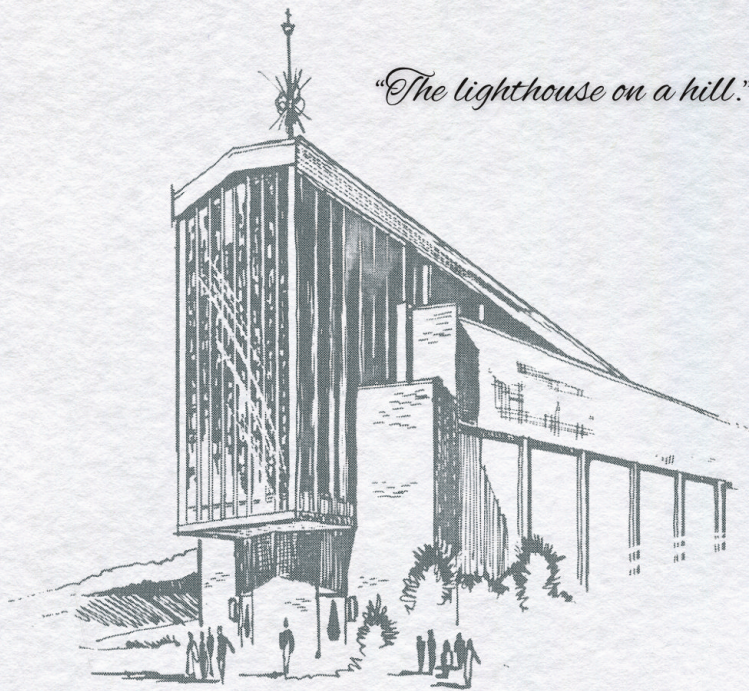




# GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 5, 2026



*"The lighthouse on a hill."*

*Called by grace. Led by faith.  
Welcoming all to share God's love.*

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200 West Anderson Lane - Austin, Texas 78752

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SIXTH SUNDAY

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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 *God Bless Our Native Land*+ ELW 891

*God bless our native land;  
firm may it 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.*

*So shall our prayers arise  
to God above the skies,  
on whom we wait.  
Thou who art ever nigh,  
guarding with watchful eye,  
to thee aloud we cry:  
God save the state!*

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!



CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Now the Feast and Celebration*

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

*Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

*Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

*Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us Pray...

**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.**

## WORD

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

### FIRST READING Zechariah 9:9-12

A reading from Zechariah:

<sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 145:8-14 *(read responsively)*

<sup>8</sup> The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup> **Lord, you are good to all,  
and your compassion is over all your works.**

<sup>10</sup> All your works shall praise you, O Lord,  
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup> **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power,**

<sup>12</sup> that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup> **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.  
You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

<sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

## SECOND READING Romans 7:15-25a

A reading from Romans:

<sup>15</sup> I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* + ELW 172

*Halle, halle, halle-lujah.  
Halle, halle, halle-lujah.  
Halle, halle, halle-lujah.  
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.*

**GOSPEL** Matthew 11:16-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup> "But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup> 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

<sup>18</sup> "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon';

<sup>19</sup> 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."

<sup>20</sup> Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent. <sup>21</sup> "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>22</sup> But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. <sup>23</sup> And you, Capernaum,

will you be exalted to heaven?

No, you will be brought down to Hades.

"For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. <sup>24</sup> But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you."

<sup>25</sup> 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; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> 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.

<sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.** *(Please be seated.)*

#### SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* + ELW 888

*O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

*O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life:  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.*

*O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:  
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.*

#### 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...**

...All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**Amen.**

#### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

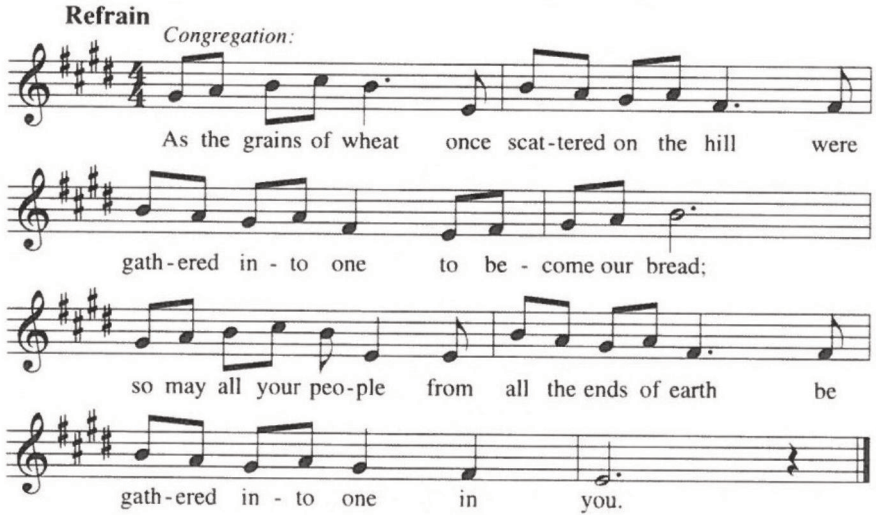
Let us share the peace with one another.

# MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**GATHERING OF THE OFFERING** *Special Music* + Michael Harrison  
**OFFERTORY** *As Grains of Wheat*

**Refrain** *Congregation:*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;  
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath-ered in - to one in you.

**Verses**



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst  
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when  
to Refrain  
may we share the pres-ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## 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)*



**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!

## 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!

*(Please be seated.)*



# SENDING

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

## BLESSING

Leader: All:  
Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you.

*May God, Creator bless us and keep us, may Christ be ever light for our lives, may the Spirit of Love be our guide and path, for all of our days.*

All:  
A - men.

## SENDING SONG *Battle Hymn of the Republic* + ELW 890

*Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:  
his truth is marching on.*

### *Refrain*

*Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

*He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on. Refrain*

*In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.  
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,  
while God is marching on. Refrain*

## DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE Alex Chacon

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## July 13–17 | Beach Bash Vacation Bible School

Registration is currently open!

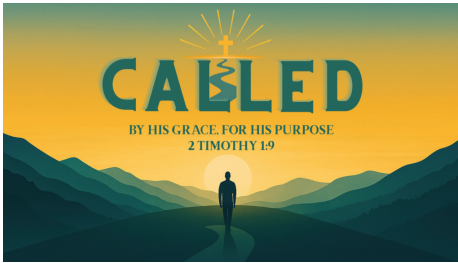
Whether you have children you would like to attend, older children who would like to volunteer, or to volunteer yourself, you can register through the QR code below or with a paper form available in the Narthex. We hope to see you there!

Register Here!



## LCMC Texas District Gathering | July 24 - 25

Hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church  
777 West San Antonio Street,  
New Braunfels Texas 78130



## NALC Southern Region Family Reunion | July 30 - Aug 1

Hosted by Welcome Lutheran Church  
13636 FM109, Brenham, TX 77833



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