



St Ives Uniting Church

5 July 2026

Pentecost 6



Notices and Welcome

Introduction and Call to Worship

We Light the Christ Candle

Prayer of Invocation

Gathering to Praise God

Hymn 143 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

St Denio

Prayer of Confession and Thanksgiving

Declaration of Forgiveness

God is love. Through Christ, your sins are forgiven. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Listening to God's Word

Responsive Reading Psalm 43

1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

**2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**

3 though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

**4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.**

5 God is within her, she will not fall;

God will help her at break of day.

**⁶ Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall he lifts his voice, the earth
Melts**

⁷ The Lord Almighty is with us;

**⁸ Come and see what the Lord has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.**

**⁹ He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.**

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields^[d] with fire.

**¹⁰ He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”**

**¹¹ The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Amen

Sharing the Peace

Hymn 689 Lord, hear my prayer, listen to me

Lara

First Lesson

2 Timothy Chapter 3:14 – Chapter 4:5

Ashley Jacobsson

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: **² Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season;**

correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second Lesson

Luke Chapter 4 Verses 14 – 30

Emily Jacobsson

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”^[a]

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

²³ Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”

²⁴ “Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵ I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. ²⁶ Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. ²⁷ And there were many in Israel with leprosy^[b] in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

²⁸ All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Lord Jesus, we give you our praise

Sermon	“Two ways of doing nothing!”	Lawrence Peak
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Responding to God’s Word

Hymn 136	There’s a wideness in God’s mercy	<i>Cross of Jesus</i>
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Offering

Doxology

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.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Annette Burne

The 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 this day 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.

Closing Hymn 650 Brother, sister, let me serve you *Servant song*

Benediction *The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you,
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you
And give you peace. Amen*

Blessing 779 May the feet of God walk with you *"Aubrey"*

May the feet of God walk with you
And his hand hold you tight.
May the eye of God rest on you
And his ear hear your cry.
May the smile of God be for you,
And his breath give you life.
May the child of God grow in you
And his love bring you home.

Postlude

Organist

John Hughes

