

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 22-23, 2024

**"Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education"**



*"We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also." (2 Corinthians 6:11-13)*

**Our Ministry:** We are a people of God who are *Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education!*

**Welcome!** On this first official Sunday of summer, I greet you in the bright, warm love of Jesus! Welcome to worship.

**Devotions & Publications Available** are found in the main entryway. Please leave donation envelopes in the offering plate.

..... **WORSHIP NOTES** .....

**Note About Attendance Cards...**Remember that the only way we may know you are worshipping with us is by seeing your name on an attendance card. These cards may be completed as you enter for worship and will be collected after the offering. Use one card for each family that is gathered. **Please list the name of each person in worship.** (Parents, please take responsibility for signing in your children) There is a "Member" side as well as a "Guest" side. Please fill out the appropriate side and pass them to the center aisle during the gathering of the offerings. The cards are gathered after the offering has been collected.

**To Our Visitors...**Our church and school have a few nooks and crannies, so don't be afraid to ask an usher where things are. Our pastor and any member here today would also be glad to meet and assist you. A guest information packet is available on the slatted wall in the main (west) entryway.

**For All Who Worship...**If you are arriving after the service has started, please allow our ushers to assist you with seating. We ask that you avoid entering during the confession, prayers, or Bible readings as these are quiet and meditative moments.

**For Parents with Small Children...**We love and want children in our services as a part of God's family, to spend time with Jesus, and to learn how to worship. We also know that kids can be kids. We want you and your children to experience our Lord's love and to have a great opportunity to worship the Lord along with all who are gathered here to praise our Savior's name.

**Music of Preparation,  
Welcome, Announcements, Greeting**

## DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

*(The music for the liturgy may be found on page 203 in the Hymnal)*

**Notes for Worship:** As you prepare for worship this day, we invite you to turn to the prayer section of the Hymnal (page 305). In addition to prayers for before and after worship, there are prayers for all aspects of the Christian Life (some of the prayers are also located on the inside front cover of the hymnal). May these prayers be useful in your worship.

**Before worship prayer** - Faithful God, whose mercies are new to us every morning, we humbly pray that You would look upon us in mercy and renew us by Your Holy Spirit. Keep safe our going out and our coming in, and let Your blessing remain with us throughout this day. Preserve us in Your righteousness and grant us a portion in that eternal life which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord. AMEN.

### **We're So Glad God Brought You Here Today!**

**Opening Hymn: "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"**      *LSB, hymn #395*

O Morning Star, how fair and bright!  
You shine with God's own truth and light,  
    Aglow with grace and mercy!  
Of Jacob's race, King David's son,  
Our Lord and master, You have won  
    Our hearts to serve You only!  
Lowly, holy!    Great and glorious,  
All victorious,    Rich in blessing!  
Rule and might o'er all possessing!

Come, heav'nly Bridegroom, Light divine,  
And deep within our hearts now shine;  
    There light a flame undying!  
    In Your one body let us be  
    As living branches of a tree,  
    Your life our lives supplying.

Now, though daily    Earth's deep sadness  
    May perplex us    And distress us,  
    Yet with heav'nly joy You bless us.

Lord, when You look on us in love,  
At once there falls from God above  
    A ray of purest pleasure.  
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood  
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food.  
    You are our dearest treasure!  
Let Your mercy    Warm and cheer us!  
    O draw near us!    For You teach us  
God's own love through You has reached us.

Almighty Father, in Your Son  
You loved us when not yet begun  
Was this old earth's foundation!  
Your Son has ransomed us in love  
To live in Him here and above:  
    This is Your great salvation.  
    Alleluia!    Christ the living,  
    To us giving    Life forever,  
Keeps us Yours and fails us never!

O let the harps break forth in sound!  
Our joy be all with music crowned,  
    Our voices gladly blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way—  
    Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
    His love is never ending!  
Sing out! Ring out!    Jubilation!  
    Exultation!    Tell the story!  
    Great is He, the King of Glory!

What joy to know, when life is past,  
The Lord we love is first and last,  
The end and the beginning!  
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
Transport us to that happy place  
Beyond all tears and sinning!  
Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!  
Crown of gladness! We are yearning  
For the day of Your returning!

### INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b*
- P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C: **who made heaven and earth.** *Psalm 124:8*
- P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Let us humble ourselves before our Good and gracious God.
- (Moment of silent reflection)*
- P: Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. *Luke 18:13*  
C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P: Let us pray . . . Almighty God,  
C: **merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

- P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen.** *John 20:19-23*

**KYRIE ~ Lord Have Mercy (Sung)** *Mark 10:47*  
**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory To God In The Highest (Sung)** *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

**To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high**

**For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

- P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*  
C: **And also with you.**
- P: Let us pray . . . Almighty God, in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C: **Amen**

*(Please be Seated)*

## THE READING OF THE WORD

**Epistle Lesson:** 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

*(Heart Wide Open)*

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

Stand

### Alleluia and Verse

*John 20:31*

**C: (Sung) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Lesson:** Mark 4:35-41

*(Jesus Calms The Storm)*

On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you

not care that we are perishing?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be Seated)*

### **Sermon Hymn: "Evening and Morning"**

*LSB, hymn #726*



1 Eve - ning and morn - ing, Sun - set and dawn - ing, Wealth, peace, and  
2 Fa - ther, O hear me, Par - don and spare me; Calm all my  
3 Ills that still grieve me Soon are to leave me; Though bil - lows  
4 To God in heav - en All praise be giv - en! Come, let us



glad - ness, Com - fort in sad - ness: These are Thy works; all the  
ter - rors, Blot out my er - rors That by Thine eyes they may  
tow - er, And winds gain pow - er, Af - ter the storm the fair  
of - fer And glad - ly prof - fer To the Cre - a - tor the



glo - ry be Thine! Times with - out num - ber, A - wake or in  
no more be scanned. Or - der my go - ings, Di - rect all my  
sun shows its face. Joys e'er in - creas - ing And peace nev - er  
gifts He doth prize. He well re - ceiv - eth A heart that be -



slum - ber, Thine eye ob - serves us, From dan - ger pre - serves us,  
do - ings; As it may please Thee, Re - tain or re - lease me;  
ceas - ing: These shall I trea - sure And share in full mea - sure  
liev - eth; Hymns that a - dore Him Are pre - cious be - fore Him



Caus - ing Thy mer - cy up - on us to shine.  
All I com - mit to Thy fa - ther - ly hand.  
When in His man - sions God grants me a place.  
And to His throne like sweet in - cense a - rise.

**Sermon: "Widen Your Hearts"**

*2 Corinthians 6:1-13*

Stand

P: Let us confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

*(Please be Seated)*

**Tithes and Offerings/Attendance Cards**

**OFFERTORY - Create In Me**

*LSB, Divine Service 3, pg 192-193*

**C: (Sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. . . . Almighty and eternal God, You see the chaos and rage of the world unhinged from Your design and guidance. Turn the hearts of tyrants and calm the minds of those lost in error. Raise up and strengthen leaders who know and follow Your will of peace and freedom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Give to Your whole church throughout the world the boldness and humility to proclaim Your righteous judgments and Your gracious redemption to all. Give courage to all pastors and teachers in Your church to speak Your Word to a world in need of Your mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: For all Your people here present who wait upon You for forgiveness, instruction, and the courage of faith, be our very present help to trust in Your grace with all our being. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Hear our petitions for all who are sick; for the homebound in our parish; for any who cry to You for help and healing. We lift up before You those hospitalized this past week (*Especialy, . . .*). Also be with those who continue treatment and healing at home. We pray for them and all those that we name in our hearts . . . (*Silence*). Lord in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*(Additional prayers of the congregation. Each petition concludes with. . .)*

P: . . . Lord, In Your Mercy,

**C: Hear Our Prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught us to pray:

**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; 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.**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**BLESSING**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 103:1*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**Closing Hymn: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"**

LSB, hymn #655

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son  
And bring to naught all He has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,  
For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we  
May sing Your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.

***See You In Worship Next Week!***

***After worship prayer***

*Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom which comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and in the confession of Your name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.*

*There will be Prayer Ministry Member(s) in each service that will be wearing a prayer ministry tag around their neck. Please look for them if you are wanting prayer for yourself, someone else or prayer for a concern or situation you may have.*

*Please join us for coffee and donut holes in the cafeteria after Sunday services.*

**Altar Flowers** Altar flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of my parents, James & Johanna Campbell, my brothers, David & Jim Campbell and my nephew, Tom Hudgins, by Barb Campbell; also in loving memory of my parents, Verna & Al Ronna, by LuAnn Brock.

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