

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 5, 2026

PRELUDE

Rob Aaron

“Come to believe, Come to belong, Come to receive, the promise of God”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

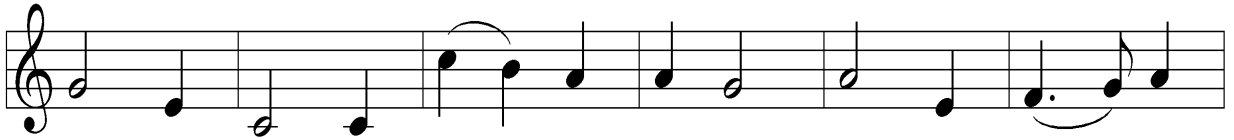
(Silence for self-reflection)

Most merciful God,...We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot 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, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. *Amen.*

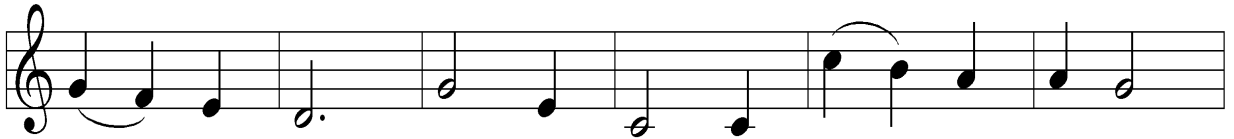
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen*

GATHERING SONG

"God is Here"



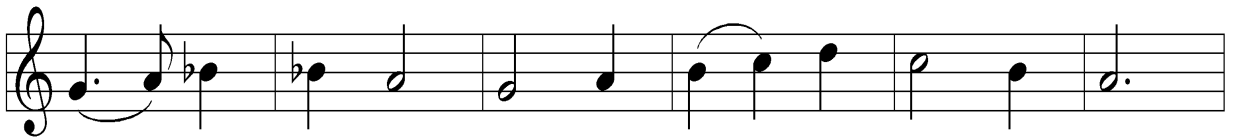
1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us, as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE ELEISON (*Lord, have mercy*)

The musical score is written for two parts: Leader and Assembly. It is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. For the reign of God, and for mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord. For your Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your".

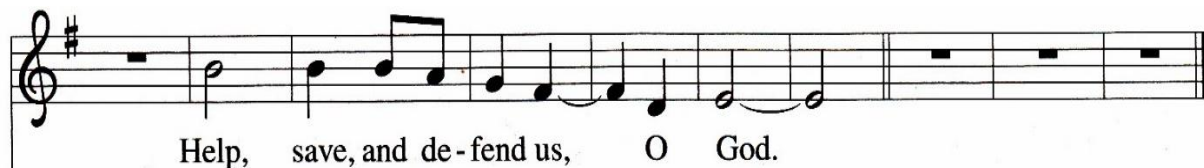
Leader
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
Lord.
For your
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

Assembly
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
Lord.
For your
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

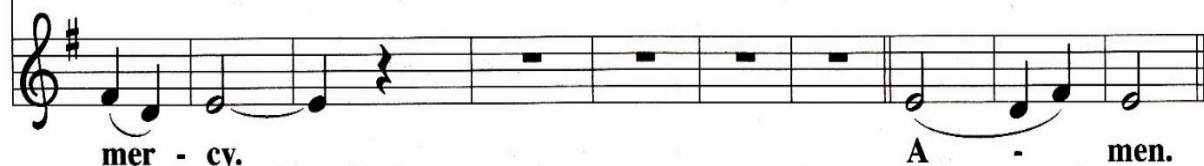


word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have



Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.



mer - cy.

A - men.



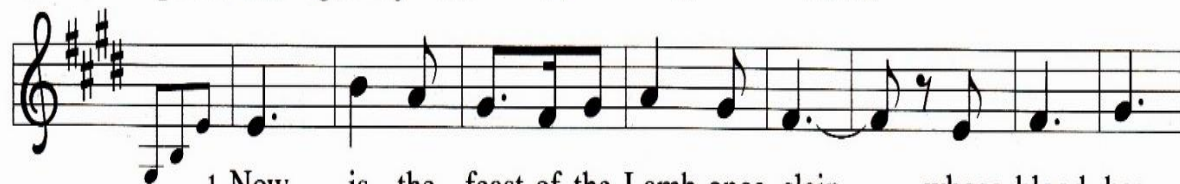
Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together,

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a

donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 145:8-14

⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!

¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,

¹² to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.

SECOND READING

Romans 7:15-25

¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the

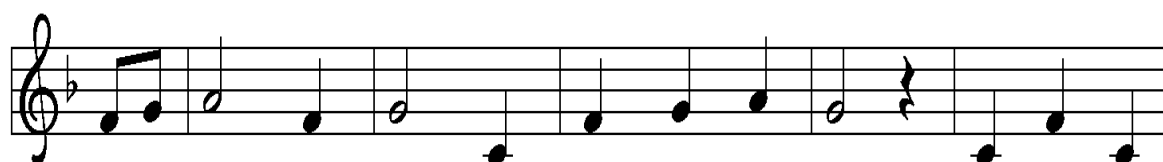
desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

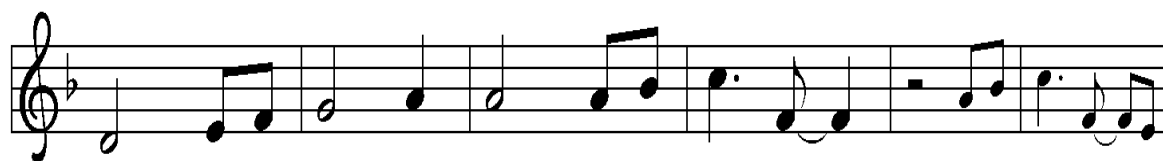
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord!

¹⁶“But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, ¹⁷“‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’ ¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON

Pastor Gary Heltsley

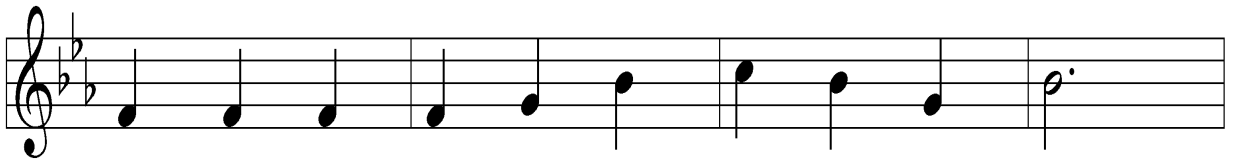


HYMN OF THE DAY

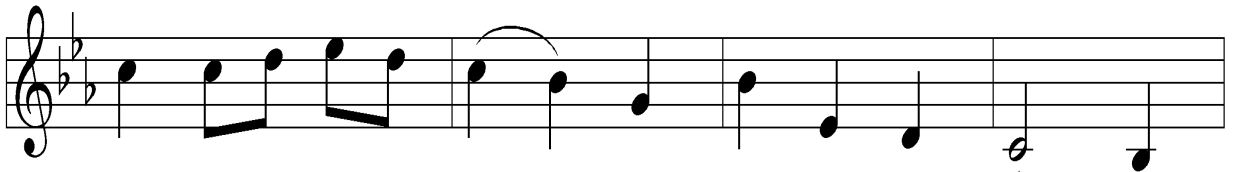
“Be Thou My Vision”



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,
 thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

APOSTLES' CREED

**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 Christian church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P) Let us lift our hearts, hands, and voices in prayer to God on behalf of all people.

A brief silence is kept.

Dear Father, thank you for Jesus, our Lord and friend. Thank you for refreshment for our souls, and peace for our hearts; for the nourishment of our minds, and rest for our bodies. Thank you for the countless blessings we so often take for granted.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Grant that your Church should always be as gentle and lowly of heart as its Savior. Use us to draw people who are burdened by sin, suffering, and sorrow, to the One who will give them rest. Let the Church's mission – faith toward you and fervent love toward others – be a light and joyous burden to bear.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Thank you for this church family. Help us to see others through Jesus' eyes. Some are carrying heavy burdens, known only to them and to you. Ease their load. Help us to refresh their spirits. Shape all we say and do, so that many find forgiveness, hope, and renewed joy in loving and serving you.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for our nation. Bless us with freedom, justice, peace, and opportunity. Give wisdom, integrity, and competence to our leaders in government. Grant to them, and their counterparts in other countries, the desire to seek your will, and the strength to do it.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Grant the people of every nation favorable weather, peaceful times, and respite from the burdens of sickness, poverty, and violence. Teach us all to eagerly seek and share your mercy, guidance, and blessings.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Give rest and healing to everyone weighed down by sorrow or suffering, especially those we name aloud or silently in our hearts (*allow time for silent or spoken prayers*). Ease the load of care and worry that their loved ones shoulder. Give to us all the joy of your saving help.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Thank you, dear Father, for our departed loved ones. Until we are reunited with them and with your children of every time and place, bless us with your steadfast mercy and loving-kindness. Strengthen us to help each other bear the burdens of life. Then, lead us into the eternal rest and unending joy which you have promised to everyone redeemed by the work of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

P) Hear our prayers, dear Father, for the sake of your beloved Son, and answer them with what is best for us and what will give you glory. *Amen.*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING



OFFERTORY *Doxology*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together...Loving God, we give you thanks for the generous gifts you have first given us. May that which we offer to you, come joyfully from our hearts and be pleasing in your sight. *Amen.*



DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right.....and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

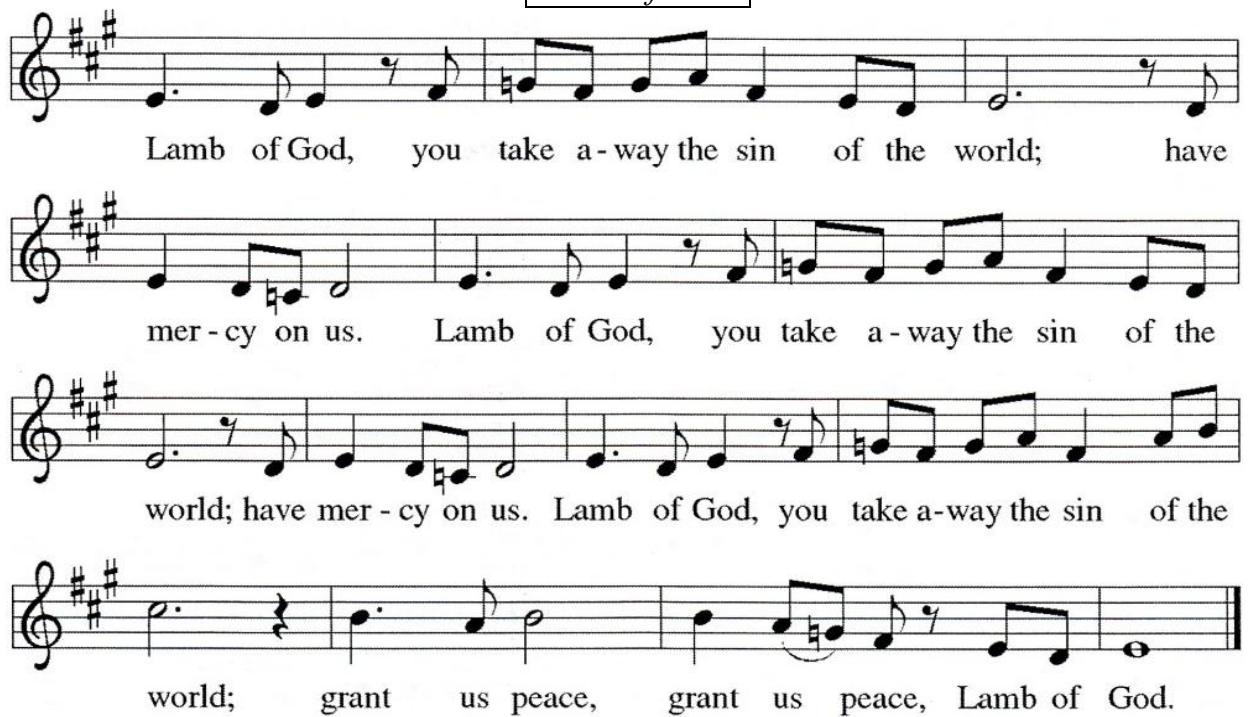


THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Sung)*

*Our Father, which 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 debts, as we
 forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
 from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 forever. Amen*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION – We believe and teach that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine/juice, which are his body and blood. All who trust in Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table (*the red liquid is wine; the white liquid is grape juice*).

"Lamb of God"



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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

"As the Deer"

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longs after You
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You

Refrain

*You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You*

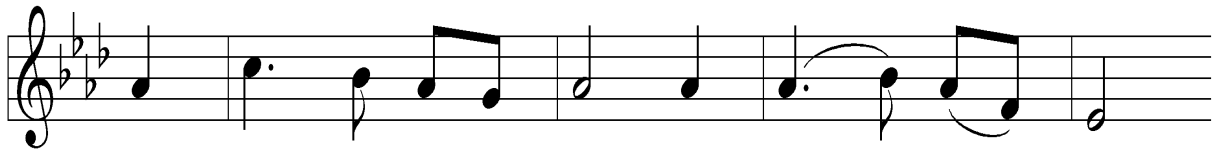
I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye

Refrain

You're my friend and You are my brother
 Even though you are a King
 I love You more than any other
 So much more than anything

Refrain

"I Need Thee Every Hour"



1 I need thee ev - 'ry hour, most gra - cious Lord;
 2 I need thee ev - 'ry hour, stay thou near by;
 3 I need thee ev - 'ry hour, in joy or pain;
 4 I need thee ev - 'ry hour, teach me thy will;
 5 I need thee ev - 'ry hour, most Ho - ly One,

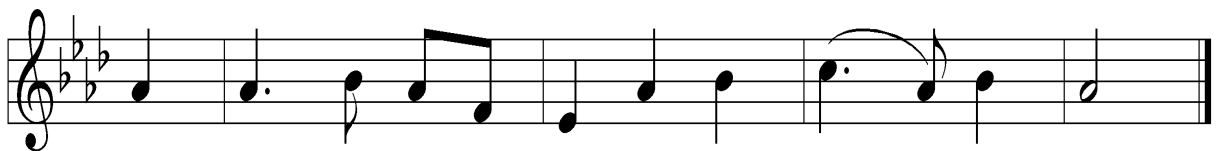


no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.
 temp - ta - tions lose their pow'r when thou art nigh.
 come quick - ly and a - bide, or life is vain.
 and thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.
 oh, make me thine in - deed, thou bless - ed Son.

Refrain



I need thee, oh, I need thee, ev - 'ry hour I need thee;



oh, bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to thee.

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" (2x)

Lord, I lift your name on high, Lord, I love to sing your
prais - es. I'm so glad you're in my life,
I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heav - en to earth
to show the way, from the earth to the cross,
my debt to pay; from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

"Open the Eyes of My Heart" (by Paul Baloche)

Open the eyes of my heart Lord - Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you - I want to see you (repeat)

To see you high and lifted up - Shinin' in the light of Your glory
Pour out your power and love - As we sing holy, holy, holy

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord - Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You - I want to see You

To see you high and lifted up - Shinin' in the light of your glory
Pour out your power and love - As we sing holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy – *We cry* holy, holy, holy
You are holy, holy, holy - I want to see you (repeat)

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord - Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You - I want to see You

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you,
and keep you in His grace. *Amen.*

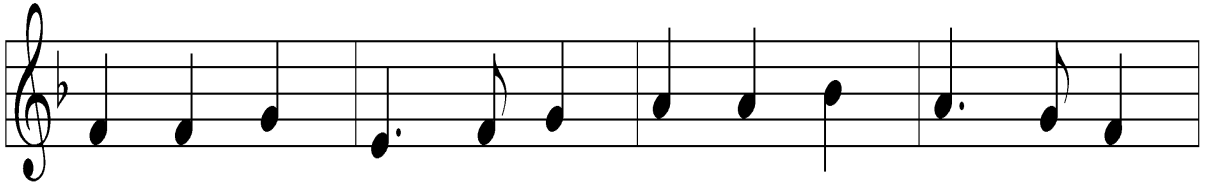
Let us pray together...**We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you, and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen***

BLESSING

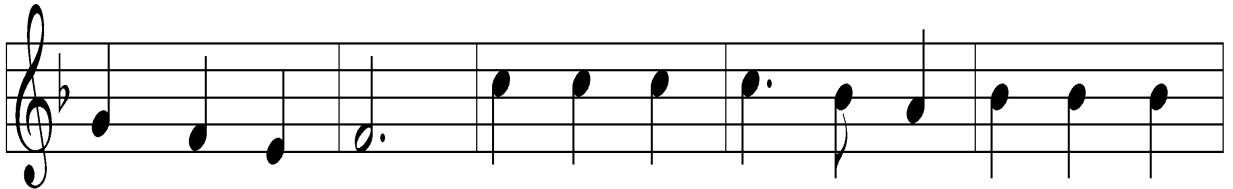


SENDING SONG

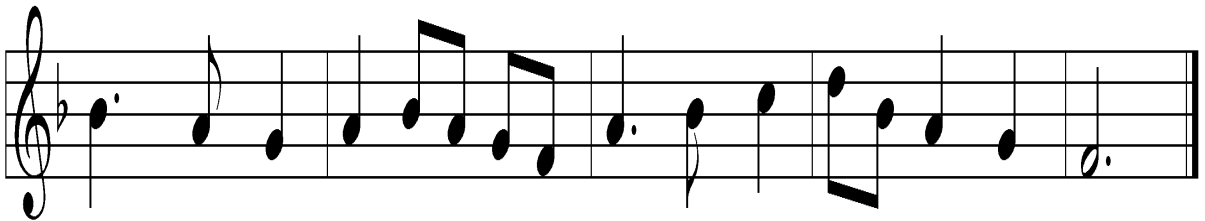
“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”



- 1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of lib - er - ty,
- 2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the no - ble free,
- 3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees
- 4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of lib - er - ty,



of thee I sing: land where my fa - thers died, land of the
thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and
sweet free-dom's song; let mor - tal tongues a - wake; let all that
to thee we sing: long may our land be bright with free-dom's



pil - grims' pride, from ev - 'ry moun-tain-side let free-dom ring.
tem - pled hills; my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.
breathe par - take; let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.
ho - ly light. Pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our king.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Rob Aaron – piano ~ Pr. Gary Heltsley – presiding

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeters: Renee Hanson & Cathy Moen

Ushers: Jim & Arlene Burton

Reader: Jerry Jensen

Sacristans: Diane Heltsley & Shelley Marion

Communion Assistants: Ronda Jensen & Cathy Moen

Barista: Michael Wright **Close Up:** Ronda Jensen

Altar Flowers: Barb Smith

Last Week's Attendance: 101 **Last Week's Offering:** \$3,356.00

Quarterly Budget: \$67,371.00

2nd Quarter Actual Offering: \$74,449.91

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to North Bay Lutheran Community Church We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us this week! We take time to appreciate and celebrate our independence and freedom as a Nation. If you are a visitor, please feel free to fill out an attendance card located in the slot in front of you and drop it in the offering plate. We also invite you to stay for fellowship following our service.

We are glad that you're here!

Fellowship Time Today – Birthday cake provided by NBLCC

Next Sunday, July 12th - Baked Potato Bar (sign up to bring baked potatoes and/or potato toppings).

Dementia Support Group will meet on **Wed., July 8th at 10:00 am.** For more information, please contact Patty Rogers or call the church office.

Soup Supper & Holden Evening Prayer Service - It seems a shame to restrict the beautiful Holden Evening Prayer service to only the Lenten Season. So, with that in mind, we will take a break from Movie Night on **Wednesday, July 8th** and have a Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall at **6:00 pm**, followed by a Holden Evening Prayer Service at **7:00 pm**.

Lap Quilts - All of you who may be interested in making lap quilts to distribute to people in hospitals and/or nursing homes please join us on **Thursday, July 9th & 23rd at 10:00 am**. You don't need to know how to sew or quilt; we need folks to cut fabric, arrange squares, or sew. This is a time of fellowship, and all are welcome. For more information, please contact Dixie Carver or Rosemary Wheaton or call the church office.

Men's Bible Study will meet on **Sat., July 11th at 8:00 am** as we continue our study of the book of Exodus.

Gary Lorenz Memorial will be held this **Saturday, July 11th at 2:00 pm**.

Pastor Gary will be in the office Tues. through Thurs. from 9:30 am until noon.

Office Hours this week are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm – Monday through Thursday.

Prayers – Please email or call the church with your prayer requests, or if you need pastoral care.

READINGS FOR JULY 12, 2026

Isaiah 55:10-13 ~ Psalm 65: 9-13 ~ Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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