



Sunday, June 23, 2024  
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost  
St. James Lutheran Church

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,  
**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.  
We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

**INTRODUCTION**

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.  
Through Jesus, ✚ the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into  
abundant life.

**Amen.**

# ENTRANCE HYMN: "For the Fruit of All Creation" (WOV 760)

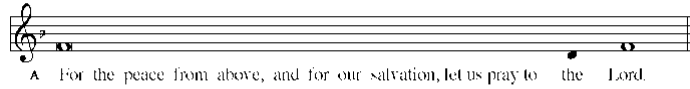
## GREETING

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.**

## KYRIE



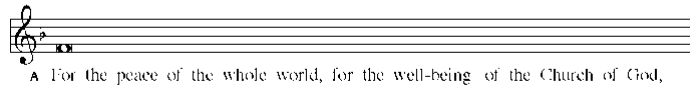
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



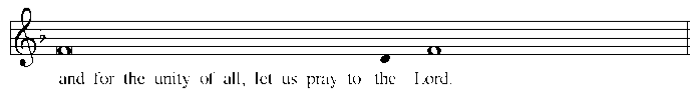
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



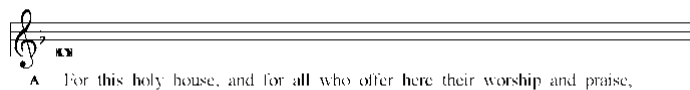
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



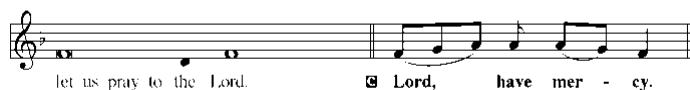
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



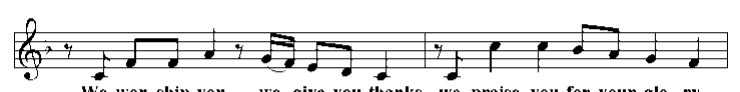
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. ☩ A - men



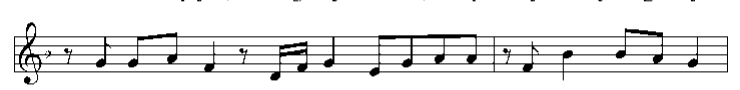
A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



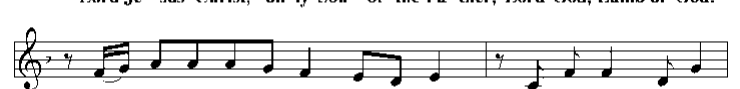
☩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



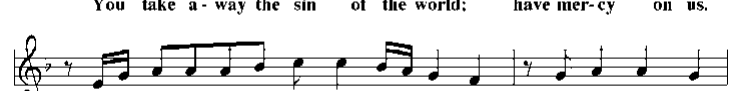
We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



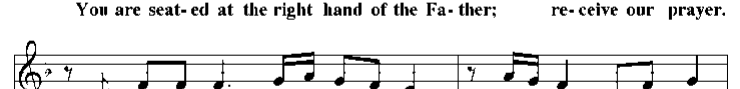
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



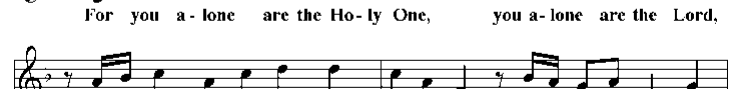
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



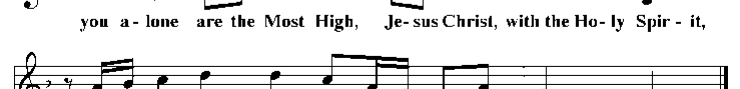
You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



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

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray. . .

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

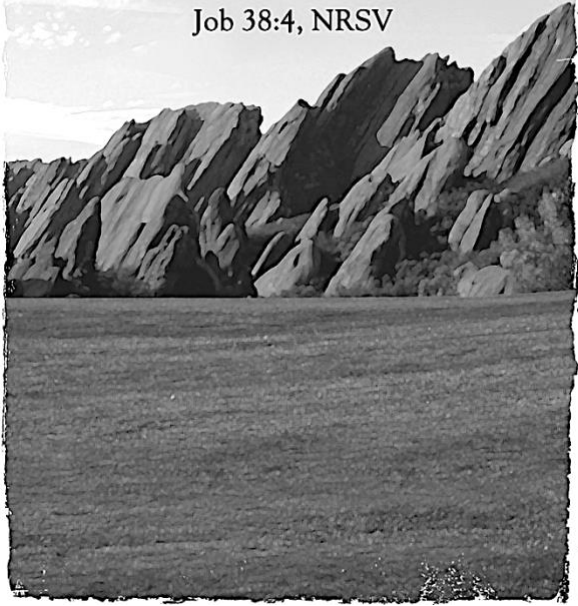
## FIRST READING:

*At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.*

**Job 38:1-11**

Where were you when I  
laid the foundation of  
the earth? Tell me, if  
you have understanding.

Job 38:4, NRSV



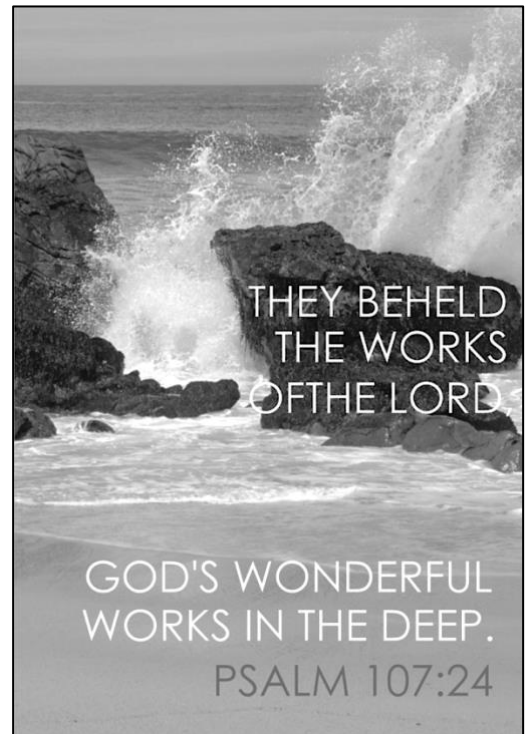
- <sup>1</sup>The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:  
<sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?  
<sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man,  
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.  
<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.  
<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?  
<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone  
<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together  
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?  
<sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors  
when it burst out from the womb?—  
<sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment,  
and thick darkness its swaddling band,  
<sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it,  
and set bars and doors,  
<sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stopped?’”

Here ends the reading.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 107:1-3, 23-32**

- <sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,  
for God’s mercy endures forever.  
<sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim  
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**  
<sup>3</sup>gathering them in from the lands;  
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.  
<sup>23</sup>**Some went down to the sea in ships,  
plying their trade in deep waters.**  
<sup>24</sup>They beheld the works of the LORD,  
God’s wonderful works in the deep.  
<sup>25</sup>**Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,  
which tossed high the waves of the sea.**  
<sup>26</sup>They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;  
their souls melted away in their peril.  
<sup>27</sup>**They staggered and reeled like drunkards,  
and all their skill was of no avail.**  
<sup>28</sup>Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,  
and you delivered them from their distress.  
<sup>29</sup>**You stilled the storm to a whisper  
and silenced the waves of the sea.**  
<sup>30</sup>Then were they glad when it grew calm,  
when you guided them to the harbor they desired.



<sup>31</sup>Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love  
and your wonderful works for all people.

<sup>32</sup>Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;  
in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

## Second Reading:

*Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.*

## 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

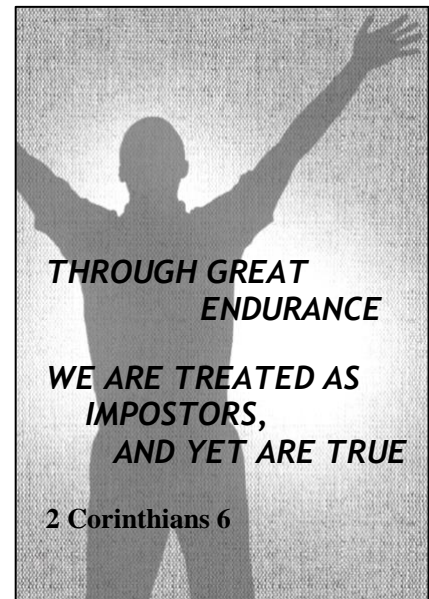
<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,  
“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”  
See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

<sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry,  
<sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way:

through great endurance,  
in afflictions, hardships, calamities,  
<sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors,  
sleepless nights, hunger;  
<sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness,  
holiness of spirit, genuine love,  
<sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God;  
with the weapons of righteousness  
for the right hand and for the left;  
<sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor,  
in ill repute and good repute.

We are treated as impostors, and yet are true;

<sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known;  
as dying, and see—we are alive;  
as punished, and yet not killed;  
<sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing;  
as poor, yet making many rich;  
as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

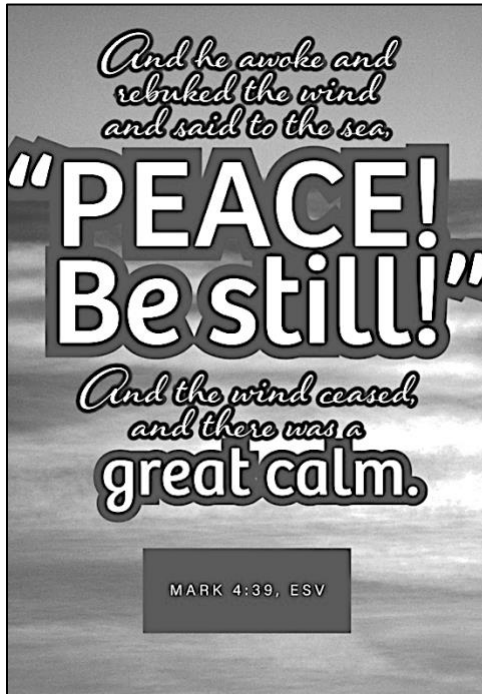


<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.  
Here ends the reading.

**Thanks be to God.**



## GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41



*Jesus’ calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life’s turbulence.*

<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON: Rev. Gordon Putnam

HYMN OF THE DAY: “There Is a Balm in Gilead” (WOV 737)

### APOSTLE’S CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith by using the words of the Apostle’s Creed.

**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.**

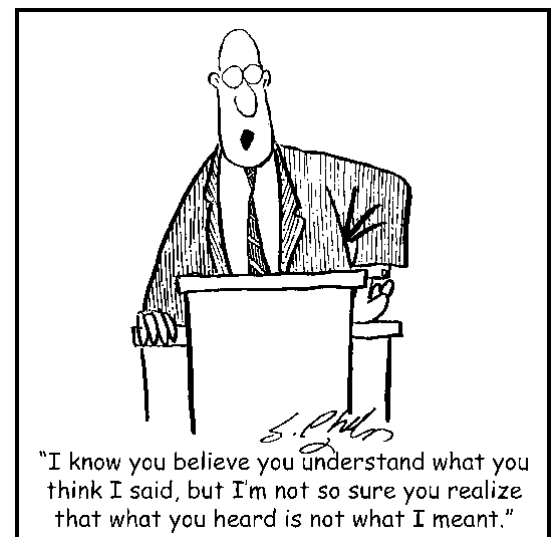
**He descended into hell.**

**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.**

## **THE PRAYERS**

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

*A brief silence.*

Equip your faithful people to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to explore big questions, troubling doubts, and honest laments. Humble our hearts to repent of the ways that communities of faith have inflicted pain or trauma. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You spoke creation into order from the chaos of the swirling deep. May your name be praised by rivers and seas, wetlands and waterfalls. Secure clean water for all people and protect water sources from contamination or exploitation. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Amid whirlwinds of division, violence, and conflict, remind us again that you are as steadfast as the foundations of the earth. Rejuvenate peacemakers, advocates, and community organizers when they feel weary in their work. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Enfold all travelers with your protection. Bless the comings and goings of this assembly as we travel for leisure or for work. Let all journeys be met with hospitality on the way, and let community members return to us with celebration. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation for all the redeemed of the Lord. Joined together with the great cloud of witnesses, we give thanks for your steadfast love and your wonderful works. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Deliver your people from their distress, O God. We lift before you all who are sick or struggling. Grant consolation and peace to all who live with chronic, terminal, or persistent illness. In times of affliction or hardship, sustain us in faith. We especially pray for Norma, Cecilia, Jean, Betty, Inez, Claire, Charles, Ellen, Jerry, Josh, Mike, Melvin, Joe, Charles, Tony, Peggy, and the family of Zeby. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

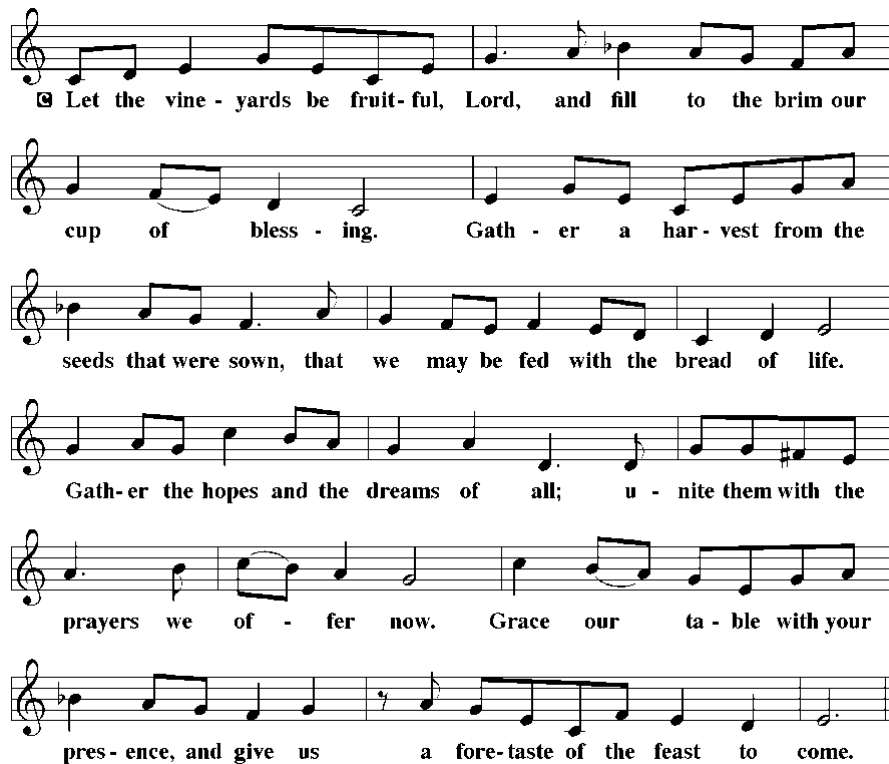
(For whom else and what else shall we pray...)

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

(Greet each other in the peace of the Lord.)

## OFFERING



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.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray...

Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.

Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.

Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world.

**Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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 him thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



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.

## THANKSGIVING

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord 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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

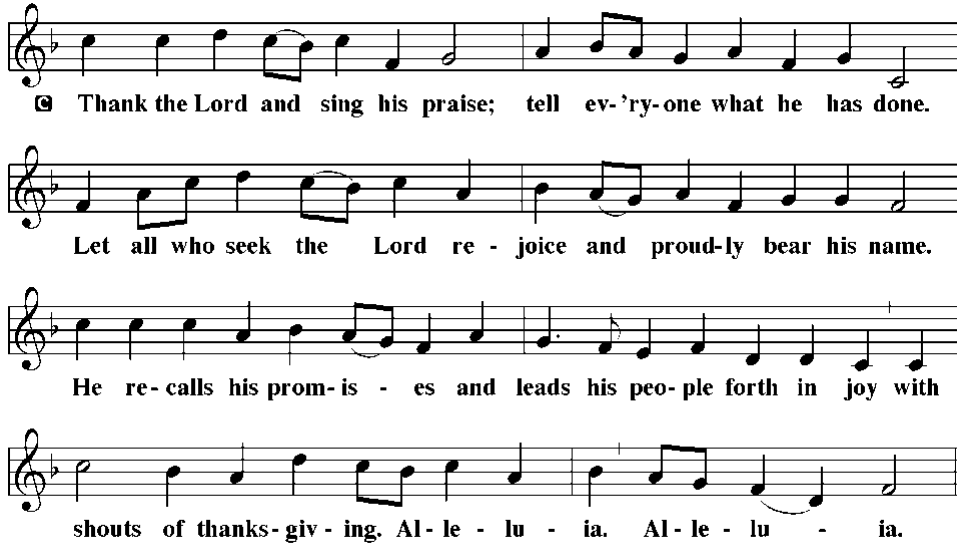
Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come!

## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
**Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.  
He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray...  
Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.  
**Amen.**

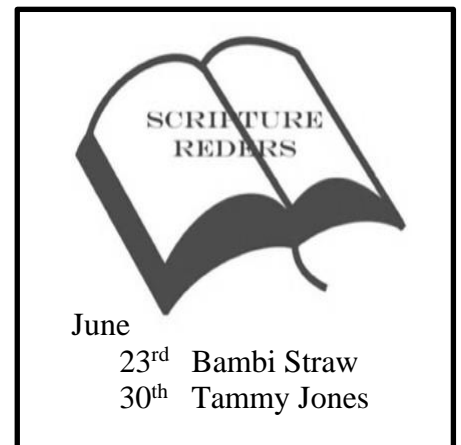
## CLOSING HYMN: "My Life Flows On in Endless Song" (WOV 781)

### BLESSING

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**



**Barron Ridge Vineyard Worship  
St. James Lutheran Church  
June 30, 2024  
August 11, 2024**

11:00 am



27 <sup>th</sup>	Joyce Dull
30 <sup>th</sup>	Missy Leach

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Hannah Pingel, Pianist  
Sam Diehl and Bambi Straw, Assisting Ministers

**Prayer Concerns**

**Ongoing Need for Prayer**

Norma Turak, Cecilia Shott, Jean Geiser, Claire Viette, Ellen McDonald, Charles McDonald, Inez Johnson (Becky and Debbie’s aunt), Jerry Hill (friend of Pastor Gordon and Anne), Josh Thornhill (Norma Turak’s grandson-in-law), Mike Martin (friend of Phillip Snyder), Joe McCune (friend of Ronnie), Charles Driver (Sam and Lynda’s neighbor), and Melvin Glass (friend of Ivan).

**Prayer Concerns**

Betty Diehl, Peggy Desimore (friend of Norma), Tony Giltner (Gene’s brother), and the family of Zeby Carlyle.

**Community Conversations**

- June flowers are given by Flora Williams.
- Today after worship there will be a Congregational to vote on the adoption of the amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws.
- Today is our first salad luncheon of the summer. The goodwill offering will go to SACRA.
- Men’s Group meets every Friday at 9:00 am.
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> Quilting at 1pm
- For prayer concerns, contact Pastor Gordon.
- At the June council meeting Steve Straw was elected council president and Lynda Diehl was elected vice-president. Congratulation!
- Council Person of the Month
  - June—Joyce Dull

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