



GRACE LUTHERAN  
CHURCH • SCHOOL



## God's Character

May 31	God Is Our Creator
June 7	God Knows Everything
June 14	God Is Our Safe Place
June 21	God Is Love
June 28	God Is Forever

*Happy Father's Day*

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026 - 5:00 PM**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026 - 10:45 AM**

(The \* indicates when the congregation is to stand.)

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### \*INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: In this time of worship, let us humbly bow before our good and gracious God and confess our need for Him.

*(Please kneel or be seated for confession)*

Leader: O Good and gracious God,

People: **We confess that *without* You, we would be captive to sin and unable to free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, be good to us, and lead us to walk in Your ways. Amen.**

Leader: Friends in Christ, God is good all the time. In the goodness and mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake, God forgives you all of your sins. As a servant of the Word and by Christ's authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Let us arise and greet one another saying: "God is Good!"*

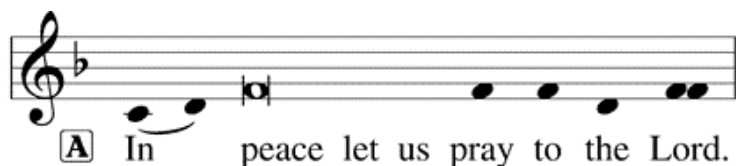
### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Hymn 700

*([10:45]Stand and face the cross as it enters the Sanctuary.)*

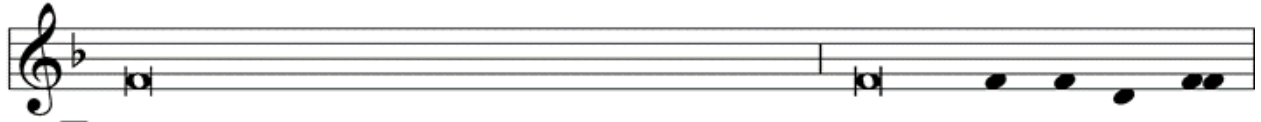
### \*KYRIE

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**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



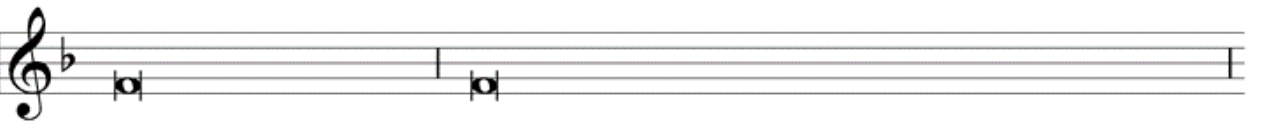
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



**C** 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.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** A - men.



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



**G** 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.

**\*SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE SEASON**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord, in Your Word You tell us that You are *“The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet You do not leave the guilty unpunished.”* (Ex. 34:6-7)

People: **We give thanks for showing Your love to us in Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Move in our hearts, that Christ’s compassion and grace would be displayed in our lives and shown in our character, for His Name’s sake. Amen.**

## THE VERSE OF THE DAY

*Psalm 136:1*

**Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever.**

## FIRST READING

*1 John 4:7-12*

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

*Ephesians 3:14-21*

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup>that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## \*THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:16

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ**

## [10:45] CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

### \*SERMON HYMN

“How Wide the Love of Christ”

Hymn 535

### THE SERMON

“God Is Love”

### \*STATEMENT OF FAITH AND CONFIDENCE

Pastor: God is our Creator.

People: **Praise the Lord, everything He has created, everything in all His kingdom.** (*Psalm 103:22*)

Pastor: God knows everything.

People: **“O Lord, You have examined my heart and know everything about me.”** (*Psalm 139:1*)

Pastor: God is our safe place.

People: **“Then I pray to You, O Lord, I say, ‘You are my place of refuge.’”** (*Psalm 142:5*)

Pastor: God is love.

People: **“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever.”** (*Psalm 136:1*)

Pastor: God is forever.

People: **“We can praise the Lord both now and forever! Praise the Lord!”** (*Psalm 115:18*)

### \*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

## \*PREFACE

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

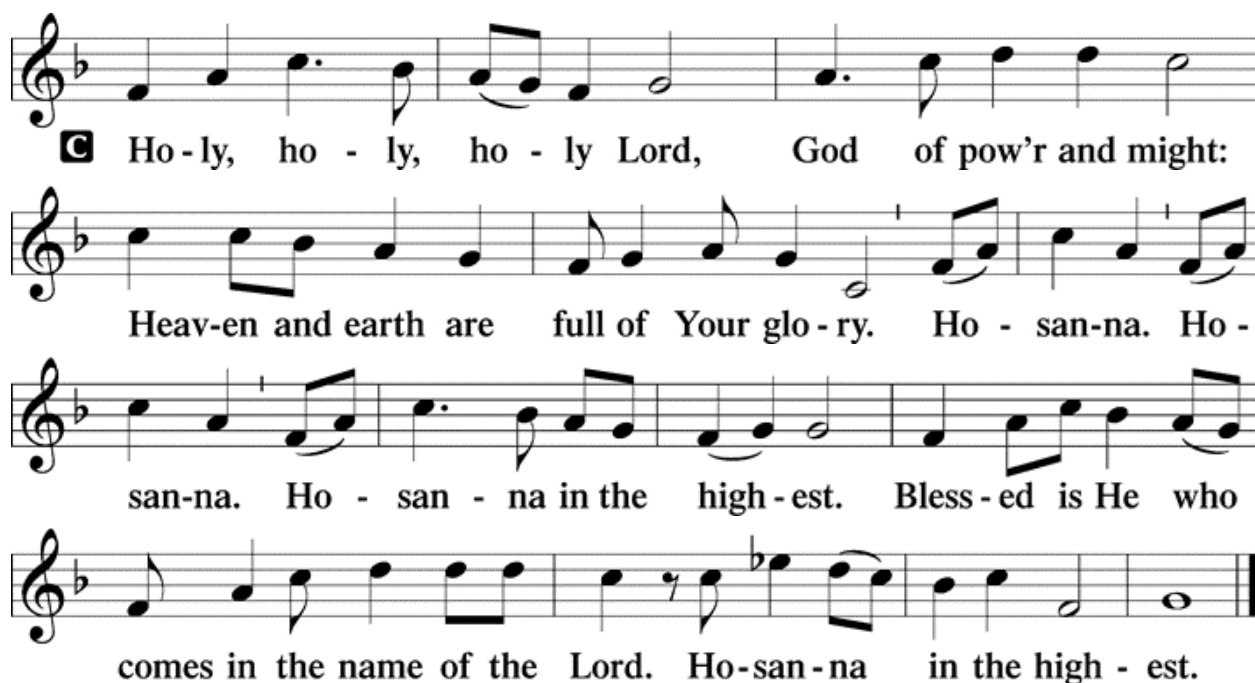
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

## \*SANCTUS

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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.

## \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### \*LORD'S PRAYER

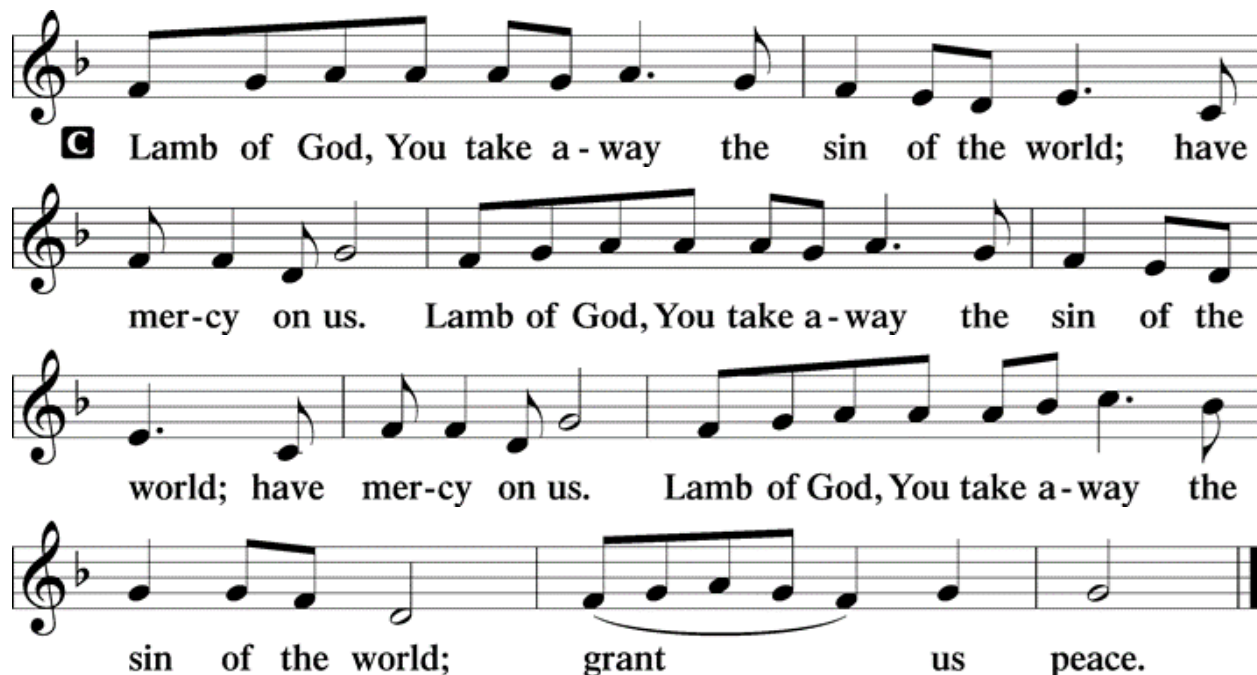
Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;

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.

## \*AGNUS DEI

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☐ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

### MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

#### “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”



- 1 How deep the Fa - ther’s love for us, How vast be - yond all meas - ure;
- 2 Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, My sin up - on His shoul - ders;
- 3 I will not boast in an - y - thing: No gifts, no pow’r, no wis - dom;



That He should give His on - ly Son To make a wretch His treas - ure.  
A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice Call out a - mong the scof - fers.  
But I will boast in Je - sus Christ; His death and res - ur - rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear - ing loss; The Fa - ther turns His face a - way  
It was my sin that held Him there Un - til it was ac - com - plished.  
Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer.



As wounds which mar the Cho - sen One Bring man - y un - to glo - ry.  
His dy - ing breath has brought me life; I know that it is fin - ished.  
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

“God Loved the World So That He Gave”

*Hymn 571*

### **\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

### **\*PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS AND CONSECRATION FOR THE LORD’S WORK**

### **\*FATHER’S DAY BLESSING**

Pastor: To all fathers, receive these words of blessing. May God your Heavenly Father, who thought of and created families, bless you and strengthen you, to love and lead the family He has entrusted to your care. May you be a blessing to your family and may your role as father also be a blessing to you. In the name of God’s Son, your Savior, Jesus Christ.

Fathers: **Amen!**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor: To all the people of God, receive these words of blessings. The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **Amen!**

### **\*SENDING HYMN**

“Lift High the Cross” (vv. 1, 4-6)

*Hymn 837*

### **DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

### **POSTLUDE**

## WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

### **SATURDAY, 5:00 PM**

Preacher  
Organist  
Communion Deacons  
Lector  
Usher/Greeter Team

The Rev. Charles T. Reich  
Thomas Schulteis  
Jackie Stine, Roger Walker  
Roger Walker  
Chuck & Carol Smith

### **SUNDAY, 10:45 AM**

Preacher  
Celebrant/Liturgist  
Organist  
Sound Technician  
Elder on Duty  
Communion Deacons

Lectors  
Crucifer  
Acolytes  
Greeters  
Ushers

The Rev. Charles T. Reich  
The Rev. Steven M. Braun  
Thomas Schulteis  
Mark Bryan  
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