

WELCOME!



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
July 5, 2026
The Story of Esther

- * = Please stand if able**
- = Please be seated**

- Prelude by Roxanne Groff**
- Office of the Acolyte**
- Ringing of the Bell**
- Welcome**

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism...*

L: We confess our sins before God and
one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Merciful God,

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

C: We confess to you and to one another that we have fallen short in our commitment to you and our neighbors. We have neglected the immigrant, the outcast, and those suffering poverty or oppression in our communities and around the world. We have failed to see you in the faces of our neighbors.

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

C: Open our eyes, our minds, and our hearts to receive all who seek only to live peacefully with us. Make us to have the willingness of Ruth, the compassion of Boaz, and the courage of Esther, for the sake of Jesus Christ whose ministry and death fully embodied these principles.

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: Our God, whose hand created all that is, and whose heart is for all that God created, reaches out to you with mercy and grace and calls you beloved. Know that your sins are forgiven, and that God empowers each of you to grow closer to God's will for you each day. In Jesus' holy name we pray.

C: Amen.

* Gathering Song

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

LBW 543



*** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**
LBW 543

**1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is
your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his
temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!**

*** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

LBW 543

**2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all
things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle,
uplifting, sustaining.**

**Have you not seen all that is
needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?**

*** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
LBW 543**

**3 Praise to the Lord, who will
prosper your work
and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.**

*** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

LBW 543

4 Praise to the Lord!

Oh, let all that is in me adore him!

**All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before him!**

Let the amen

sound from his people again.

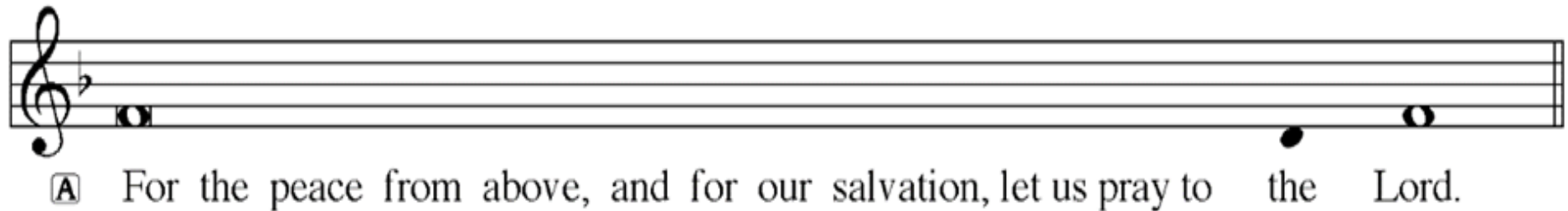
Gladly forever adore him!

*** APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

C: And also with you.

* KYRIE



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A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

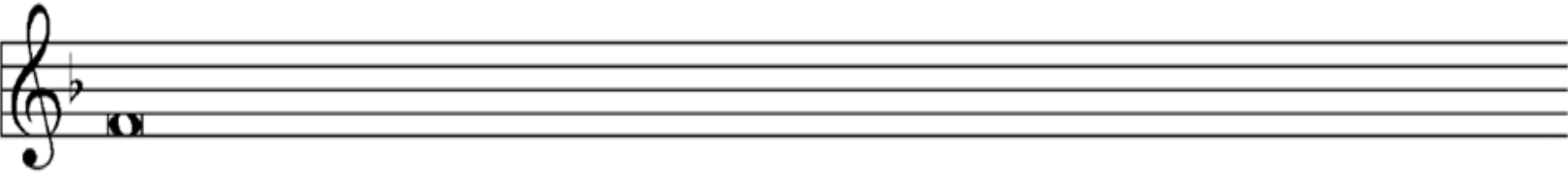


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

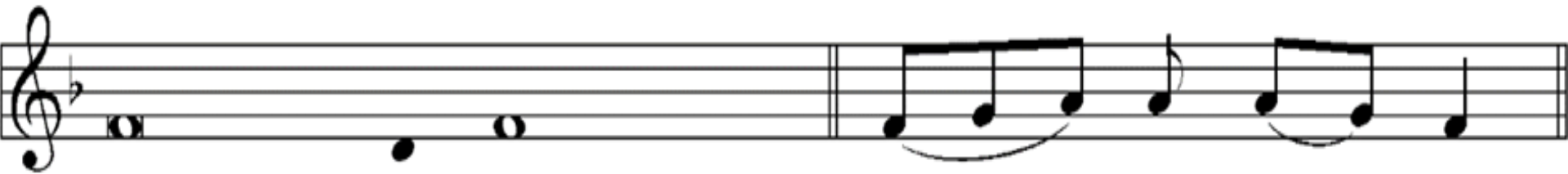


C Lord, have mer - cy.

* KYRIE



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Glory be to God in heaven;
peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation,
Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you,
we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you;
here on earth our songs we raise.**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Glory be to Christ forever,
Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior,
you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us;
now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive
us; in your promise firm we stand.**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Holy One we now acclaim you;
Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you,
God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,
in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit,
glory be to God on high!**

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P: Let us pray... God of deliverance...
... In Jesus' name we pray.**

C: Amen



The Story of Esther

• **Scripture Reading**

**R: Our scripture reading is from
the Book of Esther, Chapters
7 and 9.**

C: Glory to you O' Lord!

*** Esther 7:1-10, 9:1-2, 20-22, 29-32**

Chapter 7

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. ²On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” ³Then Queen Esther

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Chapter 7

answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. ⁴For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves,

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Chapter 7

men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” ⁵Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” ⁶Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the

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Chapter 7

king and the queen.

⁷The king rose from the feast in wrath and went into the palace garden, but Haman stayed to beg his life from Queen Esther, for he saw that the king had determined to destroy him. ⁸When the king returned from the palace garden to the banquet hall, Haman had

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Chapter 7

thrown himself on the couch where Esther was reclining; and the king said, “Will he even assault the queen in my presence, in my own house?” As the words left the mouth of the king, they covered Haman’s face. ⁹Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very

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Chapter 7

gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." ¹⁰So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

*** Esther 7:1-10, 9:1-2, 20-22, 29-32**

Chapter 9

Now in the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, on the thirteenth day, when the king's command and edict were about to be executed, on the very day when the enemies of the Jews hoped to gain power over them, but which had been changed to a day when the Jews would gain power over

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Chapter 9

their foes, ²the Jews gathered in their cities throughout all the provinces of King Ahasuerus to lay hands on those who had sought their ruin; and no one could withstand them, because the fear of them had fallen upon all peoples.

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Chapter 9

**²⁰Mordecai recorded these things,
and sent letters to all the Jews who
were in all the provinces of King
Ahasuerus, both near and far,**

**²¹enjoining them that they should
keep the fourteenth day of the
month Adar and also the fifteenth
day of the same month, year by
year, ²²as the days on which the**

*** Esther 7:1-10, 9:1-2, 20-22, 29-32**

Chapter 9

Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

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Chapter 9

²⁹Queen Esther daughter of Abihail, along with the Jew Mordecai, gave full written authority, confirming this second letter about Purim. ³⁰Letters were sent wishing peace and security to all the Jews, to the one hundred twenty-seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, ³¹and

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giving orders that these days of Purim should be observed at their appointed seasons, as the Jew Mordecai and Queen Esther enjoined on the Jews, just as they had laid down for themselves and for their descendants regulations concerning their fasts and their lamentations.

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Chapter 9

³²The command of Queen Esther fixed these practices of Purim, and it was recorded in writing.

- **Esther 7:1-10, 9:1-2, 20-22, 29-32**

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ

Sermon



Sermon



Sermon



For Just Such a Time as This

Sermon



Comfort or Courage?

Sermon



Sermon



Sorrow Turned to Joy

Sermon



Freedom for Loving Service

Sermon



Jesus Gets the Last Word

Sermon



Forgiven, Fed, and Sent

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

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

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

C: He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

C: 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

L: Confident that God acts on our behalf, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

* PRAYERS

Each petition will end with the words,

A: God in your mercy,

C: You hear our prayer.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayer concludes...

P: With gratitude for your faithfulness, we pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our savior.

C: Amen.

- **OFFERING/OFFERING PRAYER**

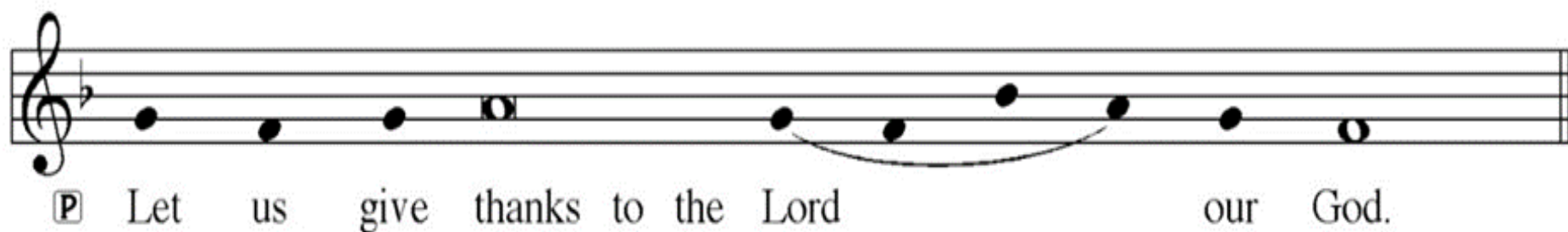
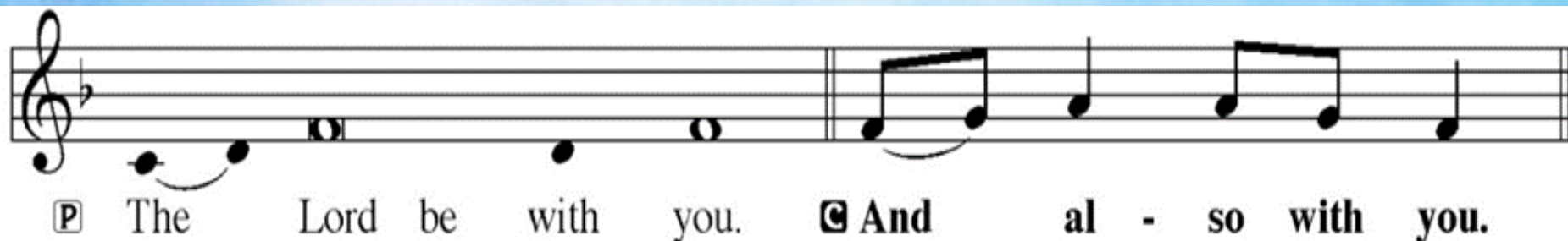


* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Communion is “At The Railing”.

*All the Baptized are welcome to
celebrate this Holy Meal.*

* DIALOGUE



*** THE PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right and salutary...

**... we praise your name and
join their unending hymn.**

* THE SANCTUS



☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*** EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer...

...Both now and forever.

C: Amen.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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.**

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: God who transforms sadness into joy now invites you to this feast of God's beloved son, Jesus Christ. Come to the table, where Jesus meets us in this holy meal, forgives us all our sins, and raises us to a joyful new life in his name. All is prepared.

- **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

All may commune “At the Railing”.

The bread may be broken for distribution.

*As the ministers give the bread and wine,
they say these words :*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: **Amen.**

*** POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May this Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep, and unite us, ✝ now and forever.

C: Amen.

* POST COMMUNION CANTACLE



☪ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.

* POST COMMUNION CANTACLE



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*** POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray... Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: Amen

*** SENDING OF HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

P: Gracious God, whose mercy endures from generation to generation: bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound.

*** SENDING OF HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

P: In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion, that through the body and blood of your Son we may all know the hope of your promised coming in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

• ANNOUNCEMENTS



When Sorrow Turns to Joy

For Just Such a Time as This.

ESTHER 7:1-10; 9:1-2, 20-22, 29-32

* SENDING BLESSING



* SENDING SONG

“Blessed Assurance”

ELW 638



*** “Blessed Assurance” ELW 638**

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

* “Blessed Assurance” ELW 638

Refrain

This is my story,
this is my song,
praising my Savior,
all the day long:
this is my story,
this is my song,
praising my Savior
all the day long.

*** “Blessed Assurance” ELW 638**

**2 Perfect submission,
perfect delight,
visions of rapture
now burst on my sight;
angels descending
bring from above
echoes of mercy,
whispers of love.**

* “Blessed Assurance” ELW 638

Refrain

This is my story,
this is my song,
praising my Savior,
all the day long:
this is my story,
this is my song,
praising my Savior
all the day long.

*** “Blessed Assurance” ELW 638**

**3 Perfect submission,
all is at rest;
I in my Savior
am happy and blest,
watching and waiting,
looking above,
filled with his goodness,
lost in his love.**

* “Blessed Assurance” ELW 638

Refrain

This is my story,
this is my song,
praising my Savior,
all the day long:
this is my story,
this is my song,
praising my Savior
all the day long.

*** DISMISSAL**

P: Depart in Christ's Love.

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving
all. Amen!**

POSTLUDE

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