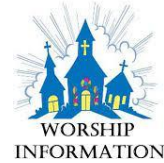




We are happy that you have joined us for worship
and hope you find this to be a meaningful time.



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You can listen while driving, walking, doing chores, etc! You can also just go on the SoundCloud
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RICHFIELD LUTHERAN CHURCH
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June 1, 2025



A New Century – A New Mission:
“Together we will BE the Church by living out God’s gifts
in the community and the world.”

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING FOUR

* = Please stand as you are comfortable. **Bold** type indicates congregational responses.

- **Welcome! No matter your background, circumstance, or footing in faith your presence is valued and celebrated as a part of the beloved community of God today.**
- *Your generosity is appreciated and encouraged as it sustains and furthers the work of the congregation in the community and makes a difference in the lives of many. Gifts and offerings may be placed in the plate at the entrance before, during, or after the service. To give electronically, please visit richfield-lutheran.org/give*
- *We receive Holy Communion as a part of worship today, and you are welcome at Christ’s table! Come forward at the direction of the ushers. Children may partake in the meal and/or come forward to receive a blessing as parents choose. Communion is received by intinction today (take the wafer and dip it into the wine or grape juice). If you prefer to receive communion in your pew, let your usher know and the servers will come to you. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request to the servers.*

Today marks the final and 7th Sunday of the “week of weeks” of the Easter season. As we gather, we hear how God’s love in Christ continues to move among all people, offering freedom in God’s Holy Spirit and welcoming to life-giving faith and oneness in the river of Christ’s cross and resurrection. Alleluia, Christ is risen, and the love of God is unending!

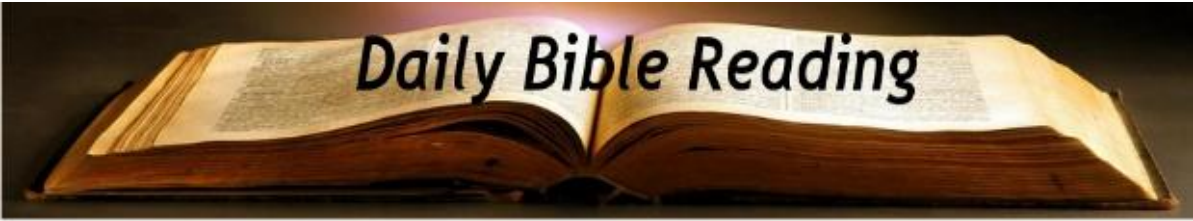
I. **GATHERING**

PRELUDE *Aria in F Major* **Handel**
(The prelude gathers us in the Lord’s presence. You are invited to center through it.)

CALL TO WORSHIP **Psalm 100:4** (adapted)
Enter the gates with thanksgiving and God’s courts with praise!
Give thanks and bless God’s holy name!
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia

WELCOME

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**
(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)



THIS WEEK’S DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

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Monday, June 2. Psalm 29 Thursday, June 5. Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Tuesday, June 3. 2 Chronicles 5:2-14 Friday, June 6. Galatians 6:7-10
Wednesday, June 4. Ezekiel 3:12-21 Saturday, June 7. John 7:37-39

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday! Recognized annually in many congregations of the faithful, it is one of the most powerful and important festivals and stories of faith in the life of the church. We will hear again how God’s mighty acts of power, in and through the cross of Christ, seek to be made known to all as each person hears God’s word in one’s own language. In it, God affirms the vast diversity of the human family and the desire for all people to be gathered into faith. Join in the festivities! Feel free to wear red, as it will be the color of the day.

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IV. SENDING

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

* BLESSING

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope and live in love, through the Triune God.

Amen.

* SENDING HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

ELW #742

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

POSTLUDE IN G MAJOR

HANDEL

(The postlude sends us out to be Christ's peace in the world. You are invited to savor it.)

(Our service continues with sharing fellowship in Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall, across the hall; and then in the world with other neighbors.)

BULLETIN BOARD



Bible Study Online with Pastor Charlie

Wednesdays @ 1:00 p.m. using Zoom Video Meeting.

Zoom link to Bible Study can be accessed on the RLC website under "Get Involved".

Worship at the Pines – Tuesday, June 3rd



Volunteer drivers needed to deliver hot, nutritious meals to elderly and disabled residents in Southmost Minneapolis.

- 1 to 1 ½ hours over the noon hour.
- Deliver hot meals every six weeks.

For more information, call the RLC Office at 612-861-2265 or Paul Hendrickson at 612-240-6058 and leave a message.

THANK YOU
FOR JOINING US TODAY!

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Together let us confess all which keeps us from love of God and our neighbors as ourselves...

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. We confess we have often turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. In your compassion forgive us our sin, known and unknown, that which we have done, and that which we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Holy Spirit, that we would love and serve you in newness of life, through Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen one. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and makes us alive together with Christ. By grace we are saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sin is forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you through the Holy Spirit in new life and freedom now and always.

Alleluia and Amen!

*GATHERING HYMN

Crown Him With Many Crowns

ELW #855

*GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

* KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

* CANTICLE OF PRAISE *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!* ELW #393 v. 1 & 3
A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

To whom the shining angels cry, “Why stand and gaze upon the sky?” Alleluia! Alleluia!
“This is the Savior!” thus they say, “this is his glorious triumph day!”
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray.
Gracious God, ground us in the ever-present hope of Easter as you continue to proclaim daily newness for all people. Make us courageous in this promise, realizing it for ourselves and pouring out the same love for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

II. Word

FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34
(Those who had enslaved a girl and used her to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.)

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.
¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they

III. THANKSGIVING and MEAL

* OFFERTORY *Earth and All Stars* ELW #731 v. 1
Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!



* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

* LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG *Lamb of God* ELW p.154
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

POST- COMMUNION BLESSING
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION SONG *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise* ELW #204
Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.
Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy
With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Nicene Creed
(Originally drafted at the Council of Nicaea in 325 c.e., the Nicene Creed sought to further define and articulate the relationship of the Triune God, the story of Jesus, and God’s continued work in the world. The word “catholic” does not refer to the Roman Catholic Church, rather means “universal” noting believers of all times, places, and traditions.)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*** PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**
After each petition:
...Merciful God,
Hear our prayer.

*** PEACE**
The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**
(The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace, and may say, “Peace be with you,” or similar words.)

are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹ They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 97 *(read responsively)*

¹ The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

² **Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,**
righteousness and justice are the foundations of God’s throne.

³ Fire goes before the LORD,
burning up enemies on every side.

⁴ **Lightnings light up the world;**
the earth sees and trembles.

⁵ The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.

⁶ **The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD,
and all the peoples see your glory.**

⁷ Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!
Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

⁸ **Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O LORD.**

⁹ For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰ **You who love the LORD, hate evil!
God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

¹¹ Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the honest of heart.

¹² **Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's holy name.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-21

(The final verses of John's letter of Revelation to the seven churches conclude with an all-encompassing invitation of welcome into the life of Christ. John also states the reality that we might say "no" to the welcome. Still, Jesus is proclaimed as the one who continues to show up in love, now and into eternity.)

¹² "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶ "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."
And let everyone who hears say, "Come."
And let everyone who is thirsty come.
Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; ¹⁹ if anyone takes

away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

*** GOSPEL: John 17:20-26**

(Jesus prays that the life of his followers, including any and all who hear of faith, hope, and love embodied in God's word, will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. Through the word, relationship with God is made known and God's presence is sure.)

The holy gospel according to John, the 17th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰ "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.