

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
July 5, 2026

**Opening Hymn #306**

***Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast Prepared***

1. Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast prepared

A feast for our salvation,

It is Thy body and Thy blood;

And at Thy invitation

As weary souls, with sin opprest,

We come to Thee for needed rest,

For comfort and for pardon.

5. Though reason cannot understand,

Yet faith this truth embraces;

Thy body, Lord, is everywhere

At once in many places.

How this can be I leave to Thee,

Thy word alone sufficeth me,

I trust its truth unfailing.

6. Lord, I believe what Thou hast said,

Help me when doubts assail me;

Remember that I am but dust

And let my faith not fail me.

Thy Supper in this vale of tears

Refreshes me and stills my fears

And is my priceless treasure.

7. Grant that we worthily receive  
Thy Supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving o'er our sins,  
May prove by our behavior  
That we are thankful for Thy grace  
And day by day may run our race,  
In holiness increasing.

8. For Thy consoling Supper, Lord,  
Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in every place  
The world against it rages.  
Grant that this Sacrament may be  
A blessed comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.

### **Invocation**

*P: We worship today in the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C ♪: Amen.**

### **Confession & Absolution**

*P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and  
confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the  
name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

*P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.*

**C ♪: Who made heaven and earth.**

*P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.*

**C ♪: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sins.**

**P & C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorrow for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

**C ♪: Amen.**

### **Gloria Patri**

**C ♪Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### **The Kyrie**

**C ♪Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis – (Hymn #238 v.1)**

All glory be to God alone,  
Forevermore the Highest One,  
Who doth our sinful race befriend,  
And grace and peace to us extend.  
Among mankind may His good will  
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

### **The Salutation**

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C ♪: And with thy spirit.**

### **The Collect for the Day**

*P: Let us pray..... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C ♪: Amen.**

### **The First Reading – Zechariah 9:9-12**

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice 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. <sup>10</sup>I 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. <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 of the Day – Psalm 146**

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*Antiphon – I will praise Your name forever, My King and my God.*

<sup>1</sup>I will extol you, my | God and King,\*

**and bless your name forever and | ever.**

<sup>2</sup>Every day I will | bless you\*

**and praise your name forever and | ever.**

<sup>3</sup>Great is the Lord, and greatly | to be praised,\*

**and his greatness is un- | searchable.**

<sup>4</sup>One generation shall commend your works to an- | other,\*

**and shall declare your | mighty acts.**

<sup>5</sup>On the glorious splendor of your | majesty,\*

**and on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.**

<sup>6</sup>They shall speak of the might of your | awesome deeds,\*  
**and I will declare your | greatness.**

<sup>7</sup>They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant | goodness\*  
**and shall sing aloud of your | righteousness.**

<sup>8</sup>The Lord is gracious and | merciful,\*  
**slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

<sup>9</sup>The Lord is | good to all,\*  
**and his mercy is over all that | he has made.**

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall give thanks to you, | O Lord,\*  
**and all your saints shall | bless you!**

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

<sup>12</sup>to make known to the children of man your | mighty deeds,\*  
**and the glorious splendor of your | kingdom.**

<sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting | kingdom,\*  
**and your dominion endures throughout all gener- |  
ations.**

The Lord is faithful in | all his words\*  
**and kind in | all his works.**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all who are | falling\*  
**and raises up all who are | bowed down.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

*Antiphon – I will praise Your name forever, My King and my  
God.*

### **The Second Reading – Romans 7:14-25a**

<sup>14</sup>We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold  
under sin. <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 with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup>So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <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 right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

### **Verse of the Day – Matthew 11:28**

Alleluia. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Alleluia.

### **The Gospel Reading – Matthew 11:25-30**

<sup>25</sup>At 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; <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 who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will

find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**Confession of Faith**  
***The Nicene Creed***

***P & C:*** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day #277**  
***I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say***

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,

"Come unto Me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down,  
Thy head upon My breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
Weary and worn and sad;  
I found in Him a resting-place,  
And He has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one,  
Stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that life-giving stream.  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in Him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's Light.  
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise  
And all thy day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In Him my Star, my Sun;  
And in that Light of Life I'll walk  
Till traveling days are done.

**Sermon Text – Matthew 11:25-30**

**Sermon**

***Jesus Christ, Our Savior, Is Our True Peace  
and Sabbath Rest***

**Offertory**

***C ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.***

## **Offering of Thankful Hearts**

### **Prayer of the Church**

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: Almighty God, You ensure that the birds are fed and the lilies clothed in splendor. Deliver us from worry with the consolation that You know what we need, and that, for Jesus' sake, You have already taken care of our greatest need.

**1. I lay my sins on Jesus,  
The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us  
From the accursed load. ...**

P: We give thanks to You, O Lord, for all the saints who, by Your grace, sought Your kingdom and righteousness above all other treasures. We pray that You would preserve us also in repentance and Christ's righteousness until we stand before You in glory.

**I bring my guilt to Jesus  
To wash my crimson stains  
Clean in His blood most precious  
Till not a spot remains.**

P: Heavenly Father, fill our homes with Your Word and grace. Be the companion of those who are alone. Strengthen husbands and wives. Bless parents as they catechize their

children. Let them all find refuge in You and so preserve them from every plague and evil.

**2. I lay my wants on Jesus;  
All fulness dwells in Him;  
He heals all my diseases;  
My soul He does redeem. ...**

P: Lord God, be with all who are weary and heavy-laden with the tribulations of this life. Give comfort to [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all who suffer illness. Console them with the knowledge that Your yoke is easy and Your burden light, and that in You they will find rest for their souls.

**I lay my griefs on Jesus,  
My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases;  
He all my sorrows shares.**

P: Lord God of Israel, You release Your people from the waterless pit by the blood of Your covenant. Bless all who receive Christ's body and blood with penitent hearts, trusting in Your promises and a common confession of faith.

**3. I rest my soul on Jesus,  
This weary soul of mine;  
His right hand me embraces;  
I on His breast recline. ...**

P: Ruler of the nations, our hearts overflow with thankfulness for the freedoms with which You have blessed our nation. We recognize that every liberty we cherish, every right we hold dear, comes from Your gracious hand. Help us never to take these blessings for granted. As we celebrate with fireworks and festivities, remind us that the ultimate freedom was purchased by the blood of Your Son. Until You at last cut off

the war horse and the chariot forever, give our nation's leaders wisdom and integrity to preserve peace, promote what is good, and defend against violence and wickedness; that the Church may in peace proclaim your steadfast love.

**I love the name of Jesus,  
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes  
His name abroad is poured.**

P: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **The Communion Liturgy**

*P: The Lord be with you:*

**C ♪: And with Thy Spirit.**

*P: Lift up your hearts:*

**C ♪: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God:*

**C ♪: It is meet and right so to do.**

*P: It is truly, meet, right and salutary...Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:*

### **The Sanctus**

**C ♪: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;**

**Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in  
the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*P: 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;*

**C ♪: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Words of Institution**

*P: The peace of the Lord be with you alway!*

**C ♪: Amen.**

### **The Agnus Dei**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Grant us Thy peace. A-men.**

### **The Distribution**

### **The Nunc Dimittis**

**C ♪: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, According to Thy word. For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles And the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.**

### **The Thanksgiving**

*P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good:*

**C ♪: And His mercy endureth forever.**

## **The Benediction**

*P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.*

**C ♪: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn #577**

### ***God Bless Our Native Land***

1. God bless our native land!  
Firm may she ever stand  
Thro' storm and night!  
When the wild tempests rave,  
Ruler of wind and wave  
Do Thou our country save  
By Thy great might.

2. For her our prayer shall rise  
To God above the skies;  
On Him we wait.  
Thou who art ever nigh,  
Guarding with watchful eye,  
To Thee aloud we cry,  
God save the State! Amen.

## **Silent Prayer**

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