

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 12, 2020

*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

*We Gather in God's Name . . .*

## PRELUDE

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*(for silent prayer during the prelude)*

Eternal God, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendor of creation and in the beauty of human life. Touched by your hand, our world is holy. Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, to share our blessings with our sisters and brothers, and to experience the joy of life in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.<sup>i</sup> **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (FROM PSALM 119:105-112)

One: Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to my feet

**All: and a light to my path.**

One: Accept our offering of praise, O Lord,

**All: and teach us your ordinances.**

One: Your decrees are our heritage forever; they are the joy of our hearts.

**All: We incline our hearts to perform your statutes forever, to the end. Let us worship God.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE: "Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers" #325

Spirit divine, attend our prayers, And make this house Your home;  
Descend with all Your gracious powers; O come, great Spirit,  
come!

Come as the light; to us reveal Our emptiness and woe; And lead  
us in those paths of life Where all the righteous go.

Come as the fire and purge our hearts Like sacrificial flame; Let  
our whole soul an offering be To our Redeemer's name.

Come as the dove and spread Your wings, The wings of peaceful  
love; And let the church on earth become Blest as the church  
above.

Spirit divine, attend our prayers; Make a lost world Your home;  
Descend with all Your gracious powers; O come, great Spirit,  
come!

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION (FROM ROMANS 8:1-2)

Paul writes, "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and death." Let us confess our sins to God.

### \*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### \*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

**Gracious God, you send your Holy Spirit to dwell within us — to transform us into the people you intend us to be. Still, we cling to the flesh and, at times, walk by the flesh. Forgive our sins, and embolden us to live entirely by the Spirit. In the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Paul also writes that God sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to deal with sin. Through the Son, we are able to live according to the Spirit, which is life and peace. Be at peace and know that you are forgiven. Amen.

### THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

. . . to Proclaim God's Word

FIRST READING                      Genesis 25:19-34                      p. 21

EPISTLE READING                      Romans 8:1-11                      p. 157

\*GOSPEL READING                      Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23                      p. 13

SERMON                      "Spirit Walking"                      Rev. Andy Smothers

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we  
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us  
from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,

forever. Amen.

### \*CONFESSION OF FAITH *Heidelberg Catechism* (Questions 9-11)

One: But doesn't God do us an injustice by requiring in his law what we are unable to do?

**Many: No, God created human beings with the ability to keep the law. They, however, provoked by the devil, in willful disobedience, robbed themselves and all their descendants of these gifts.**

One: Does God permit such disobedience and rebellion to go unpunished?

**Many: Certainly not. God is terribly angry with the sin we are born with as well as the sins we personally commit. As a just judge, God will punish them both now and in eternity, having declared: "Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the things written in the book of the law."**

One: But isn't God also merciful?

**Many: God is certainly merciful, but also just. God's justice demands that sin, committed against his supreme majesty, be punished with the supreme penalty — eternal punishment of body and soul.**

. . . to Give Thanks to God . . .

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION (IN UNISON)

Faithful God, we thank you for our ancestors and others who spread the Christian faith that we might, also, believe. Thank you for ensuring there was good soil where the harvest would be great. Continue to use us and others to allow others to know you — prepare the soil for our continued work. In thankfulness, we offer these gifts for your work and the work of the church in the world. In the name of Jesus, who came to earth that we might believe. Amen.

. . . and to Be Sent in God's Name.

### CLOSING HYMN: "Lord, Make Us More Holy" #536

Lord, make us more holy, Lord, make us more holy, Lord, make us more holy, Until we meet again. Holy, holy, holy, Until we meet

again.

Lord, make us more loving, Lord, make us more loving, Lord,  
make us more loving, Until we meet again. Loving, loving,  
loving, Until we meet again.

Lord, make us more patient, Lord, make us more patient, Lord,  
make us more patient, Until we meet again. Patient, patient,  
patient, Until we meet again.

Lord, make us more faithful, Lord, make us more faithful, Lord,  
make us more faithful, Until we meet again. Faithful, faithful,  
faithful, Until we meet again.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

<sup>i</sup> *Book of Common Worship, 362.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Welcome* to worship this morning! As we continue to social distance, we will not be offering child care for a time. Feel free to keep your children in worship — even if they're a bit noisy. You're also welcome to take them into the coatroom. Weather permitting, we do hope to have coffee hour outside this morning.

**Our thanks** go to our lay reader Jan Carter, and pianist Juanita Rodriquez.

We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on **Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**.

Please consider signing up to provide refreshments for our outdoor coffee hour this summer. A signup sheet will be on the table near the food after worship.

Come and join us on Wednesday Evenings for Evening Prayer at 7:30 PM. Several of us join Pastor Andy for scripture readings and reflections, liturgy, prayer, and fellowship.

**Summer Office Hours** are Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

In partnership with the Conrad Lutheran Parish, we have been planning Vacation Bible School for this summer. Two options will be available. You may register for a kit you can take home or register to participate in the in-person program. For children entering grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>, the in-person program will be July 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. For 3, 4, and 5-year-old children, the program will be July 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. A registration form and more details are available on the church website at

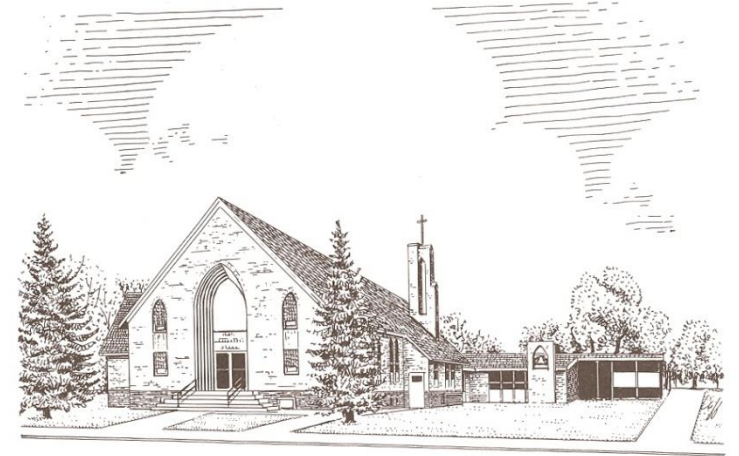
<https://www.conradfirstpres.org/vacation-bible-school>.

Registration is required, and forms are due to the church by July 17<sup>th</sup>.

It is with sadness that we share that Nellie Sherman went to be with our Lord on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Helen Elliott would like to start a memorial in honor of her. If anyone would like to send their condolences, please send them to Nellie's daughter, Debbie Sheasby. Her address is 1203 Ave B NW Great Falls, MT 59404. Please keep her family in prayer during this time.

Last week, combined giving was **\$1,424.00**. In order to meet expenses, we need to average **\$2,588.00** per week.

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