



Service of Worship for the Lord's Day July 5, 2026 Ordinary 14

Prayers are written by Pastor Joseph.

PRELUDE "Chorale Fughetta on 'St. Anne'" Gilbert Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from Zechariah 9

Pastor: Rejoice Greatly, Daughter Zion.

People: Sing aloud, Daughter Jerusalem.

Pastor: Look, your king will come to you, righteous and humble.

People: He will cut off the chariot, the warhorse, and the bow used in battle

Pastor: He will speak peace to the nations, from sea to sea,

People: Let us worship God!

HYMN #331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION Adapted from Psalm 145 and Romans 7

Guide: LORD God, you are our true king. We rejoice in your mercy and compassion, for you are very patient and full of faithful love.

People: Your compassion extends to everyone and everything, for all are the work of your hands. Yet even as we give thanks to you, LORD, we confess that we don't know what we're doing. Instead of doing the good that we want to do, we often do the very thing that we don't want to do.

Guide: My mind and my spirit gladly seek you, but I am held captive by the sin that is within me.

People: Forgive our frailties and failings, liberate us from unhealthy habits and generations-old anxieties, as we lift up our sins together in silence...

- Silent Confessions -

Guide: LORD God, you are trustworthy in all you say, faithful in all you do. Support us when we fall down, straighten up all who are bent low. Deliver us from the dead corpse of sin through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, saying...***"Our Father..." (debts/debtors) p. 35 in hymnal.***

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL Adapted from Romans 8

Guide: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. Rather than condemn us, Christ died for us, Christ was raised for us, Christ reigns in power over us, and Christ prays for us. Friends, we are beloved children of God. Believe the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Amen!

CHORAL RESPONSE (in unison)

#582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

FAMILY SERMON Pastor Joseph

(Parents and all children, including elementary school students, come forward)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Heavenly Father, had you only forgiven our sins, that would have been enough, but you have also given us the gift of Holy Scripture. As we read its words, speak your Word to us, that we might feel your presence and know your will.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 5:3-16

Reader: Blessed are the poor in spirit,

People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Reader: Blessed are those who mourn,

People: for they will be comforted.

Reader: Blessed are the meek,

People: for they will inherit the earth.

Reader: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

People: for they will be filled.

Reader: Blessed are the merciful,

People: for they will receive mercy.

Reader: Blessed are the pure in heart,

People: for they will see God.

Reader: Blessed are the peacemakers,

People: for they will be called children of God.

Reader: Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,

People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Reader: Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

People: Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they

persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Reader: You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored?

People: It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

Reader: You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

People: In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

All: This is the Word of the Lord. Amen.

Romans 12:1-18

Reader: So, brothers and sisters, because of God's mercies, I encourage you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God. This is your appropriate priestly service.

People: Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is—what is good and pleasing and mature.

Reader: Because of the grace that God gave me, I can say to each one of you: don't think of yourself more highly than you ought to think. Instead, be reasonable since God has measured out a portion of faith to each one of you.

People: We have many parts in one body, but the parts don't all have the same function. In the same way, though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ, and individually we belong to each other.

Reader: We have different gifts that are consistent with God's grace that has been given to us. If your gift is prophecy, you should prophesy in proportion to your faith. If your gift is service, devote yourself to serving. If your gift is teaching, devote yourself to teaching. If your gift is encouragement, devote yourself to encouraging. The one giving should do it with no strings attached. The leader should lead with passion. The one showing mercy should be cheerful.

People: Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other.

Reader: Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer.

People: Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home. Bless people who harass you—bless and don't curse them.

Reader: Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else.

People: Instead, associate with people who have no status. Don't think that you're so smart.

Reader: Don't pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what

everyone else believes is good.

People: If possible, to the best of your ability, live at peace with all people.

All: This is the Word of the LORD, Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Out of Many: One” Pastor Joseph

HYMN #749 Come! Live in the Light!

OFFERTORY “Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior” Kevin Sadowski

***OFFERING** (*in unison*) “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”
***God, Whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store,
Nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom, Costly cross, grave’s shattered door:
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ’s ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.***

DEDICATION (*unison*)

Blessed are you O God, king of the universe. We rejoice in the grace we have been given and seek to serve you by cheerfully giving these offerings. Use them to pour out your love upon all people through your church. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

COMMUNION

Invitation to the table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with You.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God...

Therefore we join our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever praise your name, saying,

***People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he***

who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: Holy God, we thank you for...we ask all this in the name of your son our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Words of Institution

Communion

Prayer After Communion

Vision & Mission

Pastor: The mission of Erin Church is to belong to the diverse family in Christ;

People: to love and accept all as God's children;

Pastor: to become disciples who embody and share the gospel;

People: and to serve our church and beyond.

All: Unified in Christ, we actively seek to create harmony in a diverse community through compassion, mutual respect, and love.

CLOSING HYMN #340 This is My Song

BENEDICTION Pastor Joseph

DOXOLOGY (*in unison*) #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

POSTLUDE "Postlude on an American Hymn 'Simple Gifts'" Charles Callahan

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Wyn Bryant will be providing pulpit supply next Sunday, so our weekly readings might be different from his focus passage. This week in the lectionary, we see different ways that God's Word is fulfilled. How do you see God's promises at work in your own life?
How do you see them at work in the church?

MONDAY Psalm 131

TUESDAY Jeremiah 28:10-17

WEDNESDAY Song of Solomon 2:8-13

THURSDAY John 13:1-17

FRIDAY Romans 15:14-21

SATURDAY Isaiah 55:10-13

SUNDAY Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23