

JULY 6, 2025 ~ 10:00 A.M. SERVICE

*Indicates we will rise on body or spirit



Prelude

Diane Ritzema

Welcome

Call to Worship:

As we come into this time of worship, let us praise the holy name of our Almighty God.

ALL: We come with reverence and awe into his presence.

As we pray, confess, and praise, may we glorify our God together.

ALL: Let us glorify God in all we do and say.

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***Songs of Praise: God Himself is With Us**

God himself is with us; let us now adore him,
And with awe appear before him.

God is in his temple; all within keep silence,
Prostrate lie with deepest reverence.

Him alone do we own
As our God and Savior;
Praise his name forever.

God himself is with us; hear the harps resounding!

See the crowds the throne surrounding!

“Holy, holy, holy,” hear the hymn ascending,
Angels, saints, their voices blending!

Bow your ear to us here;
Hear, O Christ, the praises
That your church now raises.

Fount of every blessing, purify my spirit,
Trusting only in your merit.

Like the holy angels who behold your glory,
May I ceaselessly adore you,
And in all, great and small,
Seek to do most nearly
What you love so dearly.

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Your Name

As morning dawns and evening fades,
You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch your heart
And glorify your name.

Your name is a strong and mighty tower;
Your name is a shelter like no other.
Your name, let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save but your name.

Jesus in your name we pray,
Come and fill our hearts today.
Lord, give us strength to live for you
And glorify your name.

Your name is a strong and mighty tower;
Your name is a shelter like no other.
Your name, let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save

But Your name is a strong and mighty tower;
Your name is a shelter like no other.
Your name, let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save but your name.

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God's Greeting / Mutual Greetings

Prayer of Confession:

Lord our God, we come before you today in reverence, recognizing that we have not treated you or your holy name with the reverence you deserve and command. We have taken you lightly by misusing your name and by silently standing by when others do so. Forgive us, Lord. Do not hold your anger against us, but in your grace remember Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord and Savior, who has paid for our sins by his death on the cross. You alone are holy, O God. Give us the strength not only to remember this but to enact it every day, Holy Spirit, that we may glorify you alone in everything we say and do. Amen.

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Assurance of Forgiveness: John 3:16-17

ALL:

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

God's Will for Our Lives:

As we are to walk humbly with our God in lives of gratitude, let us hear again his Word: God commands us to serve him alone as God, to serve him according to his Word, to speak of him only with deep respect and love, to attend faithfully the assembly of God's people on the day of rest, and every day to let the Lord work in us through his Spirit;

to respect and cooperate with all God-given authority, to live purely and joyfully, to nurture human life as God's precious gift, to use the resources of this earth as stewards of God's creation, to use the gift of speech for promoting the truth in love, and to exercise purity of heart in all of life.

ALL: May the Spirit of God guide us to be obedient to this Word. Amen!

The Greatest Commandment

Love the Lord your God
With all your heart and soul and mind
And love your neighbor as yourself

Love the Lord your God
With all your heart and soul and mind
And love your neighbor as yourself

Let us be known, let us be known
By the way we love

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Prayer for our Church:

ALL:

Lord God, You call us to be people of truth. Help us to speak with honesty and integrity in all we say. Let our words reflect Your

character – pure, trustworthy, and faithful. Teach us to speak with humility, and to let our “yes” be yes and our “no” be no. May our words always bring You glory. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Prayers of the People: Diane Ritzema

Song of Preparation: Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;
They resound with God’s own heart,
O let the ancient words impart;
Words of life, words of hope,
give us strength, help us cope;
In this world where’er we roam,
ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words, ever true,
changing me, and changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice;
O heed the faithful words of Christ;
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;
They resound with God’s own heart;
O let the ancient words impart.

Ancient words, ever true,
changing me, and changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.
O let the ancient words impart.

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Scripture: Matthew 5:33-37

Message: You Shall Not Misuse the Name of the Lord

***Song of Response: In the Presence**

(parents may pick up children from Children's Worship)

In the presence of a holy God
There's new meaning now to grace;
You took all my sins upon yourself,
I can only stand amazed.

And I cry holy, holy, holy God,
How awesome is your name.
Holy, holy, holy God,
How majestic is your reign;
And I am changed in the presence of a holy God.

In the presence of your infinite might,
I'm so small and frail and weak;
When I see your pow'r and wisdom, Lord,
I have no words left to speak.

And I cry holy, holy, holy God,
How awesome is your name.
Holy, holy, holy God,
How majestic is your reign;
And I am changed in the presence of a holy God.

In the presence of your glory
All my crowns lie in the dust,
You are righteous in Your judgments Lord,
You are faithful, true and just,

And I cry holy, holy, holy God,
How awesome is your name.
Holy, holy, holy God,
How majestic is your reign;
And I am changed in the presence of a holy God.

Lord's Supper

Hear the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ: The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord until he comes.

With thanksgiving, let us offer God our grateful praise.

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Creator God, You formed us in our mother's wombs to serve and enjoy you all our days. You gather us together in this sanctuary as a covenant people set apart.

We have fallen short of your expectations in creation. Through our sin, we have become distant from you. Not being content with this separation, we thank you for sending the Son of God down from heaven. Taking on flesh, Jesus became like us. Christ Jesus, you humbled yourself and took on flesh. Through this physical body, you defeated death and redeemed us from sin and evil. Powerful Savior, now you are at the right hand of the Father a resurrected body ascended into heaven where you intercede for us.

Our resurrected Savior, as we gather around this table feed us by your flesh spiritually. We pray, by the power of you Holy Spirit, that you take us up to the Father's presence. We pray through this prayer and the Holy Spirit's work, that our hearts and minds would be renewed to seek the things of heaven. We pray all these things in the name of our bodily ascended Savior, Christ Jesus. Amen

Apostles Creed

As we draw near to the table of our Lord, let us confess our Christian faith:

ALL:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried;**

He descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty.**

From there 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.

(Please walk forward single file to receive the Lord's Supper.

Take bread and a cup and bring them back to your seat.

We will partake together.

***If you are unable to walk to the table, please signal the server,
the bread and cup will be served to you.)***

The body of Christ, given for you.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

To Jesus Christ, who loves us

ALL: and freed us from our sins by his blood

and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father,

ALL: to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

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Songs of Praise: Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow; blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
When I walk through the wilderness; blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be; blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering; blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away

You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

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***Blessing**

***Doxology: Bless His Holy Name**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
Bless His holy name.
He has done great things, he has done great things,
He has done great things: bless His holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
Bless His holy name.

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Postlude