

St. John's Reformed Church
July 5, 2026
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

(Please join responsively by speaking aloud the bolded sections.)

Pre-Prelude

Announcements and Hospitality

Our Approach to God

Prelude

Votum "The earth is the Lord's, for he made it: so, Come, let us adore him. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness for his mercy is from everlasting to everlasting."

*Call to Worship

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

*Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* #581 v.1-3

Salutation & Prayer of Invocation

Call and Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, forgive us when we turn a deaf ear to your call in Jesus Christ and to the cries of those in the world who need your love and our help. Forgive us when we treat discipleship as a yoke of oppression rather than a blessing and gift for leading a faithful life as your people. O Lord, forgive our sin. Help us to know and love you with all that we are that we may love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We pray for the strength of your Holy Spirit to equip us for our calling as followers of Jesus Christ, in whom we have our hope and put our trust. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Kyrie Eleison

"Lord have mercy upon us:

Christ have mercy upon us; Lord have mercy upon us"

Assurance of Pardon

Summary of the Law: Matthew 22:37-40,

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Response: May the Spirit guide us to be obedient to this Word. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

***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,
world without end, Amen. Amen.***

Musical Meditation

The Word of God in Proclamation

Prayer of Illumination

Lesson from the Old Testament: **Zechariah 9:9-12** (p. 884)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Lesson from the Psalms: **Psalms 145:8-14** (p. 581)

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*Hymn *How Shall the Young Direct Their Way* #720 v.1-4

Lesson from the Gospel: **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30** (pp. 11 & 12)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Prayer for Blessing

Our Response to God's Grace

*Confession of Faith: Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, his 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. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

*The Church universal, that exists in all times and places.

*The Peace: The peace of Christ be with you. **And also, with you.**

The Offering Invitation & Offertory

*Doxology *Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye Heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**Accept these gifts we bring, O Lord. Give us the wisdom, courage,
and love we need to use them in ways that please you, spread the
gospel, and care for our neighbors with the love of Jesus.
We thank you for your indescribable gift! Amen.**

Prayers of the People, “A Prayer for Our Country
by Woodrow Wilson” (in the Book of Common Worship)

The Lord’s Prayer (use ‘trespasses’)

**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. Amen.**

Prayer Response *Threefold Amen Amen, Amen, Amen.*

*Hymn *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* #897 v.1-3

Benediction

*Congregational Amen **“Go Now in Peace”**

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with us each hour of every day.
Go now in faith steadfast strong and true.
Know he will guide us in all we do.
Go now in love, and show we believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.*

*Postlude

*Indicates congregation to stand if able.

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