

8th Weekend after Pentecost
July 18-19, 2026
Holy Communion

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

PRELUDE (w/ *ANTHEM INCLUDED* CENTRAL SAT. & LW)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

(VBS VIDEO PLAYED HERE – ALL CAMPUSES)

(LW – JOHN SPEAKS, LEADS 1 LIVE SONG)

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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

"Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty"

1 "Come to me, / all pilgrims thir - sty; /
drink the water I will give.

*If you knew / what gift I of - fer, /
you would come to me and live."

Ref. Jesus, ever flowing fountain, /
give us water from_ your well. /
In the gracious gift you of - fer /
there is joy no tongue can tell.

2 "Come to me, / all trav'lers wear - y; /
come that I may give you rest.

*Drink the cup of life / I of - fer; /
at this table be my guest." (*Refrain*)

4 "Come to me, / repentant sin - ners; /
leave behind your guilt and shame.

*Come and know / divine compass - sion, /
turn to me, I call your name." (*Refrain*)

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 Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children
with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who
live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of
your Son, 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 8:12-25

The lesson begins:

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved.

But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

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 13:24-30, 36-43

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' "An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' "No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire,

so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C 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 source, protect your church from those who sow weeds among the wheat. Where we trade grace for judgment, restore us, and where we get lost among the complexities of life, guide us. Lord in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer
- P** God our creator, sustain creation in places not easily seen; the depths of oceans, microscopic plants and animals, galaxies beyond our own. May we share earth's dedication to hope for what we do not yet see. We yearn to live on your lands and waters with justice and in righteousness. Renew the hearts of all in authority, that our leaders guide wisely toward the flourishing of all. Lord in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer
- P** God our rock, be a source of constancy for those whose lives have been uprooted by war, eviction, global climate change, unemployment, harassment, false witness to their character, or illness, injury or grief...(*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer
- P** God our hope, the message of your salvation is planted among us in all times and places. We give you thanks for the witness of all the saints who shine like the sun in your presence. 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 your Son, 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.

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

☞ 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.

☞ 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/ 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

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,/
calling for you and for me./
See, on the portals/he's waiting and watching,/
watching for you and for me.

Ref. "Come home, come home_!/
You who are weary, come home_."/
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,/
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

3 Oh, for the wonderful love/he has promised,/
promised for you and for me!/
Though we have sinned,/he has mercy and pardon,/
pardon for you and for me. (*Refrain*)

DISMISSAL

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

Day by Day



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx-ious soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.