

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2025



OTTAWA

PRELUDE "Center" Matt Redman & Charlie Hall

Chorus

Oh Christ be the center of our lives
Be the place we fix our eyes
Be the center of our lives
(Center of our lives)

Verse

And You're the center of the universe
Ev'rything was made in You Jesus
Breath of ev'ry living thing
Ev'ryone was made for You

Pre-Chorus

You hold ev'rything together
You hold ev'rything together

Bridge

We lift our eyes to heaven
And we wrap our lives around Your life
We lift our eyes to heaven to You (yeah)

Ending

And turn your eyes upon Jesus
And look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

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WELCOME STATEMENT

PROCESSIONAL "The Heart of Worship" Matt Redman

Verse 1

When the music fades all is stripped away
And I simply come
Longing just to bring something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart

Pre-Chorus

I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

Chorus

I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You all about You Jesus
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You all about You Jesus

Verse 2

King of endless worth no one could express
How much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor all I have is Yours
Ev'ry single breath
(Pre-Chorus/Chorus)

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GREETING

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, you free us to love others but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

A reading from Genesis.

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God**

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 15

(Assembly reads the bold font in the Congregational Response.)

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the
Lord. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the
innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Colossians 1:15-28

This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is "Christ in you." Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory..

A reading from Colossians.

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

(Assembly stands for the gospel reading.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Help Us, O Lord ”

Hans Peterson

Help us O Lord to hear your word
Open our hearts to feel your word
Give us the strength to live your word each day

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GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:38-42

During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.

The gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Phillip Potaczek

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Give Me Jesus”

ELW 770

PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

(The assembly stands)

With the whole church, let us affirm our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each prayer petition, please respond: ...God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

...Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

OFFERING/OFFERING HYMN

"Offering"

Paul Baloche

Verse

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love
There is no shadow in Your presence
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne
Before the Holy One of heaven
It's only by Your blood
And it's only through Your mercy Lord I come

Chorus 1

I bring an offering of worship to my King
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due
O Lord I bring an offering to You

Interlude

I bring an offering to You

Chorus 2

I bring an offering of worship to my King
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due
O Lord I bring an offering to You
O Lord I bring an offering to You
O Lord I bring an offering to You

Ending

I bring an offering to You

OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

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

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

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

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

HOLY

Brenton Brown

Holy holy God Almighty
Who was and is to come
God of glory You're so worthy
All the saints bow down
(Chorus)
(Chorus)

Chorus

Holy is your name in all the earth
Righteous are Your ways so merciful
Everything You've done is just and true
Holy holy God are You

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.....to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Modern Version

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as our Savior 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.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who wish to know the love of God in Jesus Christ are invited to Holy Communion. Inform a communion assistant if you need a gluten-free host. Grape juice is located in the center ring of the tray. If you are not receiving the sacrament today, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing.

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**ANNOUNCEMENTS****BLESSING**

May the love of God abound in you all; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill each of your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL**“Take My Life, That I May Be”****ELW 583****SENDING**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Racing around, chasing idols
unfulfilled empty vessels
World on the edge, out of control,
will we survive, God only knows

Chorus

So justice, love mercy,
walk humbly with our God,
with our God

People broken, falling pieces
dignity lost, loving ceases
Hopeless eyes, lonely faces,
yearning hearts, hurting places
(*Chorus*)

Deadly hunger, desperate crying,
wounded living, children dying
Nails in the flesh, piercing fear
why can't we see Christ hanging here
(*Chorus*)

Trinity at a Glance

- Announcing the July recipients of our **Giving Tree**: Trinity Rose Montessori School. Thank you for your continued Spirit of Giving to help enrich the lives of others. “It’s not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.” - Mother Teresa.
- Trinity Lutheran Congregation offers our condolences and prayers to the Fricke family in the passing of Richard (Dick) on June 30, 2025.
- **Save the date for a 100th Birthday Celebration!** Gerald Hulslander turns 100 this year! Come to an Open House with coffee, lemonade and cookies on **Sunday, August 10 from 2-4 pm** at Trinity Lutheran Church. Please, no gifts or flowers, but cards are welcome! Gerald’s address is 505 College Ave, Room 410 Ottawa IL 61350.
- **Sept 2nd is Trinity Rose Montessori School opening day!** Spread the word. Sign up early to guarantee your child a spot!
- **Recent events have severely impacted people in Africa, Gaza, and other places in our world.** Millions are struggling to stay alive from starvation, the loss of available medical treatment, and more. The loss of help through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has made things worse. Help is needed now! There are a number of ways that you can help with monetary gifts. You can designate your donation on your offering envelope or through one of these websites:
 - Lutheran Disaster Response disaster@ELCA.org
 - Lutheran World Relief give.lwr.org
 - ELCA World Hunger elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/elca-world-hungerPlease contact the Mission-Outreach Committee with any questions.

- **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- June income = \$20,322.71 (Income YTD = \$126,690.73)
- June expense = \$19,103.75 (Expense YTD = \$127,292.12)
- Income Less Expense = -\$1,218.96 (Income Less Expense YTD = -\$601.39)
- Loan Payment = \$2,943.30
- Left on Loan = \$18,888.23

● **THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:**

- **Monday (7/21):** 10a Staff meeting
 10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
 6p Camp TLC (Java Junction)
- **Tuesday (7/22):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
 6p Camp TLC (Java Junction)
- **Wednesday (7/23)** *No Bible Study*
 6p Camp TLC (Java Junction)
- **Thursday (7/24):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
 1p Trinity Stitchers (Sewing Room)
- **Friday (7/25):** 7a Sunrise Rotary
- **Saturday (7/26):** *National Day of the Cowboy* 🤠
- **Sunday (7/27)** 9a Sunday Session
 10a Holy Communion

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -

Please sign up using the binder at the back of the aisle.

<p><u>Sunday, July 20, 2025</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Shannon Matteson</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Shannon Matteson & Mike Matteson</i> Altar Guild: <i>Jan Beckman & Anne Lauterjung</i> Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers: <i>In memory of Gary Grundstadt's Birthday on July 22nd From Vickie Grunstadt</i></p>	<p><u>Sunday, July 27, 2025</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Jay Potaczek</i> Communion Assistants: Altar Guild: <i>Linda Scott & Kari Castelli</i> Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers:</p>
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