

## Early Service Order of Worship

### Divine Service Setting Four

**As We Gather** God's Word accomplishes miraculous change. God declares that the barren womb of Sarah shall be great with child. Jesus, inseparably the Word of God, declares those once alienated to be holy and blameless. The counsels of God, once couched in mystery, now declare the glory, wisdom, and hope of Jesus. Where the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, we should be still, listen, and believe God's life-changing Word.

#### Prelude

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

William Bates  
(b. 1943)

#### Confession and Absolution

*Please stand as you are able*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

#### Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20] LSB 203*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

#### Opening Sentences

*Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b*

**P** How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,

**C who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.**

**P** Their voice has gone out to all the earth,

**C and their words to the ends of the world.**

#### Opening Hymn

*Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

*LSB 904*

#### Exhortation

*Psalms 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13 LSB 203*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, keep a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in

the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Please kneel as you are able*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### **Confession of Sins**

*LSB 203*

**P** Together we confess:

**C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

### **Absolution**

*[John 20:19–23] LSB 203*

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able*

## **Service of the Word**

### **Introit**

*Psalm 119:57–60, 64; antiphon: v. 105*

**P** Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**C The Lord is my portion; I promise to keep your words.**

**P** I entreat your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise.

**C When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to your testimonies; I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments.**

**P** The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes!

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

## Kyrie

Mark 10:47 LSB 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated*

## Old Testament

*Genesis 18:1–14*

**A** The Old Testament Lesson for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost is from Genesis, chapter eighteen.

<sup>1</sup> The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup>and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup>while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup>And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." <sup>10</sup>The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Psalmody**

*Psalm 27:7-14*

**P** Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

**C** You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, LORD, do I seek.”

**P** Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

**C** For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.

**P** Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

**C** Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

**P** I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

**C** Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## **Epistle**

*Colossians 1:21–29*

**A** The Epistle is from Colossians, chapter one.

<sup>21</sup>You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup>if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

<sup>24</sup>Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, <sup>25</sup>of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup>Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching

everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup>For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able*

### Alleluia and Verse

*John 20:31 LSB 205*



### Holy Gospel

*Luke 10:38-42*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup>but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Please be seated*

### **Children's Message**

*Please stand as you are able*

### **Hymn of the Day**

*Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus*

*LSB 685*

*Please be seated*

### **Sermon**

*Silence for reflection*

*Please stand as you are able*

### **Nicene Creed**

**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 Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in 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.**

*Please be seated*

## **Prayer of the Church**

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

*After each petition:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy.

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Offering**

*During this time, please fill out and pass the blue Friendship Register. Please indicate if you plan to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion and whether you are a member or visitor. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join the family of believers here at Christ the Redeemer.*

## **Voluntary**

*Lord of All Hopefulness*

Steven Wentle  
(b. 1952)

*Please stand as you are able*

## **Offertory Hymn**

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

*LSB 781*

## **Service of the Sacrament**

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession that we receive not just bread and wine but the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which we eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Our Lord invites to His table those who have faith in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to love and forgive as He loves and forgives us.*

*Holy Communion also signifies a unity of faith and belief with those who gather at this altar. Baptized Christians who share the confession of the Lutheran church are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you are unsure what you believe or have questions, we invite you to speak with the Elder on duty or the Pastor before the service. Grape juice is available in the center circle of the individual cup trays.*



## Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136 LSB 208

**P** The Lord 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 Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 LSB 208



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 209

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

**C Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13 LSB 209

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 and ever. Amen.**

## The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24 LSB 209

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

John 20:19 LSB 209

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

John 1:29 LSB 210

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Please be seated*

## Voluntary

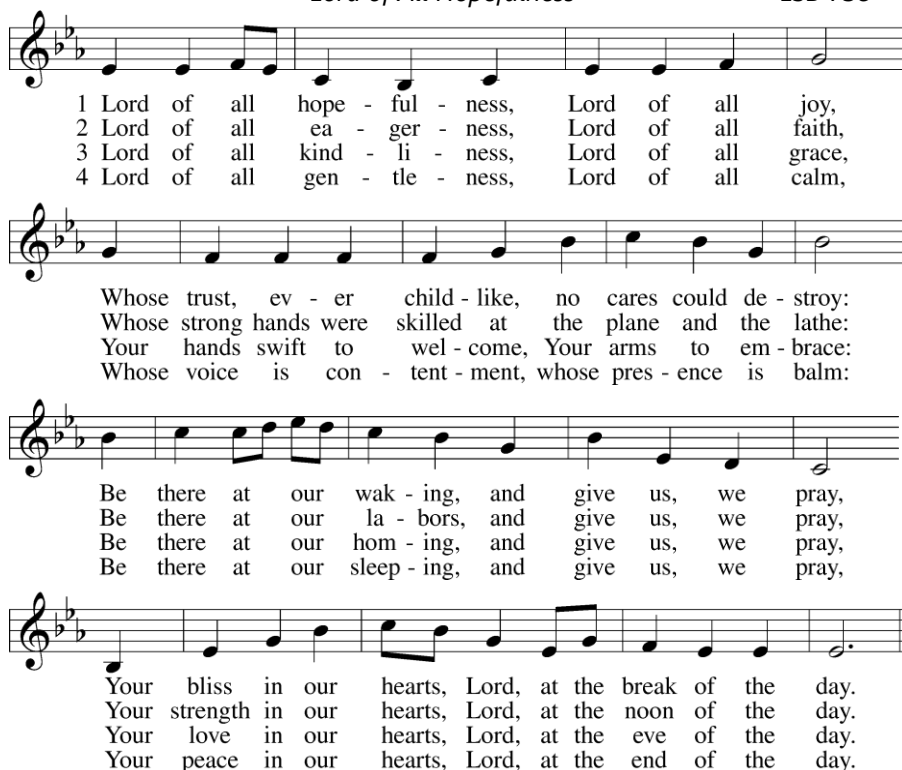
*A Blessing*

Florence Moody Robertson

## Distribution Hymns

### Lord of All Hopefulness

LSB 738



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
 Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
 Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:  
 Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:

Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
 Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

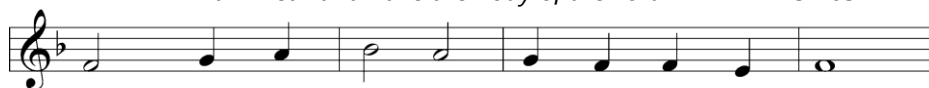
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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*Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*

LSB 637



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;  
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;  
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,  
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,  
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.  
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.  
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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*Please stand as you are able*

**P** Now may this body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

**C Amen.**

# Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32 LSB 211



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**Benedicamus and Benediction** *Psalm 103:1, Numbers 6:23-27 LSB 212*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

*How Firm a Foundation*

*LSB 728*

**Announcements**

**P** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*How Firm a Foundation*

J. Wayne Kerr  
(b. 1958)

**Acknowledgments**

Preacher & Liturgist: Rev. Scott Burmeister

Guest Organist/Pianist: Daphnee Brian

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## **Music Notes for July 20, 2025 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Thank you to CTR member Daphnee Brian for serving as guest musician this Sunday!

The Prelude for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost is a lyrical and expressive setting of the Offertory Hymn, “We Give Thee but Thine Own” (LSB 781), by American organist William H. Bates (b. 1943). Dr. Bates, longtime Professor of Organ and Music History at the University of South Carolina, holds degrees in organ and church music from Howard Payne University and the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University.

The Voluntary is a flowing, gentle arrangement of the Distribution Hymn, “Lord of All Hopefulness” (LSB 738) by American composer and organist Steven Wentz (b. 1952). Dr. Wentz is Distinguished Professor of Music Emeritus at Concordia University Chicago and serves as Cantor at First Saint Paul’s Lutheran Church in Chicago.

The Communion Voluntary is *A Blessing*, a reflective composition by Florence Moody Robertson.

The Postlude is a setting of the Closing Hymn, “How Firm a Foundation” (LSB 728) by J. Wayne Kerr (b. 1958). Rev. Kerr, a Lutheran pastor who has composed extensively for handbells, organ, and choir, served the Church as an educator, pastor, and church musician for over forty years.