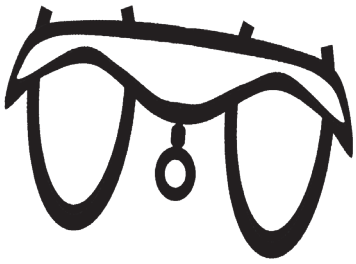
Sola Publishing Worship Worksheet

Pentecost 6

July 5, 2026

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 9 (Year A)



Human life is filled with burdens of many kinds. We are captive to our sinful natures, which cause us, as St. Paul says, to do the things we do not want to do. With God on our side, we are promised to have One who will look out for us, who will free us from our burdens. Jesus promises all those who are weary and heavy laden with stress, conflict, suffering, and the pains of life that he will give us rest.

This Week's Scripture Texts

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12 — **Coming King of Zion**

When the Israelites returned from Babylon and their situation of captivity, they found more difficulties at home. In this landscape fraught with religious, economic, social, and political issues, God pronounced his glorious vision of Israel's future: God would act on their behalf and send a new King to save them.

Psalm 145:1-14 — **Great is the Lord**

The Lord is gracious and merciful, the psalmist wrote, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. This psalm of praise to the Lord extols the wonders of God's mercy and the works of God's hands.

Second Reading: Romans 7:14-25a — **Nothing Good Dwells in the Flesh**

Paul described the conflict within him concerning following the law and giving in to sin: He does things that he does not want to do but is unable to do the good he would like to do. The flesh is held captive to sin, but the mind and heart are slaves to the law of God. We are rescued from this inner conflict by Christ our Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:25-30 — **Perfect Rest in Jesus**

The yoke that connects two evenly matched animals together makes their tasks much easier to accomplish. Jesus, who is stronger than we are, invited those who were weighed down with the burdens of life and sin to come to him, and he would place his yoke upon them. Those who did so would discover the gentle and humble nature of our Lord, whose yoke was easy and burden light.

Suggestions for the Day:

Liturgical Color: Green

• In Ordinary Time use either the Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise.

• Use the Apostles' Creed.

Luther wrote about the Third Commandment (Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy): "We should fear and love God so that we do not despise his Word and the preaching of it, but acknowledge it as holy, and gladly hear and learn it."

Encourage the worshiping community to keep the Sabbath, paying attention to their deep need to rest in the Lord who calls us to come to him and will carry our burdens.

Suggested Hymns for Worship

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Lord of All Hopefulness	469	---	738	765	200	200
Jesus Shall Reign	530	---	832	434	268	268
Day by Day	---	746	---	790	210	210
Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling	---	734	---	608	177	177
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	497	---	699	332	241	241
Jesus, the Very Thought of You	316	---	---	---	---	web
O Day of Rest and Gladness	251	---	906	521	---	web
How Great Thou Art	532	---	801	856	26	26
He Leadeth Me	501	---	---	---	232	232
Father Most Holy	169	---	504	415	---	---

*The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV = With One Voice, ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB = The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC = The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."*

Contemporary Songs

Praise Song Titles
Cry Out to Jesus
(CCLI# 4586106)
Be Still My Soul
(CCLI# 6534077)
My Yoke is Easy
(CCLI# 436147)
Come to Me
(CCLI# 4991461)
Run to the Father
(CCLI# 7133494)

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