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Thank you for joining us in church and on our online service today.*

6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SERVICE OF THE WORD - pg. 213

July 5, 2026

Prelude – “Awake, My Soul, And With The Sun” – setting, Franklin Ashdown

WELCOME

(Please rise)

GATHERING HYMN – ELW 557 AWAKE, MY SOUL, AND WITH THE SUN

GREETING

Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

Cong – And also with you.

KYRIE – (ELW 157)

Leader
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Assembly
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
For the reign of God, and for
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
Lord. For your
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have
 Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.
 mer - cy. A - men.

Text: *Lutheran Book of Worship*, adapt. Marty Haugen, b. 1950
 Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen
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HYMN OF PRAISE – (ACS 1089) HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,

... lle-nos es-tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria.
 your glo - ry fills all heav-en and earth. . . . You are ho - ly, God.

Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. . . .
 . . . Bless - ed be the Sav - ior, the one who comes in your name.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to e - res, oh Dios.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Traditional; English text, hymnal version
 Music: Argentine traditional
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ARGENTINE SANTO
 Irregular

PRAYER OF THE DAY

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Cong – Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

Bill Wise, Elder

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Leader – The Word of the Lord.

Cong – Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-14

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion. (Ps. 145:8)

(Congregation sings all)

⁸**The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

⁹**LORD, you are | good to all,
and your compassion is over | all your works.**

¹⁰**All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.**

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom
and speak | of your power,**

¹²**that all people may know | of your power
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.**

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures through- | out all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words,
and loving in | all your works.**

¹⁴**The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.**

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

Bill Wise, Elder

Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it,

but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Leader – The Word of the Lord.

Cong – Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – (ELW 174)

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

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Pastor – The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the 11th chapter.

Cong – Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Pastor Kelly Reagan

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶"To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' ¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." ²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Pastor – The Gospel of the Lord.

Cong – Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Kelly Reagan

(Please rise)

HYMN OF THE DAY – ELW 777 COME TO ME, ALL PILGRIMS THIRSTY

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

Pastor – God of grace,

Cong – Hear our prayer.

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

Cong – Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Cong – And also with you.

PEACE

(Please be seated)

OFFERING – “Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service” – setting, Anne K. Organ

(Please rise)

OFFERTORY HYMN – ELW 695 v. 1 AS SAINTS OF OLD

**As saints of old their first-fruits brought of orchard, flock and field
To God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,
So we today first-fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
Of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.**

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray. O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Cong – Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and +give you peace.

Cong - Amen.

SENDING HYMN – ELW 891 GOD BLESS OUR NATIVE LAND

(Please be seated)

Postlude

Pastor - Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Cong – Thanks be to God.

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The welcome mat is out for you!

We are happy to have you here today as a partner in prayer, in song and in the hearing of God's word. We hope that you will stay for coffee after worship, so that we may become friends and be strangers no longer.

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Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy
 2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and
 3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -
 4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all
 5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
 hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from
 perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of
 I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with
 God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



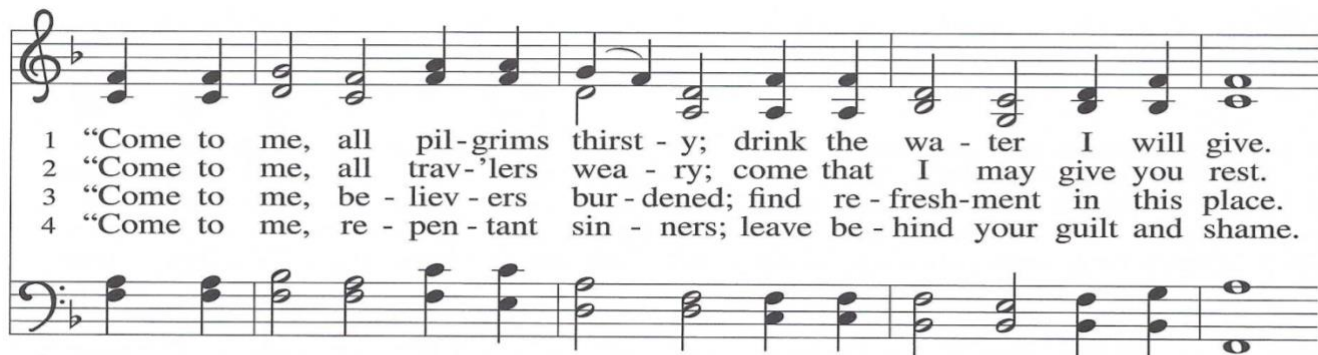
joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
 thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.
 all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.
 heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt.
 Music: François H. Barthélémon, 1741-1808

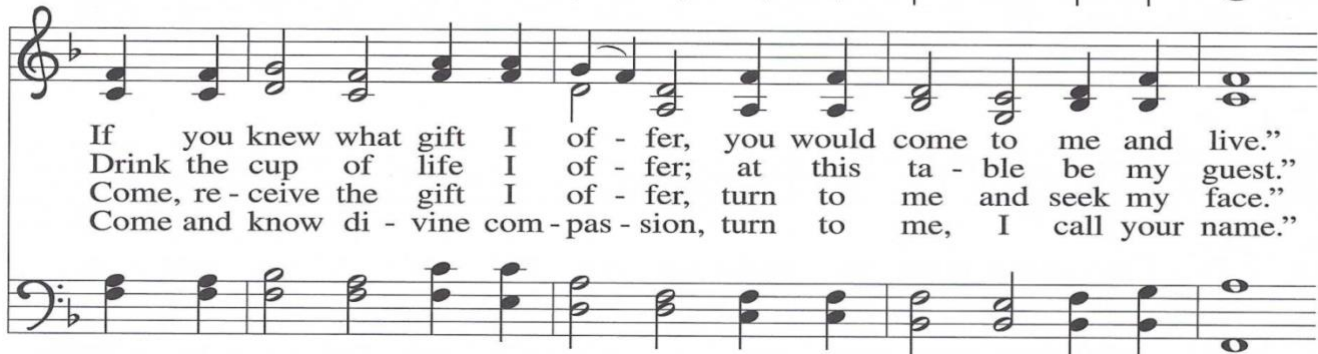
MORNING HYMN
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Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

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1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst-y; drink the wa-ter I will give.
2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea-ry; come that I may give you rest.
3 "Come to me, be-liev-ers bur-den-ed; find re-fresh-ment in this place.
4 "Come to me, re-pen-tant sin-ners; leave be-hind your guilt and shame.

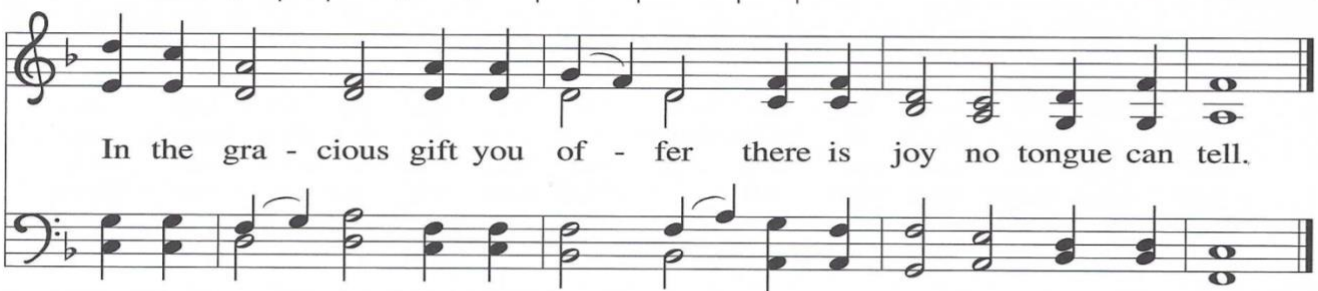


If you knew what gift I of-fer, you would come to me and live."
Drink the cup of life I of-fer; at this ta-ble be my guest."
Come, re-ceive the gift I of-fer, turn to me and seek my face."
Come and know di-vine com-pas-sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain



Je-sus, ev-er-flow-ing foun-tain, give us wa-ter from your well.



In the gra-cious gift you of-fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;
I would be your trusted friend.
Come and seek the gift I offer,
come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*

6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
lonely ways no longer roam.
Come and take the gift I offer,
let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

God Bless Our Native Land

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1 God bless our na - tive land; firm may it ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise to God a - bove the skies,

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains two vocal lines: the first line (treble clef) and the second line (bass clef). The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
on whom we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, guard - ing with

The second system of music continues the two-staff format. The upper staff contains the vocal lines and the lower staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics continue across the two lines.

wind and wave, do thou our coun - try save by thy great might.
watch - ful eye, to thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

The third system of music concludes the piece. It follows the same two-staff format as the previous systems. The lyrics conclude with the final line.