

# Full Service Bulletin



**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**JUNE 21, 2026**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**HONORING FATHERS AND GRADUATES**

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)*

**PRELUDE AND PREPARATION** *During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship, read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray: Direct and control us, O Lord, always and everywhere with heavenly light; that we may both discern with clear vision and share with worthy effect the Mystery which You have willed us to partake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.*

**CHILDREN** *of all ages are welcome! The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.*

**LISTENING DEVICES** *for the hearing impaired are available at the sound board (in the back of the sanctuary).*

**INTRODUCTION** *Jeremiah, like many prophets, knew the frustration of having his words rejected. Jesus declares that His words may not bring peace, but division. As we take stands for the sake of justice and lose our lives for the sake of others, we need not be afraid: the hairs of our head are counted. In baptism we are buried with Christ that we may walk in newness of life, marked with the cross of Christ forever.*

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all  
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the  
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.  
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the  
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.  
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.  
 Lord is king, let the heav-ens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad!

**COMMEMORATION** *Onesimos Nesib (1855–1931), translator and evangelist, was born in Ethiopia. He was captured by slave traders and taken from his Galla homeland to Eritrea, where he was bought, freed, and educated by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into Galla and with difficulty returned to his homeland to preach the gospel there. His tombstone includes the verse from Jeremiah 22:20, “O land, land, land, hear the Word of the Lord!” As we support mission work through our benevolence, let the commemoration of Nesib encourage us.*

## WELCOME AND MEDITATION

*(Please rise.)*

### GATHERING HYMN “This Is My Father’s World”

*(Maj #73 - favorite - Text: Maltbie D. Babcock; Tune: Franklin L. Sheppard)*

### INVOCATION ( = All may make the sign of the cross.)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, the Source of life, the Word of salvation, the Spirit of mercy. **C: AMEN.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Please kneel.)*

P: Let us confess our sins to God, Who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

### PSALM OF CONFESSION...Psalm 69:5-6

*(congregation reads indented)*

You know my folly, O God;

**my guilt is not hidden from You.**

May those who hope in You

**not be disgraced because of me,**

O Lord, the LORD Almighty; may those who seek You

**not be put to shame because of me, O God of Israel.**

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

P: God of compassion, **C: We confess that we have neglected Your commandments and have sinned against You in our thoughts, in our words and in our deeds. Forgive our sins, Merciful God, those known and unknown, things done and left undone. Make our hearts burn with love for You and those in need, so that our lives may witness to Your never-failing love. AMEN.**

P: Brothers and sisters, buried with Christ by baptism into His death, your sins are forgiven. The death Christ died, He died to sin, once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God. So you also, by the power of the Holy Spirit, are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. **C: AMEN.**

### GREETING *(Please rise.)*

P: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad. The God who created the world and fills it with life be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

# WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

*With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
"Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)*

## **HYMN OF PRAISE** "Let the Whole Creation Cry"

*(ELW # 876 - Text: Stopford A. Brooke; Tune: Jakob Hintze)*



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"  
2 War - riors fight - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with his word,  
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise him, our al - might - y king!"  
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.  
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise him, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
Kings of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;  
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.  
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"  
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray together: **C: Teach us, good Lord, to serve  
You as You deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to  
fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek  
for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that  
of knowing that we do Your will, through Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

## **RESPONSIVE READING...Psalm 69:1-4, 7-18**

*(congregation reads indented)*

Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck.

**I sink in the miry depths, where there is no foothold.**

I have come into the deep waters;

**the floods engulf me.**

I am worn out calling for help; my throat is parched.

**My eyes fail, looking for my God.**

Those who hate me without reason

**outnumber the hairs of my head;**

many are my enemies without cause,

**those who seek to destroy me.**

I am forced to restore

**what I did not steal.**

For I endure scorn for Your sake,

**and shame covers my face.**

I am a stranger to my brothers,

**an alien to my own mother's sons;**

for zeal for Your house consumes me,

**and the insults of those who insult You fall on me.**

When I weep and fast, I must endure scorn;

**when I put on sackcloth, people make sport of me.**

Those who sit at the gate mock me,

**and I am the song of the drunkards.**

But I pray to You, O LORD, in the time of Your favor;

**in Your great love, O God,**

**answer me with Your sure salvation.**

Rescue me from the mire, do not let me sink;

**deliver me from those who hate me,**

**from the deep waters.**

Do not let the floodwaters engulf me

**or the depths swallow me up**

**or the pit close its mouth over me.**

Answer me, O LORD, out of the goodness of Your love;

**in Your great mercy turn to me.**

Do not hide Your face from Your servant;

**answer me quickly, for I am in trouble.**

Come near and rescue me;

**redeem me because of my foes.**

**PRAISE SONG** *(Please sit.) "How Firm a Foundation"*

*(Maj # 342 - favorite)*



1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your  
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee—O be not dis-mayed, For I am thy  
 3. "When thru fi - ery tri - als thy path-way shall lie, My grace, all-suf-  
 4. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose, I will not, I  
 faith in His ex - cel - lent Word! What more can He say than to  
 God, I will still give thee aid; I'll strength-en thee, help thee, and  
 fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply; The flame shall not hurt thee—I  
 will not de - sert to his foes; That soul, tho all hell should en-  
 you He hath said— To you, who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 cause thee to stand, Up - held by my gra-cious, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 on - ly de - sign Thy dross to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine.  
 deav - or to shake, I'll nev - er—no, nev - er—no, nev - er for - sake!"

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

*For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)*

**FIRST LESSON** .....Jeremiah 20:7-13.....p. 1205

P: Word of God, Word of Life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND LESSON**.....Romans 6:1-11.....p. 1754

P: Word of God, Word of Life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**COLLECT FOR CHILDREN** (*When children are present.*)

P: We will dismiss for Children's Church after the Gospel reading.

Let us pray the Collect for Children together: **C: Lord, we lift up to you the children of our church, asking for Your protection, guidance, and blessings over their lives.**

**May they grow in faith, wisdom, and love, finding their**

identity in You and walking in the purpose You have for them. Surround them with Your grace, strengthen their families, and raise them to be lights in this world for Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(Please rise.)*

*“Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus” verse 1 (ELW # 802 abridged)*

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.  
 Music: Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL** ....Matthew 10:24-39.....Pg. 1511

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Young children may go to Children’s Church.)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *verse 2*

(Please be seated. See space for sermon notes in Announcements insert.)

## SERMON “Set Free To Take Up Our Cross: Part I”

### WE RESPOND IN FAITH

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.  
(Romans 15:13)

### **HYMN OF THE DAY** (Please rise.) “Take Up Your Cross” (ELW # 667 - Text: Charles W. Everest; Tune: William Knapp)



1 “Take up your cross,” the Sav - ior said, “if you would  
2 Take up your cross; let not its weight per - vade your  
3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame, nor let your  
4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ, nor think till



my dis - ci - ple be; for - sake the past, and  
soul with vain a - larm; his strength shall bear your  
fool - ish heart re - bel; for you the Lord en -  
death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



come this day, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.”  
spir - it up, sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.  
dured the cross to save your soul from death and hell.  
bear the cross may hope to wear a gold - en crown.

### **SMALL CATECHISM READING**

L: Let us confess our faith by reading a portion of Luther’s Small Catechism, *Part III. The Lord’s Prayer*:

L: To Whom do we address the petitions of the Lord’s Prayer?

**C: “Our Father who art in heaven.”** (Matthew 6:9)

L: What does this mean?

**C: God would thereby tenderly urge us to believe that He is our true Father, and that we are His true children, so that we may ask Him confidently with all assurance, as dear children ask their dear father.**

L: What is The First Petition?

**C:** “**Hallowed be Thy name.**” (*Matthew 6:9*)

L: What does this mean?

**C:** **God’s name is indeed holy in itself; but we pray in this petition that it may become holy among us also.**

*(Please sit. All who are not fathers, please stand to sing in honor of all fathers. Fathers, please rise for the last verse and sing along.)*

## **FATHER’S DAY HYMN** “*Rise Up, O Men of God!*”

*(Maj # 389 - favorite - Text: William P. Merrill; Tune: William H. Walter)*

1 Rise up, O men of God! Have done with less - er things;  
2 Rise up, O men of God! His king - dom tar - ries long;  
3 Rise up, O men of God! The Church for you doth wait,  
4 Lift high the cross of Christ, Tread where His feet have trod;

1 Give heart and soul and mind and strength To serve the King of kings.  
2 Bring in the day of broth - er - hood And end the night of wrong.  
3 Her strength un - e - qual to her task: Rise up, and make her great.  
4 As broth - ers of the Son of man, Rise up, O men of God!

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** (*Please kneel as you are able.*)

*(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)*

**OFFERING** *We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!*

## WE RECEIVE THE COVENANT MEAL

*For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)*

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *(Please rise.)*

P: The LORD be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the LORD.**

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord; Who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn: "Alleluia" *(Michael W. Smith)*

Al - le - lu - ia. — Ho - ly, ho - ly

are You, Lord God — Al - might y. Wor thy is the Lamb, wor thy is the Lamb.

You are ho - ly, ho - ly are You, Lord God — Al - might - y.

Wor thy is the Lamb, wor thy is the Lamb. A - men.



## COMMUNION HYMNS *(sung until all have received.)*

1. "Find Us Faithful!" *(Jon Mohr - Steve Green on cd - All sing the chorus.)*

**We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road,  
and those who've gone before us line the way.  
cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary,  
their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace.**

**Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
let us run the race not only for the prize,  
but as those who've gone before us.**

**let us leave to those behind us,  
the heritage of faithfulness  
passed on thru godly lives.**

*Chorus:*

O may all who come be-hind us find us faith-ful;  
may the fire of our de-vo-tion light their way.  
May the foot-prints that we leave lead them to be-lieve,  
and the lives we live in-spire them to o-bey.  
O may all who come be-hind us find us faith-ful.

The musical score is written for two staves (treble and bass clef) in a 3/2 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The score consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "O may all who come be-hind us find us faith-ful; may the fire of our de-vo-tion light their way. May the foot-prints that we leave lead them to be-lieve, and the lives we live in-spire them to o-bey. O may all who come be-hind us find us faith-ful." The score ends with a double bar line.

After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone,  
 and our children sift thru all we've left behind,  
 may the clues that they discover,  
 and the mem'ries they uncover,  
 become the light that leads them,  
 to the road we each must find. Chorus

2. "Children of the Heavenly Father" (Maj # 419 - favorite)

Lina Sandell  
 Tr. by Ernst W. Olson

TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA  
 Swedish Folk Melody

1 Chil - dren of the heaven - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly in His bos - om gath - er;  
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish, In His ho - ly courts they flour - ish;  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the Lord His chil - dren sev - er;  
 4 Praise the Lord in joy - ful num - bers, Your Pro - tect - or nev - er slum - bers;  
 5 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

1 Nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 2 From all e - vil things He spares them, In His might - y arms He bears them.  
 3 Un - to them His grace He show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
 4 At the will of your De - fend - er Ev - ery foe - man must sur - ren - der.  
 5 His the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

**WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD**

*Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** *(Please rise.)*

L: Let us pray together: **C: O God, our provider, You nourish us with holy food and drink, and You open our hearts to the needs of others. Refresh us with Your Spirit, that our words and deeds may proclaim Your creative and life-giving Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

*(Graduates raise their hands and are congratulated with applause.)*

## **BLESSING OF GRADUATES** *(If any are present.)*

P: God of wisdom, we thank You for those who teach and those who learn. Bless those who have now completed this stage of their education. Be with them as they embark on the next stage of life's journey and grant many opportunities for sound learning, new discoveries, and the pursuit of wisdom. May all their questions bring them ever closer to You, the source of all truth, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: AMEN.**

## **BLESSING**

P: God gives rest to all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens. Almighty and merciful God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you, this day and forevermore.

**C: AMEN.**

## **SENDING HYMN** *“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”*

*(Maj # 36 - favorite)*

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you!

**C: And also with you!**

## **POSTLUDE**

**FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS** *Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments. Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place. You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.*

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HYMN TO JOY

Ludwig van Beethoven

Adapted by Edward Hodges

Henry van Dyke

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
 2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,  
 4 Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

1 Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
 2 Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 3 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
 4 Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.

1 Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 2 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 3 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ, our Broth - er— All who live in love are Thine;  
 4 Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,

1 Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
 2 Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
 3 Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.  
 4 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life. A - men.

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**SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK**

GREETER: 8:30-Diane Hahn | 11:00-Irene Graham

SOUND: 8:30-Josh Miller | 11:00-Ken Yoxheimer

LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Jan Stryker

SONG LEADER: 8:30-Karen Brown

LITURGIST/COMMUNION: 8:30-Seth Miller | 11:00-Lyn Stryker

LECTOR: 8:30-Ruthann Kistler | 11:00-Kathy Ballek

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler

USHER: 8:30-Jan Stryker | 11:00-Irene Graham

ALTAR GUILD: Alyce & Patty Stein

COUNTERS: Jan Stryker & Karen Brown

GRASS CUTTERS (6/15-20): Rich Stein & Jonathan Miller

SEXTON: **Volunteers needed**

PHONETREE: Stephen Zeiner

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Mike Zyskowski

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Lisa Wechsler, *Bookkeeper* † Stephen Zeiner, *Webmaster*

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Worship - 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM

(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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