is the devil. The "harvest" is the ingathering at the culmination of this age. The "harvesters" are angels. Therefore, just as the weeds were collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the ingathering at the end of this age: the Son of Man will send out his angels and they will collect out of his kingdom all those who work against the Gospel and all those who work against God and throw them into the furnace of fire where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Afterward, the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears be listening!

P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Lord Let My Heart

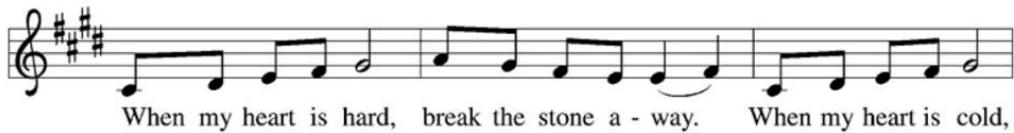
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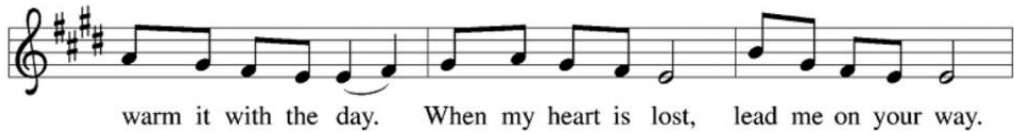
Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



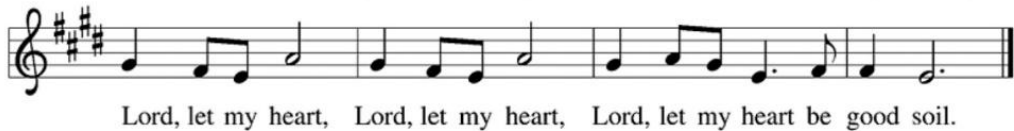
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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 the 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 & Passing of the Peace

Offering / Offertory

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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.

A: Let us Pray

C: God of grace and abundance, we joyfully offer these gifts of thanks for your blessings in our lives. We pray that you find what we bring in this moment to be an acceptable and adequate reflection of our gratitude, that you will continue to look on us as your faithful people, worthy of your favor and beneficence. And with humbleness in the face of our hubris, we beg your forgiveness for our lack of attention, respect and care for all you provide. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

ELW Setting 3

S 152

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for the first part of the song. It consists of four staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

P: It is indeed . . .

S 144b

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.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for the second part of the song. It consists of four staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has four measures, the second and third have four measures each, and the fourth has four measures. The lyrics are: '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', and 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.'

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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. 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 now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

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1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



Refrain

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul,

1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here

The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;

O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,

My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
 the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
 and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
 where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Benediction & Recessional *On What Has Now Been Sown* **550**

1 On what has now been sown your bless - ing Lord, be - stow; the
 2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -
 3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may

pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
 cept what is your own and par - don what is ours. Our prais - es,
 meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low

grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!
 Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.
 you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

Dismissal A: Go in peace, serve the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!



Sunday, June 28

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Outdoor worship

11:00 a.m. Worship

Wednesday, July 1

9:00 a.m. Piecemakers Quilting Club

Sunday, July 5 250th Independence Commemoration & Worship

Name Tag Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Outdoor worship

11:00 a.m. Worship

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