

**The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
July 5, 2026
Heritage Lutheran Church
Apple Valley, MN
9:00 a.m.**



The Order of Service: Rite 1 with Communion ELH page 41

1. Welcome

2. Opening Prayer

Pastor O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

3. Opening Hymn #602 "God Bless Our Native Land"

Sing stanza 1 in harmony as you are comfortable. Sing stanza 2 in unison.

1 God bless our native land!
Firm may she ever stand
Through 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!

4. Confession of Sins

Pastor Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins:

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit, increase in us a true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

5. The Kyrie Eleison

♪ **Congregation** O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. O God, the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.

6. The Absolution

Pastor Lift up your hearts unto God! Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.

7. The Gloria in Excelsis Deo (*Glory to God in the highest*) page 44

Pastor Glory be to God in the highest

♪ **Congregation** And on earth peace, good will toward men. All glory be to God on high Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended; God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall dwell on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

8. The Salutation

Pastor The Lord be with you.

♪ **Congregation** And with your spirit.

9. The Collect

Pastor Let us pray: O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward You, that we may love You above all things, and lead us, by faith, to Your eternal promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

10. The Lesson – Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵ Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷ Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

11. Psalm 119:153-160 (*read responsively by whole verse*)

¹⁵³ Look on my affliction and deliver me, for I do not forget your law.

¹⁵⁴ Plead my cause and redeem me; give me life according to your promise!

¹⁵⁵ Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek your statutes.

¹⁵⁶ Great is your mercy, O LORD; give me life according to your rules.

¹⁵⁷ Many are my persecutors and my adversaries, but I do not swerve from your testimonies.

¹⁵⁸ I look at the faithless with disgust, because they do not keep your commands.

¹⁵⁹ Consider how I love your precepts! Give me life, O LORD, according to your steadfast love.

¹⁶⁰ The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.

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, forevermore. Amen.

12. The Epistle – Romans 6:1b-11

^{1b} Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

13. The Holy Gospel – Matthew 10:34-42

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶ And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ⁴⁰ “Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹ The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴² And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

Pastor This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

♪ **Congregation** God be praised for His glad tidings.

14. The Nicene Creed

Congregation 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 is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall 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 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.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

15. Chief Hymn CW (1993) #517 “Almighty Father, Strong to Save”

See Text and Music after Announcements.

Sing stanzas 1-3 in harmony as you are comfortable. Sing stanza 4 in unison.

16. Sermon “You’ve Got A Great Future!” Romans 8:15b-17 EHV

^{15b} But you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we call out, “Abba, Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself joins our spirit in testifying that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, we are also heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, since we suffer with him, so that we may also be glorified with him.

17. The Prayers and The Apostolic Benediction

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

18. The Offering

The Service Of Holy Communion

Heritage Lutheran Church practices Close Communion. We ask that only members of the ELS and WELS partake of the Lord's Supper today. Visitors, please speak with Pastor Anderson about receiving the Sacrament in the future.

19. The Preface (Introduction to the Holy Communion)

Pastor The Lord be with you.

♪ **Congregation** And with your spirit.

Pastor Lift up your hearts unto the Lord.

♪ **Congregation** We lift up our hearts unto the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

♪ **Congregation** It is good and right so to do.

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

20. The Sanctus (Latin, "Holy")

♪ **Congregation** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

21. The Lord's Prayer (*sung by all*)

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.

22. The Words of Institution

Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "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, gave thanks, and 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 and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

23. The Agnus Dei (Latin, "Lamb of God")

♪ **Congregation** O Christ the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

24. The Distribution

25. Hymn of Thanksgiving CW #775 "Before You, Lord, We Bow"

See Text and Music after Announcements.

Sing stanzas 1,2 and 4 in harmony as you are comfortable. Sing stanzas 3 and 5 in unison.

26. The Collect

Pastor We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

27. The Benediction

Pastor 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.

♪ **Congregation** Amen, Amen, Amen.

28. Closing Hymn “God of Our Fathers”

See Text and Music after Announcements.

29. The Closing Prayer

Pastor O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

Announcements

Worship Times – Sundays at 9:00 a.m. & Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

VBS – Vacation Bible School will be the week of July 27 – 30. Volunteers are needed to help with teaching, games, crafts, snacks, music, etc. Please see Laura Mears if you are interested in volunteering.

Women’s Bible Study – The Monday night Women’s Bible Class will resume in the fall.

Men’s Bible Study – Men’s Bible study will resume in the fall.

Meditations – The meditations are available on the welcome stand.

Fellowship - Volunteers are always needed to provide fellowship food every Sunday. Please sign up on the volunteer board.

Spring/Summer Clean Up – Please see the volunteer board for opportunities to help around the church grounds. There are indoor and outdoor projects. Please take a look and see if there are any projects that you would like to help with.

Summer Choir – Summer Choir meets in the sanctuary on Sundays after fellowship time. Join us – even if you can’t be here every week. High schoolers welcome!

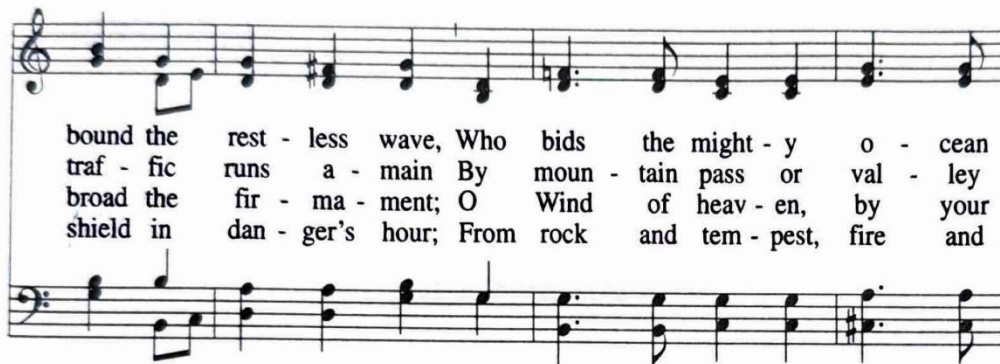
Special Parking Lot Fundraiser – The Voters approved a project to refurbish the parking lot later this summer. The cost is \$65,000 for a mill and overlay of the entire lot. If you would like to contribute to this project, please specify your donation is for the parking lot project.

Almighty Father, Strong to Save

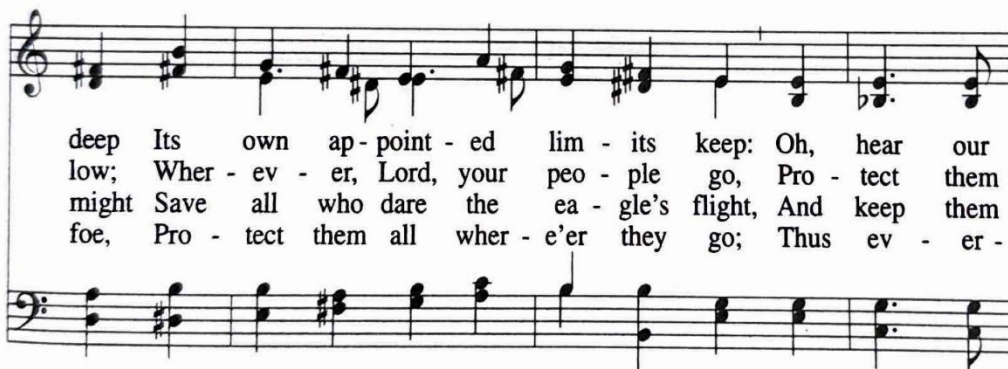
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1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm has
 2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain O'er which our
 3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent To spread a -
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Your peo - ple



bound the rest - less wave, Who bids the might - y o - cean
 traf - fic runs a - main By moun - tain pass or val - ley
 broad the fir - ma - ment; O Wind of heav - en, by your
 shield in dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and



deep Its own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: Oh, hear our
 low; Wher - ev - er, Lord, your peo - ple go, Pro - tect them
 might Save all who dare the ea - gle's flight, And keep them
 foe, Pro - tect them all wher - e'er they go; Thus ev - er -



earn - est, hum - ble plea For those in per - il on the sea.
 by your guard - ing hand From ev - 'ry per - il on the land.
 by your watch - ful care From ev - 'ry per - il in the air.
 more to you shall be Glad praise from air and land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825-78, st. 1, 4, alt.; Robert N. Spencer, 1877-1961, st. 2-3, alt.
 Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823-76

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Before You, Lord, We Bow

1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and
 2 The na - tion you have blessed may well your love de - clare, from
 3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine
 4 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice, your great Re - deem - er own; be -
 5 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may our na - tive land from

rules the world be - low in bound - less pow'r and love. Our thanks we
 foes and fears at rest, pro - tect - ed by your care. For this bright
 in your Word's pure light and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry
 lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship him a - lone. Cast down your
 all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less

bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise to you, our King!
 day, for this fair land—gifts of your hand—our thanks we pay.
 tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song.
 pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.
 throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high King, sal - va - tion's song!

God of Our Fathers

NATIONAL HYMN

George W. Warren, 1828-1902

Accompaniment by Janet Linker

First system of musical notation. The treble clef staff contains a series of chords, with a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) in the first measure and another triplet in the fifth measure. The bass clef staff contains a single eighth note (G3) in the first measure, followed by a half note (F3) in the second measure, and then rests. A large number '3' is centered in the third measure of the bass staff. To the right of the system, the numbers 1., 2., and 3. are listed vertically.

Second system of musical notation, starting at measure 9. The treble clef staff contains a series of chords, with a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) in the fifth measure. The bass clef staff contains a series of chords, with a half note (F3) in the fifth measure. The lyrics are: "God of our fa - thers, whose al-might-y hand Leads forth in beau - ty
Thy love di - vine hath led us in the past, In this free land by
From war's a - larms, from dead-ly pes - ti - lence, Be Thy strong arm our

Third system of musical notation, starting at measure 15. The treble clef staff contains a series of chords, with a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) in the second measure. The bass clef staff contains a series of chords. The lyrics are: "all the star-ry band Of shin - ing worlds in splen-dorthrough the
Thee our lot is cast; Be Thou our Rul - er, Guard-ian, Guide, and
ev - er - sure de - fense; Thy true re li - gion in our hearts in -

Fourth system of musical notation, starting at measure 20. The treble clef staff contains a series of chords, with a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) in the first measure. The bass clef staff contains a series of chords. The lyrics are: "skies, Our grate - ful songs be - fore Thy throne a - rise.
Stay, Thy Word our Law, Thy paths our cho-sen
- crease, Thy boun-teous good - ness nour-ish us in

26 **2.** way. **3.** peace.

31 **rit.** 4. Re - fresh Thy peo - ple on their toil - some way,

37 Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day; Fill all our lives with

43 love and grace di - vine, And glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er Thine!

Before

After

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You should also unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus with the whole Christian Church have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father grant you His grace; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



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