

# Summer 2026

A series on Revelation

# Welcome to Lord of Life!

**All are welcome here. We extend a special welcome to visitors. We're glad you joined us today!**  
**The following information may help you in your worship experience and getting to know Lord of Life.**

**Communal words** spoken and sung will be on the screen and/or in this bulletin. The bold text is spoken together. Songs/hymns can also be found (with music) in either Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) cranberry hymnal or All Creation Sings (ACS) purple hymnal. Both can be found under a chair near you.

**We are grounded in the sacraments** of baptism and communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table; there are no exceptions. Our bread is dairy, nut, and gluten-free; wine and juice are both available. If you aren't baptized and would like to be, please talk to Pr. Kirsten.

**Children are welcome in this place!** At baptism, we celebrate our place in God's family and the community of Lord of Life. Children of all ages are integral members of the Body of Christ, and have a place in our community that includes worship. Children learn by seeing, hearing, and experiencing worship with adults who care about them (not just their parents). We embrace the sounds and activity that accompany them.

We have a few resources for parents:

*PrayGround:* Table up front with coloring supplies; go with your child, sit near the table, or send them independently. Please, no phones at the Prayground.

*Activity Bags:* things to occupy busy hands during worship, located in the shelves just outside the sanctuary; ask an usher if you need help finding them.

*Nursery* (for children 0-5, 5-7 by exception): Our nursery is staffed by a capable young adult who is kind and has been background checked. There is a sign-in sheet for security.

*Narthex* (Gathering/Entrance space): Benches, rocking chairs, or space to move around.

*Children's Message:* children are invited up front to engage with part of the message in worship.

*Communion:* children are welcome to receive the elements or a blessing. Please let the server know your preferences.

There are **Assisted Listening devices** available just outside the sanctuary doors for those that need amplified sound. We also have an Auracast system that allows you to connect to your hearing aids through your phone and Bluetooth connection. Directions are posted on the wall in the narthex / entryway.

**Offering** is an act of worship and a privilege to return to God a portion of what God has given us. If you are a guest, do not feel obligated to give. Offerings given today are joyfully used for outreach to the greater church/community and for the work and ministry of Lord of Life. You may donate electronically using the QR code that leads you to the website ([www.lordoflife.org](http://www.lordoflife.org)), by mail, using direct deposit with your bank, or RMD / QCD / or stock gift (in consultation with your financial advisor), or in the offering box at the font.

If at anytime you are uncomfortable standing, you are free to remain seated.

**If you are worshipping from home,** you are invited to participate, not just observe. Please prepare your own sacred space for worship. You might include some candles, a cross, water for remembering your baptism, and, if you will be participating in Communion, bread and wine or suitable substitutes.

*Lord of Life is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Learn more at [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org). We are located on the ancestral homeland of the Cayuse, Umatilla, Walla Walla, Palouse, Wanapum, and Yakama peoples. We give thanks for their presence and care of this land since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home. Learn more at [native-land.ca](http://native-land.ca).*

# GATHERING

## Prelude

## Welcome

## Confession and Forgiveness

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Creating God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you break down barriers that divide us and fill us with the breath of peace.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

O God, you who are always doing a new thing,

**we confess that we sometimes close windows,**

**we sometimes draw the curtains,**

**we sometimes let the security systems on our hearts take over,**

**closing us off to your work in the world.**

**Forgive us.**

**Open up our lives, and let your Spirit blow through,**

**guiding us to springs of the water of life.**

**Amen.**

God, the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega,

never wearies of forgiving our sin.

In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven, and you are made new.

We join with saints and angels in songs of praise:

**Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might**

**be to our God forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

May 31: ELW #855 *Crown Him with Many Crowns, verses 1, 3-5*

June 7: ELW #815 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

June 14: ELW #634 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! verses 1, 5, 6*

June 21: ELW #413 *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

June 28: ELW #855 *Crown Him with Many Crowns, verses 1, 3-5*

July 5: ELW #848 *Give to Our God Immortal Praise!*

July 12: ELW #847 *Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs*

July 19: ACS #934 *Christ Is Living*

## 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.**

## Canticle of Thanksgiving: ELW p. 219

*This canticle is part of the Service of the Word in the ELW. It uses a common refrain from Revelation: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the lamb forever and ever.*

*Refrain*

Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for -  
ev - er and ev - er. 1 Great and won - der - ful are your deeds, O  
God of the u - ni - verse; just and true are your ways, O  
Rul - er of all the na - tions. Who can fail to hon - or you, Lord, and  
sing the glo - ry of your name? *Refrain* Sal - va - tion be - longs to our  
God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.  
2 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, and

bless-ed is the one whose name is the Word of God. All

praise and thanks to you, ho - ly God! *Refrain* Sal - va-tion be-longs to our

God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Living God of past and future, we praise you for this present moment. Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit, that our strength may be renewed to sing a new song of your glory in a world which longs for your justice and peace. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, in whom we become your new creation.

**Amen.**

# WORD

*All Christian worship is biblical. We have been following the Narrative Lectionary, but that ended on the Day of Pentecost (May 24). It will begin again in September. This summer, we will do two series: one on Revelation and one on Psalms. The readings are printed in the back of this bulletin, sorted by date.*

*Hearing the proclamation of the Word is central to our worship experience. The Word is proclaimed throughout our worship, in our liturgy, prayers, sermon, hymns, and yes, scripture. You are invited to let go of the need to read along and simply listen, and let the Spirit lead your imagination and inspire your hearing.*

## Children's Message

*There is no children's message when we worship outside.*

*We end by blessing each other.*

**All: You are a dearly loved child of God!**

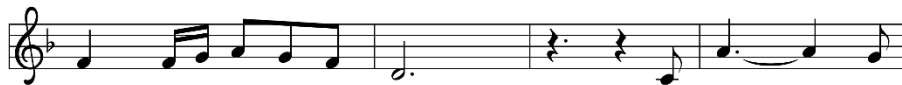
Children: And so are you!

## Scripture Acclamation: *The Lamb Will Be Their Shepherd*

*We welcome the reading of scripture using words from Revelation 7.*



The Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ will be their shep-herd,                      guid-ing them to  
The Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ will be our shep-herd,                      guid-ing us to



springs of the wa - ter of life,                      and God \_\_\_\_\_ will  
springs of the wa - ter of life,                      and God \_\_\_\_\_ will



wipe ev-'ry tear from their eyes.                      Al - le - lu - ia.  
wipe ev-'ry tear from our eyes.                      Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: based on Revelation 7:17

Music: Paul Friesen-Carper

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## Reading of Scripture *(The readings are printed at the back of this bulletin, sorted by date.)*

A reading from...

Let everyone hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

May 31: ELW #435 *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*

June 7: *Led by the Spirit to Desert Unknown* (music at back)

June 14: ELW #505 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

June 21: ELW #392 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, verses 1, 3-5*

June 28: *Let All That Is within Me Cry "Holy!"* (music at back)

July 5: ELW #328 *Restore in Us, O God*

July 12: ELW #414 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

July 19: ELW #377 *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen! Verses 1, 4, 5*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

*The creeds are a response to and a proclamation of the word. In our liturgy, sometimes we will use the creeds within church doctrine, and sometimes we use affirmations of faith, like this one, that use modern language to articulate our beliefs. Sometimes new words open up new pathways for naming and claiming what we believe. This affirmation is posted on the Eastwood Uniting Church in Australia, with credit to Ian Tozer (1997 UCA Assembly).*

Let us affirm our faith in God together.

**We believe in God the creator, who is always creating  
and invites us to affirm and explore who we are,  
with all our differences;  
and who is the source of our faith.**

**We believe in God the Savior, revealed in the world as Jesus the Christ,  
who died and is risen, the one Lord of the church.**

**We believe in God the Reconciler, the Holy Spirit,  
who is always with us, bearing witness with our spirits,  
that we are the children of God.**

**We believe that our smallness can never diminish God's vastness;  
that our frailties can never overcome God's will for wholeness;  
that our sin can never crush God's power for new life even in the face of death.**

**We believe, and in this belief, we need one another,  
as a choir needs every voice and every part  
for the harmony to be complete.**

**We believe - that in the Holy Spirit, in Jesus Christ and in the love of God -  
we are one!**

**We believe—And may our lives reflect our belief.**

## Prayers of the People

*As a community we offer prayer for the church, the well-being of creation, for peace among, the poor and all in need, local needs and special concerns, and in gratitude for the faithful departed. During this season of worship, our prayer is framed by Revelation 21:1-6.*

Revelation 21 envisions a new heaven and a new earth, where God dwells with the people and wipes away every tear, where death is no more, crying and pain will be no more, where God makes all things new.

Let us lift our prayer to God who promises to hear us.

We pray for those who are lonely or alone; who have been abandoned by family or country. We hope in the promise that the home of God will be among people: that God will dwell with us, that we will be God's people, and that God will be fully present among us.

We mention in our hearts those we know who are lonely or isolated. *Pause*

God you said, 'See, I am making all things new.'

**'Amen, make all things new!'**

We pray for those who are crying; the sad, the depressed, the anxious, and the addicted; the immigrant, the refugee, and the displaced; the caregiver, the care provider, and companion. We hope in the promise that God will wipe every tear from our eyes.

We mention in our hearts those we know who are sad and who know tears. *Pause*

God you said, 'See, I am making all things new.'

**'Amen, make all things new!'**

We pray for those who are experiencing the consequences of death, the bereaved, and those who are mourning. We hope in the promise that death and mourning will be no more.

We mention in our hearts those we know who are affected by death and mourning. *Pause*

God you said, 'See, I am making all things new.'

**'Amen, make all things new!'**

We pray for those who are in pain, suffering from illness—physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual. We hope in the promise that crying and pain will be no more.

We mention in our hearts those we know who are ill or in pain. *Pause*

God you said, 'See, I am making all things new.'

**'Amen, make all things new!'**

We pray for those who are thirsty for truth, love, and grace; those who seek God with earnest hearts. We hope in the promise that God will give water to the thirsty without cost from the spring of the water of life.

We mention in our hearts those we know who hunger and thirst for God. *Pause*

God you said, 'See, I am making all things new.'

**'Amen, make all things new!'**

Lord, your words are trustworthy and true.

You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

We pray all this in the powerful and hopeful name of Jesus Christ,

**Amen.**

## Peace

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

*We proclaim the peace of the risen Christ to each other. You might use hand signals, a wave, a bow, or simply a smile, and say "peace be with you," or similar words.*

## Announcements

*In our church life:*

May 31 – Thanks for Faith Formation teachers and mentors;

Mission Moment for Companion Synod and Blessing of Travelers

June 7 – Blessing of Graduates with hymn *May You Run and Not Be Weary* (music at back)

Kaia Dirks, Sadie Kunkle, Elsa McGowan, Lena Olson

# MEAL



## Offering

*A collection of material goods for the church's mission, including the care of those in need, is a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all God's gifts. We offer to God what God has first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Your financial gifts for LoL can be placed in the offering box at the baptismal font, made electronically through our website ([www.thelordoflife.org](http://www.thelordoflife.org)), sent in the mail, using direct deposit with your bank, or RMD / QCD / or stock gift (in consultation with your financial advisor). Please contact the Financial Secretary with questions.*

## Special Music

June 21 – *Holy, Holy, Holy*, Women's Trio (Anne Crotty, Darla Steinert, Kirsten Sauey Hofmann)

Words by Reginald Heber. Music by Dan Forrest. Tune: NICAEA by John B. Dykes.

Accompanied by Brian Swearingen. Trumpet by Darla Steinert.

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Merciful God, **accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

## Thanksgiving for the Word (On July 5 ONLY)

*In the absence of our pastor today (our minister of word and sacrament, i.e. Communion and Baptism), we forego the Communion Meal and feast on the Word of God that sustains us until the next time we can be nourished by the gift of bread and wine (next Sunday).*

Together we give thanks for the Word of God that sustains us.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

## Thanksgiving at the Table (Omitted on July 5)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ACS #1089 *Holy, Holy, Holy / Santo, Santo, Santo*

San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with some words in italics. The lyrics are: "San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,". The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

. . . *lle-nos es-tán el cie-lo y la tie-rra de tu glo-ria.*  
 your glo-ry fills all heav-en and earth. . . . You are ho-ly, God.

*Ben-di-to el que vie-ne en nom-bre del Se-ñor. . . .*  
 . . . Bless-ed be the Sav-ior, the one who comes in your name.

*Ho-san-na en el cie-lo. San-to.e-res, oh Dios.*  
 Ho-san-na in the high-est. You are ho-ly, God.

Text: Traditional; English text, hymnal version  
 Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional  
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In the night in which he was betrayed...

See, these words are trustworthy and true,  
they are the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Come, Alpha and Omega, to your church, your bride.  
Mark your name on our foreheads, and lead us with your light.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come, Holy Spirit,  
make here the body of Christ, and make of us a holy city,  
with the river of life, bright as crystal, shining in our midst,  
so that we may be trees with leaves for the healing of the nations.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

To you, O God, be all glory, honor, and praise,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Please use the version or language of your heart.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

**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 and ever. Amen.**

## Communion

*All are welcome at the Lord's table, as we receive the presence of Christ for us in bread and wine. This meal is for all regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, criminal record, or list of offenses.*

*Make your way to the front using the side aisle. There will be bread, wine, and grape juice. A basket to collect used cups is in the center. After receiving the elements, return to your seat by the center aisle. If you have questions when you get up front, it is okay to ask. The bread is gluten-free, nut-free, dairy-free, and full of grace!*

*The Meal may be brought to your seat if it would be helpful; please let the ushers know and they will notify the leaders.*

## Lamb of God: ELW #362 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing, v. 1-4



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to  
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his  
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread  
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide  
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—  
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go  
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.  
Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, Kirchengesang, 1566

## Communion Hymn

May 31: ELW #295 *Of the Father's Love Begotten, verses 1, 3-5*

June 7: n/a

June 14: ELW #780 *Shepherd Me, O God*

June 21: ELW #414 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

June 28: ELW #525 *You Are Holy*

July 5: ACS #1024 *Here On Jesus Christ I Will Stand*

July 12: ELW #425 *Behold the Host Arrayed in White*

July 19: ELW #423 *Shall We Gather at the River*

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Holy One, **through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new.**

**Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

# SENDING

## Blessing

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

May 31: ELW #631 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

June 7: ELW #438 *My Lord, What a Morning*

June 14: ACS #1024 *Here On Jesus Christ I Will Stand*

June 21: ELW #430 *Rejoice, for Christ Is King!*

June 28: ACS #950 *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In*

July 5: ELW #887 *This Is My Song (words at back)*

July 12: ELW #825 *You Servants of God*

July 19: ACS #985 *Let Us Enter In*

## Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **With God's help, We will! Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

# Music Not Found in Hymnals

## Hymn of the Day: June 7

*Led by the Spirit to Desert Unknown*

Tune: ELW #793 *Be Thou My Vision*



1 Led by the Spir - it to des - ert un - known:  
2 Gath - ered by God in the wil - der - ness night:  
3 Called by the Christ in a dry, wea - ry land:  
4 Sought by God's love when we wan - der a - stray:  
5 Drawn by God's word to be - hold a new thing:



steep is the path - way and brit - tle the stone;  
ter - ror may threat - en and dark - ness af - fright;  
bar - ren, we thirst, for the riv - ers are sand;  
was - ting and wan - ton and los - ing our way;  
life from the stone—in the des - ert, a spring;



you, God, our ref - uge, your an - gels our guard:  
you, God, our shel - ter, our prom - ise you are,  
you, God, our source and the foun - tain of life:  
you, God, our wel - come, the wake - ful con - cern,  
you, God, our riv - er, our spring-time, our way,



oh, save us from fall - ing till dan - gers de - part.  
and what seems deep shad - ow may shine out with stars.  
oh, wa - ter us well to bear fruit of de - light.  
with robe and with ban - quet a - wait our re - turn.  
with Christ and the Spir - it bring forth a new day.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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## Song of Blessing for Grads: June 7

### *May You Run and Not Be Weary*

*The cantor will sing through the song once; you are invited to join in on the second time.*

May you run and not be wea - ry. May your  
heart be filled with song. And may the  
love of God con - tin - ue to  
give you hope and keep you strong. And may you  
run and not be wea - ry. May your  
life be filled with joy. And may the  
road you trav - el al - ways lead you home.

Text: Handt Hanson

Music: JOURNEY BLESSING, Handt Hanson

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# Sending Hymn: July 5

## *This Is My Song*

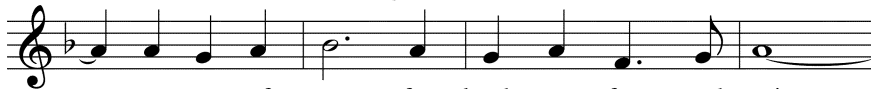
ELW #887 with alternate third verse written by Susan Briehl

Verses 1 and 2: Lloyd Stone, 1912–1993  
Verse 3: Susan Briehl

FINLANDIA  
Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957  
Arr. by Marty Haugen



1. This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
2. My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
3. Teach us to sing, O God of all cre - a - tion,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
and sun-light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine;  
a song of hope for o - cean, sky, and pine.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
but oth - er lands have sun - light, too, and clo - ver,  
Teach us to walk the way that ends di - vi - sion,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine.  
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.  
till ev - 'ry land and na - tion love en - twines.



But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
Then will all peo - ples see your glo - rious vi - sion:



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
the world at peace, be - lov - ed and di - vine.

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## Hymn of the Day: June 28

*Let All That Is Within Me Cry "Holy!"*



1 Let all that is with - in me cry, "Ho - ly!"  
2 Let all that is with - in me cry, "Bless - ed!"  
3 Let all that is with - in me cry, "Wor - thy!"



Let all that is with - in me cry, "Ho - ly!"  
Let all that is with - in me cry, "Bless - ed!"  
Let all that is with - in me cry, "Wor - thy!"



Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly is the Lamb that was slain.  
Bless-ed! Bless-ed! Bless-ed is the Lamb that was slain.  
Wor - thy! Wor - thy! Wor - thy is the Lamb that was slain.

Text: anonymous; transc. Melvin Harrel  
Music: CRY HOLY, anonymous

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## Readings

### May 31 - Revelation 1:4-20

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him,

and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

<sup>9</sup> I, John, your brother who share with you the persecution and the kingdom and the endurance in Jesus,

was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup> I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup> saying, "Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

<sup>12</sup> Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. <sup>14</sup> His head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire; <sup>15</sup> his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters. <sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force.

<sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last <sup>18</sup> and the Living One. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever, and I have the keys of Death and of Hades. <sup>19</sup> Now write what you have seen, what is, and what is to take place after this. <sup>20</sup> As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

### **June 7 - Revelation 12:1-6, 13-17**

<sup>1</sup> A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. <sup>2</sup> She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. <sup>3</sup> Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns and seven diadems on his heads. <sup>4</sup> His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to deliver a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. <sup>5</sup> And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a scepter of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne, <sup>6</sup> and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred sixty days.

<sup>13</sup> So when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had delivered the male child. <sup>14</sup> But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle, so that she could fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to her place where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. <sup>15</sup> Then from his mouth the serpent poured water like a river after the woman, to sweep her away with the flood. <sup>16</sup> But the earth came to the help of the woman; it opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth. <sup>17</sup> Then the dragon was angry with the woman and went off to wage war on the rest of her children, those who keep the commandments of God and hold the testimony of Jesus.

### **June 14 - Revelation 13:1-8, 11-18**

<sup>1</sup> And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, and on its horns were ten diadems, and on its heads were blasphemous names. <sup>2</sup> And the beast that I saw was like a leopard, its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And the dragon gave it his power and his throne and great authority. <sup>3</sup> One of its heads seemed to have received a death blow, but its fatal wound had been healed. In amazement the whole earth followed the beast. <sup>4</sup> They worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"

<sup>5</sup> The beast was given a mouth speaking arrogant and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise

authority for forty-two months. <sup>6</sup> It opened its mouth to speak blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. <sup>7</sup> Also, it was allowed to wage war on the saints and to conquer them. It was given authority over every tribe and people and language and nation, <sup>8</sup> and all the inhabitants of the earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that was slaughtered.

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw another beast that rose out of the earth; it had two horns like a lamb, and it spoke like a dragon. <sup>12</sup> It exercises all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and it makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. <sup>13</sup> It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in the sight of all, <sup>14</sup> and by the signs that it is allowed to perform on behalf of the beast it deceives the inhabitants of earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that had been wounded by the sword and yet lived, <sup>15</sup> and it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast so that the image of the beast could even speak and cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. <sup>16</sup> Also, it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be given a brand on the right hand or the forehead, <sup>17</sup> so that no one can buy or sell who does not have the brand, that is, the name of the beast or the number for its name. <sup>18</sup> This calls for wisdom: let anyone with understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number for a person. Its number is six hundred sixty-six.

## **June 21 - Revelation 4:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." <sup>2</sup> At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! <sup>3</sup> And the one seated there looks like jasper and carnelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. <sup>4</sup> Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. <sup>5</sup> Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God, <sup>6</sup> and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and back: <sup>7</sup> the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. <sup>8</sup> And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

"Holy, holy, holy,  
the Lord God the Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come."

<sup>9</sup> And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, <sup>10</sup> the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

<sup>11</sup> "You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed and were created."

## June 28 - Revelation 5:1-13

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals, <sup>2</sup> and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” <sup>3</sup> And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>4</sup> And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>5</sup> Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

<sup>6</sup> Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, with seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup> When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup> They sing a new song:

“You are worthy to take the scroll  
and to break its seals,  
for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God  
saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;  
<sup>10</sup> you have made them a kingdom and priests serving our God,  
and they will reign on earth.”

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> singing with full voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!”

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might  
forever and ever!”

## July 5 - Revelation 2:1-7; 3:1-22

### *Chapter 2*

<sup>1</sup> “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands:

<sup>2</sup> “I know your works, your toil and your endurance. I know that you cannot tolerate evildoers; you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not and have found them to be false. <sup>3</sup> I also know that you are enduring and bearing up for the sake of my name and that you have not grown weary. <sup>4</sup> But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. <sup>5</sup> Remember, then, from where you have fallen; repent and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. <sup>6</sup> Yet this is to your credit: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. <sup>7</sup> Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To everyone who conquers, I will give permission to eat from the tree of life that is in the paradise of God.

### *Chapter 3*

<sup>1</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars:

“I know your works; you have a name of being alive, but you are dead. <sup>2</sup>Wake up and strengthen what remains and is on the point of death, for I have not found your works perfect in the sight of my God. <sup>3</sup>Remember, then, what you received and heard; obey it and repent. If you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you. <sup>4</sup>Yet you have still a few persons in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes; they will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. <sup>5</sup>If you conquer, you will be clothed like them in white robes, and I will not erase your name from the book of life; I will confess your name before my Father and before his angels. <sup>6</sup>Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

<sup>7</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of the Holy One, the True One,  
who has the key of David,  
who opens and no one will shut,  
who shuts and no one opens:

<sup>8</sup>“I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door that no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. <sup>9</sup>I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not but are lying—I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. <sup>10</sup>Because you have kept my word of endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. <sup>11</sup>I am coming soon; hold fast to what you have, so that no one takes away your crown. <sup>12</sup>If you conquer, I will make you a pillar in the temple of my God; you will never go out of it. I will write on you the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem that comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. <sup>13</sup>Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

<sup>14</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the origin of God’s creation:

<sup>15</sup>“I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. <sup>16</sup>So, because you are lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup>For you say, ‘I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing.’ You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. <sup>18</sup>Therefore I advise you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich, and white robes to clothe yourself and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen, and salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. <sup>19</sup>I reprove and discipline those whom I love. Be earnest, therefore, and repent. <sup>20</sup>Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and eat with you, and you with me. <sup>21</sup>To the one who conquers I will give a place with me on my throne, just as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup>Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”

## **July 12 - Revelation 6:1-8; 7:9-17**

### *Chapter 6*

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw the Lamb break one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures call out, as with a voice of thunder, “Come!” <sup>2</sup>I looked, and there was a white horse! Its rider had a bow; a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering and to conquer.

<sup>3</sup> When he broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature call out, “Come!” <sup>4</sup> And out came another horse, bright red; its rider was permitted to take peace from the earth, so that people would slaughter one another, and he was given a great sword.

<sup>5</sup> When he broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature call out, “Come!” I looked, and there was a black horse! Its rider held a pair of scales in his hand, <sup>6</sup> and I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, “A quart of wheat for a day’s pay and three quarts of barley for a day’s pay, but do not damage the olive oil and the wine!”

<sup>7</sup> When he broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature call out, “Come!” <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there was a pale green horse! Its rider’s name was Death, and Hades followed with him; they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, famine, and pestilence and by the wild animals of the earth.

### *Chapter 7*

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup> I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat,

<sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

## **July 19 - Revelation 21:1-7; 22:1-5**

### *Chapter 21*

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them and be their God;

<sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup> Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.

### *Chapter 22*

<sup>1</sup> Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup> they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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