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## July 5, 2026 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Service of the Word

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### Welcome

**Gathering Song** “*Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*” (ELW 557) vs 1,4,5

### Greeting

### Prayer of the Day

### Children’s Time

**First Reading** Zechariah 9:9-11

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup> He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

**Psalm 145:8-14** read responsively

<sup>8</sup> The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup> **Lord, you are good to all,  
and your compassion is over all your works.**

<sup>10</sup> All your works shall praise you, O Lord,  
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup> **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power,**

<sup>12</sup> that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup> **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures  
throughout all ages.**

**You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

<sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**Second Reading** Romans 7:15-25a

<sup>15</sup> I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

**Gospel Verse** - Now the Feast and Celebration Liturgy

**Gospel** Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup> "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup> 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' <sup>18</sup> "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; <sup>19</sup> the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a

glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”<sup>20</sup> Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent.<sup>21</sup> “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.<sup>22</sup> But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you.<sup>23</sup> And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. “For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.<sup>24</sup> But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.”<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants;<sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.<sup>27</sup> All 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.<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.<sup>29</sup> 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.<sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**Video Sermon** – Rev. Matthew Senf, Assistant to the Bishop,  
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**Song of the Day** ‘*We Walk by Faith*’ (ELW 635) vs 1,3,5

**Inclusive Creed**

**We believe in God, source of all life, source of all love.**

**Creation within our past and our future.**

**Mother and Father of all that’s to be.**

**We believe in God. Christ of our history.**

**Link with eternity. One with our humanness.**

**Revealing our hopefulness.**

**Traveler before us, the sign of the way.**

**We believe in God, spirit of newness, spirit of power  
wisdom and wonder, mystery and miracle.**

**God moves in freedom, transforming the earth.**

**We believe in the Church, born of our struggles.**

**Open to changes, centered in loving, and moving and growing.**

**Heart of the community turned to the world. Amen**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*In our prayers: Gertie B, Carl C, Tom d, Susan K, Cody M, Brendan S, Pr. Erin T, Shirley E, Faye P, Pr. Rod A, Carola U, Darlene & Randy F, Anna E, Pathma D, Brenda K, and those we hold dear in our hearts.*

## **Peace**

## **Offertory**

*“As the Grains of Wheat’* Now the Feast and Celebration Liturgy **refrain only**

## **Offering Prayer**

## **Alternate Lord’s Prayer**

**Loving God, through the Spirit’s revelation,  
may Your true nature be honored everywhere.**

**May Your reign of love come.**

**May desire of Your heart for the world be done,  
in us, by us and through us in the power of the Spirit.**

**Give us the bread we need for each day.**

**Forgive us.**

**Enable us to forgive others.**

**Keep us from all anxiety and fear.**

**For You reign in the power  
that comes from love which is Your glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

## **Community Life**

**Sending Song ‘Day by Day’ (ELW 790) vs 1, 3**

## **Dismissal**

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