

The 5th Sunday after Pentecost

June 28th, 2026 ~ 8:30am



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() Please stand as you are comfortable and able*

Prelude Music

Welcome & Announcements

***Opening Litany**

P: In the face of the stranger, we see the image of our Creator.

C: Open our eyes, O God, to the dignity of every person we encounter.

P: When we welcome those who speak Your truth, and honor the righteous among us ...

C: We align ourselves with Your kingdom and share in the blessing of Your servants.

P: Lord, it is so easy to seek grand gestures and sweeping triumphs. Remind us of the power of small things.

C: Give us the grace to offer the cup of cold water to those who thirst, and comfort to those who are weary.

P: For Your promise is steadfast and sure: that no act of love, no matter how quiet or hidden, will ever go unnoticed by You.

C: Truly, none of these will lose their reward.

P: Gracious God, make us instruments of Your welcome. Give us the courage to be a sanctuary for the vulnerable. Empower us to see that in every act of hospitality, we are serving You. **Amen.**

***Opening Hymn #526**

"God Is Here"

***The Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

P: 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.

P: Let us pray. ~ O God, You direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The First Reading ~ Jeremiah 28: 5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

⁵ The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 89 (selective verses, read responsively)

¹ Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

² **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

³ "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴ **'I will establish your line forever,**



and preserve your throne for all generations.’ ”

¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

¹⁶ **They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.

¹⁸ **Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

The Second Reading ~ Romans 6: 12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

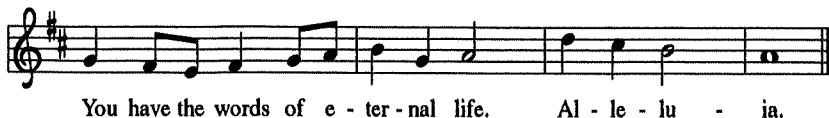
¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads

to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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***The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all)**



***The Holy Gospel ~ Matthew 10: 40-42**

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

The Holy Gospel according to the 10th chapter of St. Matthew.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus said to the twelve: ⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple — truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

Sermon

***Hymn #651 “Oh, Praise the Gracious Power”**

***The Apostles’ Creed (professed together)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under

Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

***The Prayers of Intercession**

God of grace ... **Hear our prayer.**

Anthem

“In the Garden”

(duet by Carolyn Tuomela Wallace & Alicia Baird)

Blessing of the Communion Elements



The Lord's Prayer (traditional ~ prayed by all)

+ Communal Reception of the Sacrament +

This morning, the sacrament will be distributed by method of intinction; that is, the Pastor will dip the wafer into the chalice, hand it to the recipient so that they may place it in their own mouth.

Post-Communion Blessing, Prayer, and Benediction

P: Let us pray. ~ We give You thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

***Closing Hymn #676**

“Lord, Speak to Us ...”

***Dismissal**

Go in peace and serve the Lord in love. ♥

Thanks be to God!

Postlude Music



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you*

... to Lisa Kurtz for serving as our lector

... to Drew Wagner for serving as our live stream tech

... to Janet Heckman for serving as our organist



We joyfully welcome The A Team — Adelina Baird, Aili Leslie,
and Anastasia Lisachenko — to the Lord's Table today as
they receive their 1st Holy Communion! ✝

The girls made the bread that will be used during the distribution of the sacrament this morning.

To remember in prayer ... Ronald Black, Bob Brown, Shauna and Dan Brucker, Richard Eisenhart, Faye, Hope Geary, Harlan, Jeanne Logan, Lori Remaly, Barb Shaneberger, Kathleen Tuomela May, Darrell Tuomela, Joe Ulmer, Leon Warmkesel, George Weiser, people living in war-torn countries, victims of oppression, injustice, violence, and natural disasters, and other dear ones whom we name before God. †

*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*



The altar flowers are placed in loving memory of what would have been Francis & Nancy Filler's 66th wedding anniversary ... and in honor of our 1st Communion youth, Ana, Aili, and Adelina. ♥



Join us for a special “red, white, and blue” coffee hour next Sunday, July 5th, as we honor our nation’s 250th birthday!

Interested persons are also invited to join the choir next Sunday during the anthem time as the hymn, “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” will be sung.

