

June 7, 2026 +Second Sunday After Pentecost

We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit so all may know God's love.

The Akathist of Thanksgiving

The Akathist of Thanksgiving comes from the Orthodox tradition. Written in 1934, the title from the final words, "Glory to God for all things" uttered by St. John Chrysostom as he died in exile (CE 407).

O Lord, how lovely it is to be your guest. Breeze full of scents — mountains reaching to the skies — waters like a boundless mirror, reflecting the sun's golden rays and the scudding clouds. All nature murmurs mysteriously, breathing depths of tenderness. Birds and beasts bear the imprint of your love.

How pleasant is our stay with you on earth: It is a joy to be your guest.

*Glory to you for the feast-day of life,
Glory to you for the perfume of lilies and roses,
Glory to you for each taste of berry and fruit,
Glory to you for the sparkling silver of early morning dew,
Glory to you for each smiling, peaceful awakening,
Glory to you for eternal life in us, a messenger of heaven,
Glory to you, O God, from age to age.*

Opening Hymn "Praise to the Lord, The Almighty"

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?

3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do If with his love he befriend you.

4. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly foreverer adore him!

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Thanks be to God. And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

O God, **you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading – Hosea 5:15 – 6:6

God desires steadfast love

The offering of justice, kindness, humility

Response: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50:7-15

Call upon me in the day of trouble, says your God.

"Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.

I will not accept a calf from your stalls, nor goats from your pens;

for all the wild animals of the forest are mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the fields are mine.

If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.

Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats? Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.

Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

Gospel – Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Christ heals a woman and raises a synagogue leader's daughter

Before: The holy Gospel according to . . . **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After: The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Message

Pastor Liz Rossing

Hymn of the Day "Just As I Am, without One Plea"

1. Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3. Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come

4. Just as I am; thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 People

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Offering & Giving Prayer

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.

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

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

Lord's Prayer

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

Communion Hymn "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, Lamb of God.

Prayer after Communion

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. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold us today and always. Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Spirit of God, Descent Upon my Heart"

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart, and make me love you as I ought to love.

2. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay, no angel visitant, no opening skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.

3. Have you not bid me love you, God and King; all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind? I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling. Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!

4. Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame; the baptism of the heav'n descended dave, my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.