

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

June 21, 2026

9 am



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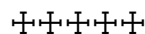
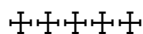
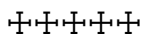
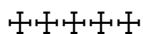
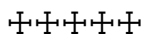
Office Hours
Monday – Thursday 8:30am-12:00pm

We welcome all guests this morning.
We are very pleased to have you worship with us!
All are welcome to receive communion.

Everyone is welcome! Grab some refreshments and join us!

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARING CONVERSATION

PRELUDE Seek Ye First

arr. Wagner

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of Almighty God, the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

GATHERING HYMN Give to Our God Immortal Praise

ELW 848

INVOCATION

P: May 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

P: Teach us, good Lord God, 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.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:7-13

- ⁷ O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me.
- ⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.
- ⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.
- ¹⁰ For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him and take our revenge on him."
- ¹¹ But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior; therefore, my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.
- ¹² O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.
- ¹³ Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers. *The Word of the Lord...**Thanks Be to God.***

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ *please stand if able*



P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew....**Glory to you O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:24-39

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴ “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, ³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷ “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.” *The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you O Christ.***

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Wayne Gallipo

HYMN How Firm a Foundation

ELW 796

APOSTLES CREED

(inside back cover of hymnal)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Response: God of Grace.... **Hear Our Prayer.**

PEACE

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY **Steal Away**

Julie Falk, Carol Garman

OFFERING PRAYER

C: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

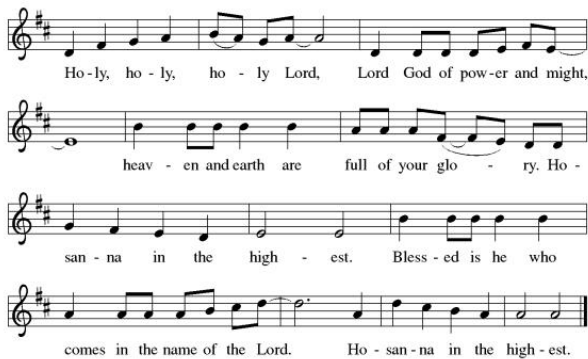
P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them unto the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give God our thanks and praise. P: It is indeed right....

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: On the night in which he was betrayed ... for as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes again.

LORD'S PRAYER

THE FRACTION AND INVITATION

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

We practice "open communion" at St. John. ALL are invited to come forward as ushered to receive this life-giving sacrament. Those not receiving communion are invited to receive a blessing. As you are given the bread and wine an appropriate response is "Amen." Please be respectful of this meditative time within our worship.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Build Us Up, Lord

ELW 670

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus

ELW 451

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: 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. **Amen.**

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen**

SENDING HYMN Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW 674

1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

2 Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.

Refrain

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

Refrain

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! ***Refrain***

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Allegro Vivace

Handel