



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 5, 2026

[P]=Pastor [A]=Assistant [R]=Reader *=Stand if you are able

PRELUDE

OPENING

*** BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

[P] In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and, of the Holy Spirit

[C] **Amen**

[P] 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.

[C] **Amen**

[P] 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.

[P] Most merciful God.

[C] **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.**

[P] Almighty God, in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*** SHARING THE PEACE:**

[Pastor] The peace of the Lord be with you always.

[Congregation] **And also with you.**

*** OPENING HYMN – What A Friend We Have In Jesus**

***GREETING OF PEACE**

[P] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

[C] **And also with you.**

***KYRIE**

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.

Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.

[P] Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

HYMN OF PRAISE: This Is The Feast- *From the Liturgy of Joy – Rev. Dr. James Capers

[Congregation] ***Refrain: This is the feast of vict'ry for our God. Alleluia, alleluia.***

This is the feast of vict'ry for our God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his. *Refrain*

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain*

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, alleluia. *Refrain*praised.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

[A] The Lord be with you.

[C] **And also with you.**

[A] Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.

[C] **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 READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from

the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

[R]: The Word of the Lord

[C] **Thanks Be to God**

PSALMODY: Choir

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ 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 that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. 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 what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ 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. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks Be to God**

***ALLELUIA VERSE: HALLELUJAH**

[C] **Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah
Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah. (Repeat)**

❖ GOSPEL

[P] **The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

[C] **Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!**

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶ “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ ¹⁸ ‘For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ 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.” ²⁵ 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; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ 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. ²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, 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.”

[P] The Gospel of the Lord

**[C] Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!
Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

THE SERMON HYMN – Shine On Me

*** THE APOSTLES CREED**

[P] Let us join together and confess our faith using the words of the Apostles Creed.

[Congregation] I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

He descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

*** PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH [Assisting Minister].**

OFFERING

[A] Please take this time to prepare your tithes and offerings. Those worshiping on site should bring your offering forward during communion and place it in the offering plate at the front of the sanctuary. Those worshipping off-site should mail their offering or visit the congregation’s website (abiding-savior-lutheran.org) to give online.

ANTHEM: Choir

*** OFFERTORY:**

[C] God Has Smiled On Me -God has smiled on me. He has set me free. God has smiled on me. He’s been good to me. *(Repeat)*

*** OFFERING PRAYER**

[A] Let us pray.

[C] Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

[P] May God be with you!

[C] **And also with you.**

[P] Lift up your hearts.

[C] **We lift them to the Lord.**

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[C] **It is right to give God thanks and praise**

[P] It is indeed ...

Holy, holy, holy Lord , God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

[P] In the night in which he was betrayed.....

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

[P] Joining with all those who, in every time and place, have turned to you, we pray as Christ himself taught us:

[C] **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. Amen

[P] Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:

COMMUNION

Lamb Of God

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace. Grant us
peace.

HYMN: Come To Jesus

[P] Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

Thankful hearts and voices raise; Tell everyone what God has done. Lett all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name. Send us with your promises, O God and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. *(Repeat)*

SENDING

PRAYER

[A] Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

[C] **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

[P] Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always

[C] **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: Glory Glory Hallelujah

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-There will be a music recital at Abiding Savior on Saturday, July 18th at 1:00 pm. It will feature piano students of our own musician, Dr. Michael Trinastic. All are invited.

-Abiding Savior is invited to participate in a Potluck Dinner and documentary viewing at St. Titus Episcopal Church on July 19, 2026. The documentary highlights the remarkable life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray, a pioneering civil rights activist, attorney, scholar, poet, and Episcopal priest.

MISSION: We are Gathered and Sent to Proclaim, Serve and Share the Love of Jesus

DISMISSAL

[P] Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

[C] **Thanks be to God.**