

June 21, 2026 Bulletin Insert – 4th Sunday after Pentecost

We lift up in prayer:

Lila Burmeister, Darlene Lind, Joyce Paulson, Janet Hillstrom, Roger & Bev Valentine, Gloria Schultz, Ron Lunz, Marnie Osmond, Peggy Morrison; Jerrod Quade, grandson of Pastor Katherine & Les Rood; Laurie Brothen, mother of Joy White, for health and healing; Rondi Adams & family on the death of her son-in-law, Timothy Moore

Altar Flowers given by:

Phyllis & Tom Jacobson – in honor of our 61st Wedding Anniversary!



GATHERING SONG:

This is My Father's World - ELW 824

1 This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise; the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise. This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

3 This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget that, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad? The Lord is king, let heaven ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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.

1st READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

PSALM (read responsively): Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18

⁷ It is for your sake that I have borne reproach, that shame has covered my face.

⁸ **I have become a stranger to my kindred, an alien to my mother's children.**

⁹ It is zeal for your house that has consumed me; the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.

¹⁰ **When I humbled my soul with fasting, they insulted me for doing so.**

¹⁶ Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

¹⁷ **Do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress—make haste to answer me.**

¹⁸ Draw near to me; redeem me; set me free because of my enemies.

2nd READING: Romans 6:1b-11

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

HYMN OF THE DAY

Children of the Heavenly Father - ELW 781

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.
- 4 Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

SENDING SONG

Will You Come and Follow Me - ELW 798

- 1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?"
- 3 "Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
- 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Join us next Sunday, June 28 for our Semi-Annual Meeting following the 8:30am service at the GLBC Stave Chapel. The Council has voted to begin planning for a new full-time staff position: Director of Youth and Family Faith Formation. They are seeking a Director who can build strong relationships with our children, youth, and families—someone who enjoys being where the kids are, whether leading a lesson, attending events, laughing, listening, mentoring, or helping them feel known and valued. Join us at the meeting as we vote to increase the budget for this new position. **There will be no 10:00am service at Faith this day.**

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