

## APOSTLES CREED

ELW page 105

## SHARING THE PEACE

L) The peace of Christ be with you always. **C) And also with you.**

## OFFERING/OFFERING SONG

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

ELW #182

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer.  
Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

L) Lord in your mercy **C) Hear our prayer**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING *(continuous)*

✠ **Words of Institution**

✠ **The Lord's Prayer** - ELW page 112

✠ **Distribution of the Sacrament**

✠ **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

“Shine, Jesus Shine”

ELW #671

### *Refrain*

Shine, Jesus, Shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; Blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

- 1 Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me! *Refrain*
- 2 As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me! *Refrain*

## DISMISSAL

L) Go in peace, Serve the Lord and your neighbors. **C) Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE



*A Cup of Cold water.*

## Fifth Sunday After Pentecost



**Willow Creek and Benton Lutheran Churches**

**June 28th, 2026**

**Vicar Kendra Kappler and Pastor Renae Boehmer**

**Accompanist: Daid Olson, Willow Creek and Benton**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS ELW page 94

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God, ***we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.***

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG****“Be Thou My Vision”****ELW #793**

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art: thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
- 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 4 Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**GREETING - ELW page 203, (Setting 10)**

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.**

**KYRIE - ELW page 203 (sung) v, 1-3****CANTICLE OF PRAISE – ELW page 204 (sung) v,1-3****PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Gracious God, ***you come to us in ways the world often overlooks: through simple gifts, humble servants, and acts of quiet kindness. Open our eyes to recognize Christ in those we meet and our hearts to receive one another with love. Strengthen us by your Spirit to offer ourselves in service, trusting that you can use even the simplest gift for your purposes; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

**FIRST READING Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18**

<sup>1</sup>Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup>***For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.***

“I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

<sup>4</sup>***‘I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.’”***

<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the festal shout!

<sup>16</sup>***They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.***

<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.

<sup>18</sup>***Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel.***

L) Word of God, Word of Life. ***All) Thanks be to God.***

**SECOND READING Romans 6:12-23**

<sup>2</sup>Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to

righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. L) Word of God, Word of Life. ***All) Thanks be to God.***

**CHILDREN’S SONG/MESSAGE****“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”****WOV 775**

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****ELW page 205 (sung)**

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**GOSPEL READING****Matthew 10:40-42**

Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>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, <sup>42</sup>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.”

L) Word of God, Word of Life. ***All) Thanks be to God.***

**MESSAGE****“The Ministry of a Cup of Cold Water”****Vicar Kendra Kappler****HYMN OF THE DAY****“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”****ELW #712**

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.
- 2 Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.
- 4 Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.