

July 12, 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

tune: 310

Blest are God's peacemaking ones, Stands against what powers say –
Sent to work in countless ways – It is Jesus' word they share,
God's own daughters, God's own sons, News of God's new breaking day.
Serving without seeking praise.

Yet like leaven in our bread,
They persist to change us all.
By God's Spirit, they are led
To pursue God's peaceful call.

Bless-ed are God's prophets, too,
Called to challenge what we know.
Working for a world that's new,
Calling us to change and grow.

Though the message that they bear

God, through Jesus' love and grace,
May we live what we profess.
In the challenges we face,
May we know what makes us blest.
May we stand against the wrong;
May our thirst for you increase.
Give to us a prophet's song!
May we work to bring your peace!

Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

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.

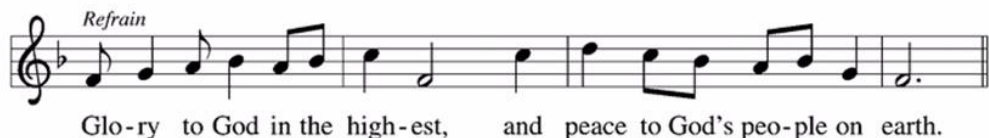
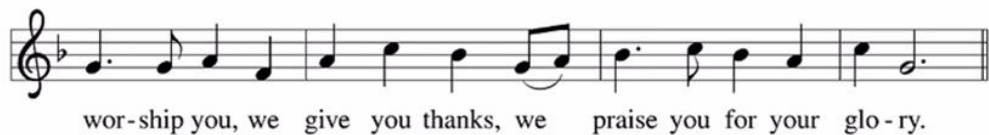


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



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

A: 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, you overwhelm us with love and grace, yet, it takes only a little "yeast" of temptation to cause us to stray and doubt, to forget that we are your children and destined for your Kingdom. Sow in us the fullness of the Spirit, that leavened by the inspiration of your Word, we will grow in good works and faithful lives. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

LESSON

Ecclesiastes 9

The Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem writes . . . Go, eat your bread with enjoyment, and drink your wine with a merry heart; for God has already approved what you do. Let your clothes always be clean and bright! Douse your head in fragrant oils! Enjoy life with the spouse whom you love all the days of your vain life that are given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun. Whatever your hand finds to do, do with your might; for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in the Place of the Dead, to which you are ultimately going.

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

Psalms

Psalm 104

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great.

**You are clothed with honor and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment.**

*You stretch out the heavens like a tent,
you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,*

**you make the clouds your chariot,
you ride on the wings of the wind,**

*you make the winds your messengers,
fire and flame your ministers.*

**You set the earth on its foundations,
so that it shall never be shaken.**

*You cover it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.*

**At your rebuke they flee;
at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.**

*They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys
to the place that you appointed for them.*

**You set a boundary that they may not pass,
so that they might not again cover the earth.**

*You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow between the hills,*

**giving drink to every wild animal;
the wild asses quench their thirst.**

*By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;
they sing among the branches.*

**From your lofty abode you water the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.**

*You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to use,
to bring forth food from the earth,
and wine to gladden the human heart,
oil to make the face shine,
and bread to strengthen the human heart.*

*The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly,
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.*

**In them the birds build their nests;
the stork has its home in the fir trees.**

*The high mountains are for the wild goats;
the rocks are a refuge for the coney.*

**You have made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows its time for setting.**

*You make darkness, and it is night,
when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.*

**The young lions roar for their prey,
seeking their food from God.**

*When the sun rises, they withdraw
and lie down in their dens.*

**People go out to their work
and to their labor until the evening.
O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
**the earth is full of your creatures.
Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.****

Lesson

Galatians 5

Paul wrote the Christians in the city of Galatia who had started following other teachers, saying: What happened? You were running along so well! Who was it that impeded the Truth from being persuasive to you? This kind of persuasion does not come from the one calling you. Apparently, "A little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough." I am confident about you in the Lord that you will get back on track with your thinking, but whoever it is that is confusing you will suffer the penalty!

It is true that you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for doing things that are not faithful, but through the wholistic love, serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one sentence, "You will love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Let me say this to you again, walk about in the Spirit and do not bring to fulfillment the tempting outcomes of unfaithfulness. For what unfaithfulness is interested in, is in opposition to the Spirit, and the Spirit is in opposition to unfaithfulness; for they cannot be "bed fellows" and you cannot just do whatever you want. But, if you are being led by the Spirit, you will know freedom from the Law.

The works of unfaithfulness are apparent: an illicit relationship, corruption, over-indulgence, idolatry, sorcery, unresolved division, strife, jealousy, wrath, competitiveness, antagonism, sectarianism, envy, drunkenness, raucous hedonistic celebrations of indulgent behaviors, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before, those doing such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

But, the fruit of the Spirit is wholistic love, great joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faith, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

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 Yeast in the Flour

While Jesus was still on the boat and the crowds were gathered on the beach he spoke to them a fourth parable . . .

The Kingdom of the Heavens is like yeast which, a woman taking, conceals in three measures of flour until all of it is leavened.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

As the wind song through the trees

1 As the wind song through the
2 As the rain-bow af - ter

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C/G G Em Bm

trees, as the stir - ring of the breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of
rain, as the hope that's born a - gain, so it is with the Spir - it of

11

Am D Em Em/D

God, as the heart made strangely warm, as the
God, as the green in the spring, as a

15

C G/B Am' D G

voice within the storm, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
kite on a string, so it is with the Spir - it of God,

20

Em Bm C

Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has
making worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come

24 G Em Bm Am

blown bringing life, bringing power to the world,
true, bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,

28 D Em Em/D C

as the dancing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de-
as the ris-ing of the yeast, as the wine at the

32 G/B Am⁷ D G C/G G

sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

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.

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.

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

467, 471

1 We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, where you by
2 With - in these sim - ple things there lie the height and
3 Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them

grace have bid us dine, these to - kens of our dai - ly
depth of hu - man life: our pain and tears, our thoughts and
hum - bly from your hand; put these your gifts to high - er

work, the food of life, the bread and wine.
toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.
use: the ho - ly meal that you com - mand.

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Benediction & Recessional *Shaping Spirit* tune: 696

1. Shaping spirit, move among us,
living leader, be our friend,
source of our mysterious being,
greet us at our journey's end.

2. Energy of new creation,
work like yeast within the soul;
human savior, heavenly artist,
in your service make us whole.

3. Many are the ways you seek us,
great the joy when each is found.
once your gift of faith ignites it
all the world is holy ground.

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



Sunday, July 12, 2026

Last Day to RSVP for July Dining Out @ Cadillac Grill

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Outdoor worship in the memorial garden weather permitting

11:00 a.m. Worship

12:00 p.m. Property Committee Meeting

Monday, July 13, 2026

9:30 a.m. Widowed Support Group

7:00 p.m. Social Ministry/Green Team Meeting

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group

Thursday, July 16, 2026

6:00 p.m. Grace Dining Out @ Cadillac Grill

Saturday, July 18, 2026

12:30 p.m. Bob Cruickshank funeral

Sunday, July 19, 2026

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Outdoor worship in the memorial garden weather permitting

11:00 a.m. Worship

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