

✝ **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.**

**CLOSING SONG**

**"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"**

**WOV #721**

- 1 "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.
- 2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirit's power filled you, here his tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.
- 4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace. I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace. I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter and Brother. Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace."

**DISMISSAL** L) Go in peace, Christ is with you. **C) Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**



**God gives us what we need.**



**Willow Creek and Benton Lutheran Churches**  
**June 7th, 2026**

**Vicar Kendra Kappler and Pastor Renae Boehmer**  
**Accompanist: David Olson, Willow Creek, Kari Vosburg, Benton**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Compassionate God, ***we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.***

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**

**"Blessed Assurance"**

**WOV #699**

- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*Refrain*

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long:  
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- 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*
- 3 Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

## 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.**

**KYRIE** ELW p. 138 spoken by pastor, sung by congregation (setting three)

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE** ELW p. 140 sung **“This Is The Feast”**

## 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

<sup>15</sup> I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor:

<sup>6:1</sup> “Come, let us return to the LORD, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

<sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.

<sup>3</sup> Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.”

<sup>4</sup> What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light.

<sup>6</sup> For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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

## SECOND READING Psalm 50:7-15

<sup>7</sup> “Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

<sup>8</sup> **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.**

<sup>9</sup> I will not accept a calf from your stalls, nor goats from your pens;

<sup>10</sup> **for all the wild animals of the forest are mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**

<sup>11</sup> I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the fields are mine.

<sup>12</sup> **If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

<sup>13</sup> Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

<sup>14</sup> **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.**

<sup>15</sup> Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

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.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BLESSING

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**“Sanctuary”**

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You

## GOSPEL READING Matthew 9:9-13

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>12</sup> But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

L) The Gospel of the Lord. **All) Praise to you, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE

**“It’s not you, it’s me”**

**Pastor Renae Boehmer**

## SONG OF THE DAY “There’s a Wilderness in God’ Mercy” v-1-3

**ELW #588**

- 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n. There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment giv'n.
- 2 There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good; there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood. There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this; there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.
- 3 For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. But we make this love too narrow by false limits of our own; and we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own.

## APOSTLES CREED

**ELW page 105**

## SHARING THE PEACE

L) The peace of Christ be with you all. **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 now.

Grace our table with your presence and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L) Lord in your mercy

C) Hear our Prayer

## HOLY COMMUNION (around the altar)

✠ The Great Thanksgiving- ELW page 144 - spoken

✠ Holy, Holy, Holy – ELW page 144 - sung

✠ The Words of Institution

✠ The Lord’s Prayer – ELW page 145

✠ Post Communion Prayer - Let us pray. **Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son’s resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**