

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026

9:00 a.m.

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Announcements, Silent Meditation, Personal Confession, Prelude

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

“Melville Service”

OPENING PRAYER

P. Let us pray

Father in Heaven, we thank You for gathering us together today. Fill our hearts with Your Spirit, so that we may come to You with one mind and one purpose: to hear Your word. Open us to Your correction, encourage us with Your love, and strengthen us for Your service, whatever Your will might be. Bless our time together, Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Before You, Lord, We Bow”

ELW #893 (Attached)

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

P. Let us pray

Lord, we confess our sin. You have promised to provide for all of our needs, and yet we mistrust your promise. We know the futility of our own ambitions and our inability to do that which we desire. Today we recognize the sin within us, and ask that You forgive us. Lord, in Your mercy, give us daily bread, not only for our bodies – but as food for our spirits. Forgive our sin and cleanse us so that we are pleasing in Your sight and minister in Your service.

We Hear the Good News:

Our God is a great God. He provides for all our needs. He gives us daily bread and meets every spiritual need. Our sin no longer controls us. Our response to His love is the focus for our lives. The death of His Son, Jesus Christ, has paid the cost of our sin and has set us free to live in victory. We are forgiven. We are sons and daughters of the King. We are ministers to each other. Praise God for his daily provision of our every need. Amen!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from

the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be To God

PSALM 145:1-7

¹ I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

² **Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.**

³ Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

⁴ **One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.**

⁵ They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

⁶ **They tell of the power of your awesome works—and I will proclaim your great deeds.**

⁷ They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 7:14-24

¹⁴ We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. ¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. ²¹ So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be To God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 11
Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. ²⁷ "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

The Gospel of our Lord
Praise to you O Christ

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"How to Find What You've Been Looking For All Along!"

Pr. John Bent

HYMN OF THE DAY

"I Surrender All"

(Attached)

v. 1-4

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God, who created all things and continues to create new life within us.

I believe in Jesus – Son of God – Son of Man – The Savior of the World. By His life, His death, and His resurrection I can know the true depth of human possibility and experience the true joy of a meaningful life.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is present – now and always – calling us to faith, giving us His gifts and empowering us for service.

I believe that the community of believers called the Church can experience the fullness of life through the Word, the Sacraments and all that we do. Amen.

***THE PRAYERS....let us pray**

P. Lord in your mercy

C. Hear Our Prayer

***PEACE**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

**We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift may be
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
And gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.**

*COMMUNION LITURGY (we prepare our hearts and minds for Holy Communion)

*THE INVITATION

P. Welcome to the celebration! God who supplies our every need has given us this meal to share.

C. **Lord, we thank You for the bread of eternal life.**

P. We come to the table, acknowledging our shortcomings and our need to experience His presence in bread and wine.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE 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.**

*THE DISTRIBUTION

*All who believe in the words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" are welcome to come to the Lord's table.
Grape juice is on outside rim of serving tray. All bread is gluten free.*

*THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

**O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your
Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for
the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*THE BENEDICTION

*“May The Lord Mighty God”
(tune of Edelweiss)*

*May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and keep you forever.
Grant you Peace, perfect Peace, Courage in every endeavor*

*Lift up your eyes and see His face, And His Grace forever.
May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep you forever.*

***CLOSING HYMN**

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

ELW #888 (Attached)

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

WE GO AND WORK IN THE LORD’S KINGDOM

Ministers: All who believe

Pastor: Andrew Young

Piano:	Jinx Sorensen
Flowers:	Lori Lanzendorf
Greeters:	Zach Rogers-Sherman/Dave & Jeanette Hughes
Reader:	Dave Hughes
Refreshments:	Lance & Melissa Sorensen
Council:	Debbie Porter/Jinx Sorensen/Nick Sorensen/Fred Haas
Altar Guild:	Kris Bell/Sandy Speerstra/Karlene Swenson

Prayers for Healing and Hope

For the Streich family.....Vickie has been transferred to a rehab facility in Townsend. Visitors welcome!

From Annie K.: Prayers for her parents....for her stepdad who fell and is now paralyzed from the waist down, and for her Mom who is now the caretaker. Please pray for strength and healing.

Becky Murray's brother Rick will be undergoing a procedure very soon to alleviate some of the pain he has been experiencing in his spine. He's very grateful for all the prayers from Peace!

Mary Gregory, cousin of Becky Murray and Jinx Sorensen.....diagnosed with lung cancer & has started chemo treatments.

Jen Andres continues with cancer treatment. Pray for strength for her whole family!

Prayers for Diane Oddy's sister-in-law, LuAnn, as she has been moved to a long term care facility. Her ALS is quickly advancing.

Dee Feddes's friend Megan continues her battle with ALS.

Kane Tandy – ongoing medical issues.

Jodi Robbins has started a new treatment plan, due to the recurrence of her cancer.

Diane Oddy health issues.

Erin Waynes parents Bob & Judy Ficke, cancer treatment. Prayers for their medical team and recovery.

Dwain and Olive Lavinder, dealing with cancer.

Carl Watts, friend of the Young family....wife Jane in a care facility because of advanced Parkinson's.

Yoki Johnson, friend of Larry & Char Somers, metastatic breast cancer.

Prayers of Thanks and Praise

Katie Sorensen continues to heal. They are getting close to home! Thanks Be to God!! Praying for safe travels!

Prayers for Blessings and Encouragement

Christ's Gift Academy in Mbita, Kenya