

7th Weekend after Pentecost
July 11-12, 2026
Holy Communion

The Prelude is a signal to *end our conversation* and prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE (w/ *ANTHEM INCLUDED at LW CAMPUS*)

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND
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PASSING OF PEACE**

CALL TO WORSHIP “SURELY THE PRESENCE”
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel His mighty power and His grace_.
I can hear the brush of angels’ wings.
I see glory on each face.
Surely the pre - sence of the Lord is in this place.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, whose compassion endures forever.
- C** Amen.
- P** Let us confess our sin to God. Compassionate God,
- C** we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.
- P** Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love.
- C** Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"Morning Has Broken"

- 1 Morning has broken / like the first morning; /
blackbird has spoken / like the first bird.
*Praise for the singing! / Praise for the morning! /
Praise for them, / springing fresh from the Word!
- 3 Mine is the sunlight! / Mine is the morning, /
born of the one light / Eden saw play!
*Praise with elation, / praise ev'ry morning, /
God's recreation / of the new day!

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.

ANTHEM (*SOUTH CAMPUS ONLY*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray together.
- C** Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

KYRIE/ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
We exalt you, we adore you,
we lift_ high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you;
here on earth our songs we raise.

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LESSON OF THE DAY

Romans 8:1-11

The lesson begins:

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open_ now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us;
speak un - til our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear." "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

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SERMON

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SERMON RESPONSE

We will build our lives upon God's love.

It is a firm foundation and we will put our trust in Him

Alone and we will not be shaken_.

APOSTLES' CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C 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.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

P God our life, you give us the same Spirit by which you raised Christ from the dead. Because that Spirit lives in us, we have set our minds on what the Spirit desires. Please remind us that we have that Spirit whenever fear or condemnation overwhelms the world. Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer

- P** God our gardener, you scatter grace like seed across the world. Continue to cultivate the garden of your church with your abundant Spirit. Your bountiful creation reflects your commitment to life despite our actions disregarding its wonder. Lord in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer
- P** God our teacher, guide and provide for the staff and children of Hope's Vacation Bible School themed "Rainforest Falls." Open the hearts and minds of the children so they feel the love of your Son, Jesus, in their lives. Lord in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer
- P** God our host and table, we pray for children who hunger and rely on school meals, for all who toil under the hot sun without refreshment, for the chronically ill who have exhausted their resources, and for those who grieve (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer
- P** Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

THE OFFERING

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THE OFFERTORY "PRAISE TO YOU, O GOD OF MERCY"

Praise to you, O God of mercy; thanks be to you forever!

Raising high the weak and lowly; thanks be to you forever!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

- P** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

**Holy Holy Holy Holy, Lord, God of pow'r and might_,
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory,
Hosannah_ in the highest.
Bless'd is He who comes in Your name_,
Hosannah_ in the highest!**

- P** Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

P Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P As a community, let us pray in the way our Lord Jesus has taught us: *(SPOKEN)*

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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THE COMMUNION is given and received.

(w/ ANTHEM at CENTRAL or *OPTIONAL HYMN INCLUDED*)

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

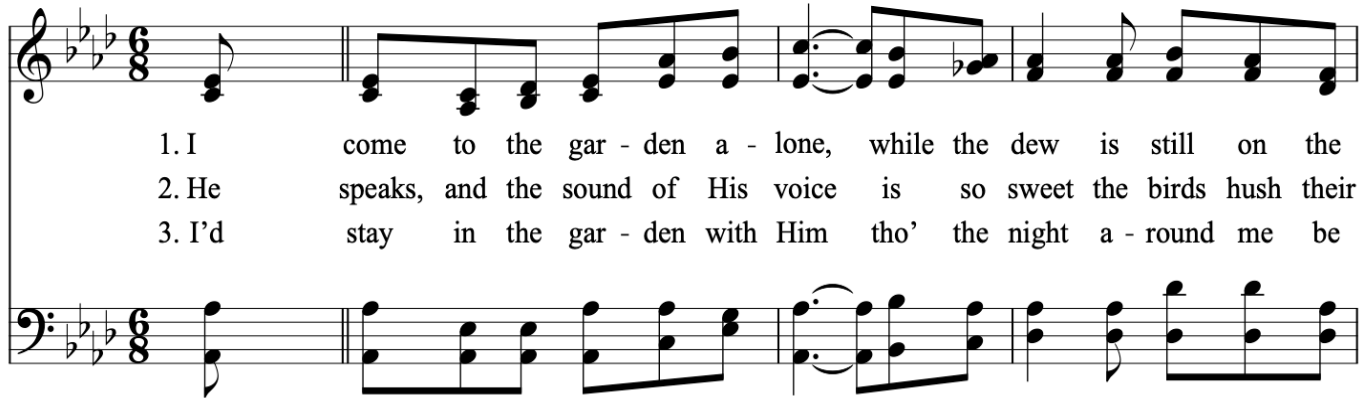
- 1** Amazing_ grace! / how sweet the sound /
that saved a_ wretch like me!
*I once_ was_ lost, / but now_ am_ found; /
was blind, but_ now I see.
- 3** Through many_ dangers, / toils, and snares /
I have al - ready come;
*'tis grace_ has_ brought me / safe_ thus_ far, /
and grace will_ lead me home.
- 4** The Lord has_ promised / good to me; /
his word my_ hope secures;
*he will_ my_ shield / and por - tion_ be /
as long as_ life endures.

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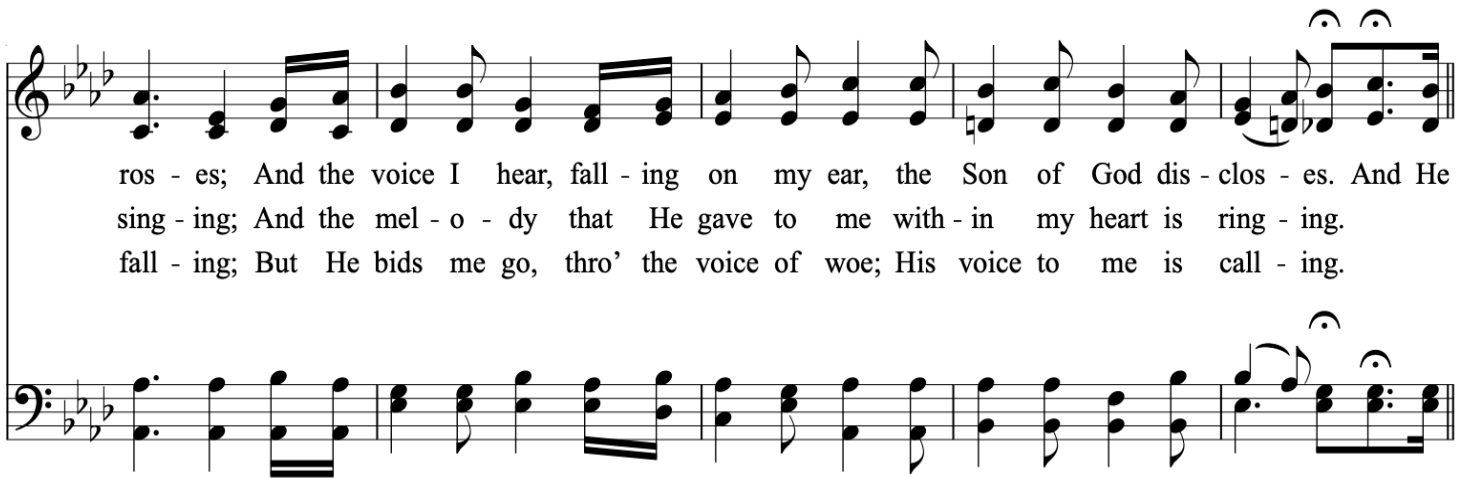
A Let us go forth in the name of the Lord,
G To know Christ, and to make Christ known.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

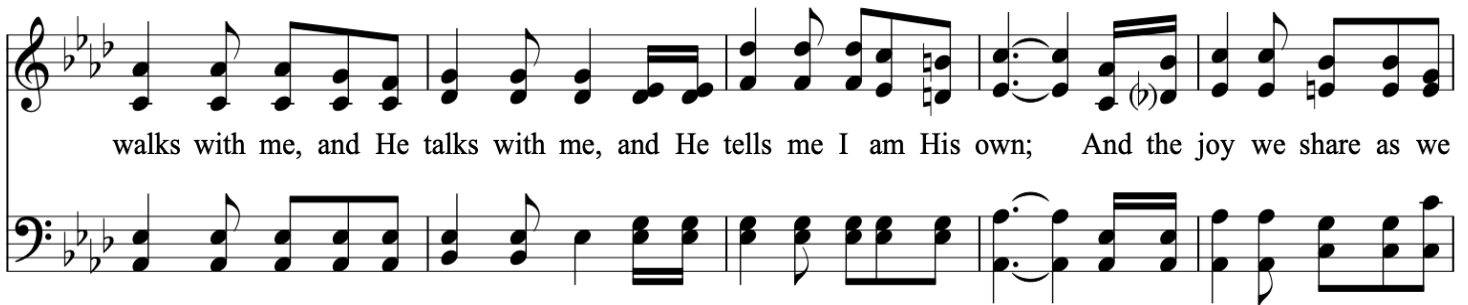
IN THE GARDEN



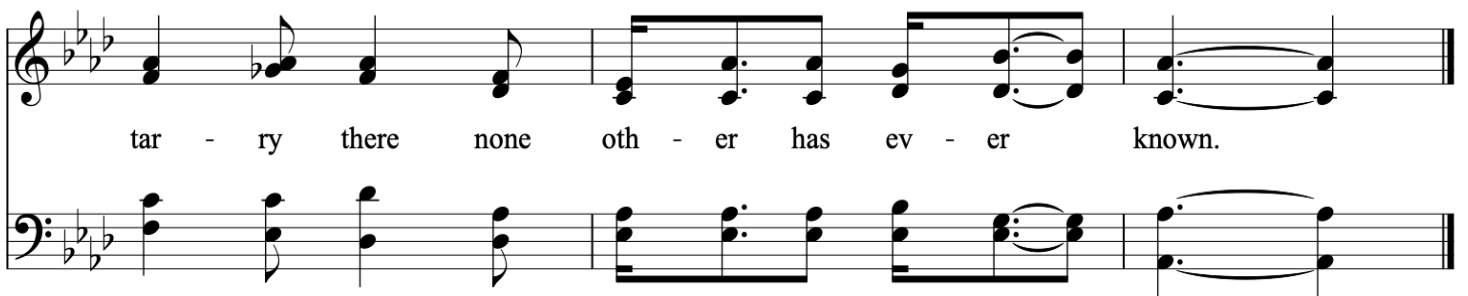
1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, while the dew is still on the
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so sweet the birds hush their
3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him tho' the night a - round me be



ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear, the Son of God dis - clos - es. And He
sing - ing; And the mel - o - dy that He gave to me with - in my heart is ring - ing.
fall - ing; But He bids me go, thro' the voice of woe; His voice to me is call - ing.



walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own; And the joy we share as we



tar - ry there none oth - er has ev - er known.