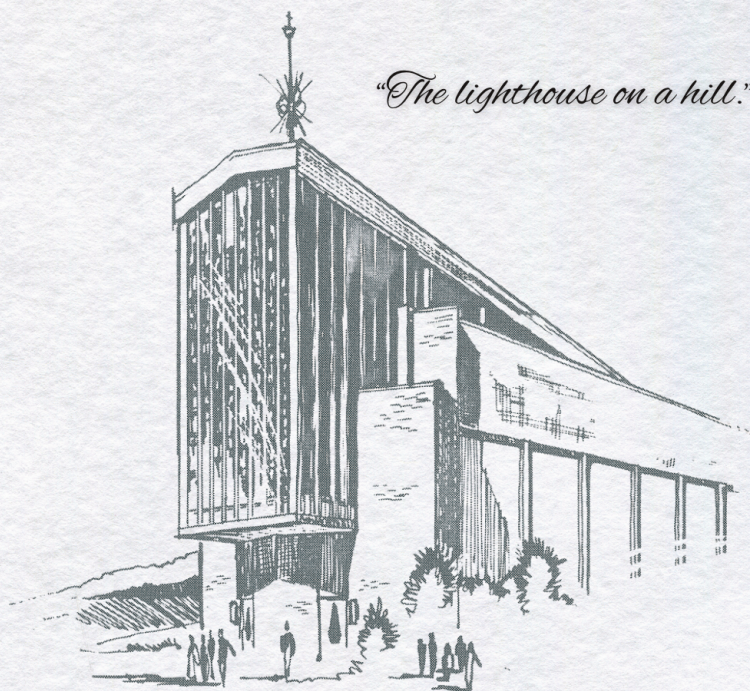


GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 28, 2026



"The lighthouse on a hill."

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FIFTH SUNDAY

JUNE 28, 2026

AFTER PENTECOST

✠ *You are invited to make the sign of the cross.*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE Alex Chacon

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*+ ELW 533, v.1, 3, & 5

*Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!*

*Here thy praise is gladly chanted, here thy seed is duly sown;
let my soul, where it is planted, bring forth precious sheaves alone,
so that all I hear may be fruitful unto life in me.*

*Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.*

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS *(responses in bold type)*

Christ rose from the dead, having conquered the devil, in victory over death, showing us that our sin and separation from God has been removed.

Yes, the victory has been won, but we are still living in defeat and not living that life of faith and fulfillment that we so much desire.

When you were baptized, your old sinful nature was buried with Christ when he died. When God the Father brought him back to life again, you were given his wonderful new life to enjoy. This is the seal and guarantee of your salvation. As we were reminded in Dr. Luther's Catechism: by the power of Baptism, our old self should be drowned and die by daily contrition and repentance and a new person daily come forth and arise. Open your heart to God and confess your sin that you might so arise!

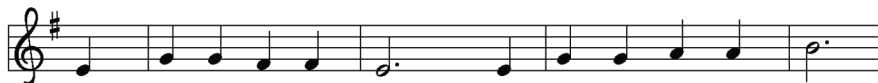
Let us confess:

Most merciful God, my daily life does not reflect that victory Christ demonstrated when he arose from the dead. I sin daily. I forget your presence in my life. I do not worship you as often or as sincerely as you have commanded. Forgive me and help me to abandon those parts of my life that keep me from you, for the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Just as surely as the sun rose this morning in the sky, so has the Son of God arisen from the dead and won for you the forgiveness of sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I tell you that your sins are forgiven and you stand holy and blameless before Almighty God. Live in the light of this salvation and worship God with hearts and lives consecrated to his service.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

KYRIE ELW Setting Ten p.203



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

GREETING

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

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Glory Be to God* + ELW Setting Ten p.204

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good-will to all the earth.

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;

we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of Love.

Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heaven above;

on the cross you died to save us; you now reign at God's right hand.

Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;

Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.

For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord Be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us Pray...

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING Genesis 22:1-19

A reading from Genesis:

¹ After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you."

⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together.

⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

⁸ Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together.

⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

¹⁵ The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶ and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, ¹⁸ and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice." ¹⁹ So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beer-sheba, and Abraham lived at Beer-sheba.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18 *(sung responsively)*

¹ Your love, O Lord, forever ¹ will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will pro- ¹ claim your faithfulness.

² **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- ¹ lished forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly ¹ in the heavens.**

³ "I have made a covenant with my ¹ chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to Da- ¹ vid my servant:

PSALM CONTINUED

⁴ **I will establish your ¹ line forever,
and preserve your throne for all ¹ generations.’”**

¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the ¹ festal shout!
They walk, O Lord, in the light ¹ of your presence.

¹⁶ **They rejoice daily ¹ in your name;
they are jubilant ¹ in your righteousness.**

¹⁷ For you are the glory ¹ of their strength,
and by your favor our might ¹ is exalted.

¹⁸ **Truly, our shield belongs ¹ to the Lord;
our king to the Holy ¹ One of Israel.**

SECOND READING Romans 6:1b-11

A reading from Romans:

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means!
How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us
who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we
were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from
the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be
united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified
with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be
enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we 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 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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia* + ELW Setting Ten p.205



GOSPEL Matthew 10:40-42

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** *(Please be seated.)*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *When in Our Music God Is Glorified*



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and
2 How oft, in ma - king mu - sic, we have found a
3 So has the church, in li - tur - gy and song, in



a - do - ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it
new di - men - sion in the world of sound, as
faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, --



is as though the whole cre - a - tion__ cried:
wor - ship__ moved us to a more__ pro - found
borne wit-ness to the truth in ev - 'ry__ tongue:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

APOSTLES' CREED

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 into hell. 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 INTERCESSION

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

...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer...**

...Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace with one another.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GATHERING OF THE OFFERING *Special Music* + JoAnn Gerbig & Patience Jones

OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Lord* + ELW 184



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING 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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(Holy, Holy, Holy)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

SONGS DURING COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Lamb of God



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly+ ELW 461

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said+ ELW 667

TABLE BLESSING & 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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,

✠ one God,

bles, heal, and hold you

today and always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG *The Church's One Foundation* + ELW 654, v.1, 2, & 5



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,

5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:

and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,

Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.

that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Alex Chacon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 1 | Wednesday Bible Study Begins

Join us this coming Wednesday evening at 6p for the first of our evening weekly Bible Studies! Each week, we will gather in fellowship to study, discuss, and pray in order to gain a deeper understanding of scripture and what God reveals to us through it. We look forward to seeing you there!

July 13–17 | Beach Bash Vacation Bible School

Grab your surfboard and paddle out to ride a wave of fun and adventure at Beach Bash Vacation Bible School! Learn about cool sea creatures like clownfish, dolphins, and sea turtles. Explore tide pools and collect seashells. Jump into cool, refreshing waves or sit on the beach and feel the soft warm sand between your toes.

As your kids explore the wonders of the beach, they'll also get Big Answers to their Big Questions about Jesus: Who is Jesus? Why can I trust Jesus? Why do I need Jesus? How can Jesus help me when I mess up? What does Jesus want me to do?

[Registration is currently open!](#)

Contact us at vbs@gethsemane.austin.org if you want to help plan a week full of fun and have the awesome opportunity to teach children about Jesus!

There is something for everyone! Volunteer opportunities include group leader, music, storytelling, crafts, games, snacks, decorating, scheduling, registration, and marketing.

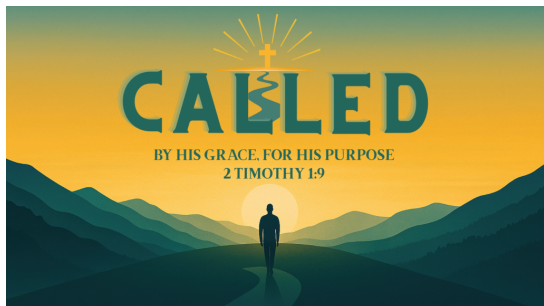
You can register through the QR code below or with a paper form available in the Narthex. We hope to see you there!

Register Here!



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NALC Southern Region Family Reunion | July 30 - Aug 1

Hosted by Welcome Lutheran Church
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