

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday June 21, 2026



ELW SETTING 2
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
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Welcome to **WORSHIP**

WITHOUT EXCEPTION,
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WELCOMES YOU
TODAY!

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit welcomes all to worship, to hear the Good News, to celebrate the sacraments, and to share in fellowship and service.

We welcome new visitors, old friends, and our members;

We welcome single, married, widowed and divorced;

We welcome all regardless of age, sex, race, or national origin;

We welcome all people of any sexual orientation or gender identity or gender expression;

We welcome all people of any ability or challenge;

We welcome all regardless of socio-economic status;

We welcome all who are happy, sad, rejoicing, grieving, celebrating or recovering;

We welcome all who are seeking justice and peace among all peoples and nations;

We welcome all who are seeking God's love and God's grace.

We are glad you are with us today.

We are a family of faith living and growing together in Christ. As we worship and celebrate communion this morning we remind you that this is the Lord's table. Jesus is the host. We are his guests. God welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. Come and eat and live! Please extend your hand to receive the bread, then take a cup from the tray. Please indicate if you prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer. Those not receiving communion are welcome to receive a blessing.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Holy Spirit, please see Pastor Tim. Membership comes through baptism or affirmation of faith. Welcome cards/envelopes are located in the pew rack. Please take a moment to fill out the information and return it to the offering plate. Various updates and additional church information, are posted each week on our website — www.holyspirit-elca.org.

Please let us know if we can be of service to you in any way!



**Welcome visitors to LCHS! Please scan this
QR code to share your info with us.**



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE **“Rhosymedre”** **Ralph Vaughan Williams**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us,
the one who reforms us again and again.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P Source of all life,

C **we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.**

We fear that we are not good enough.

**We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to
earn it.**

We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward.

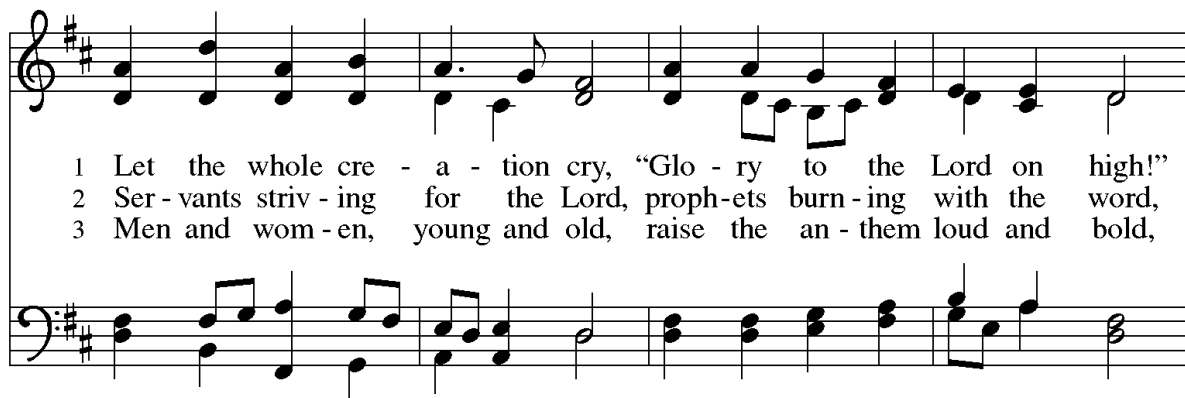
Forgive us. Stir us.

**Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is
right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation.**

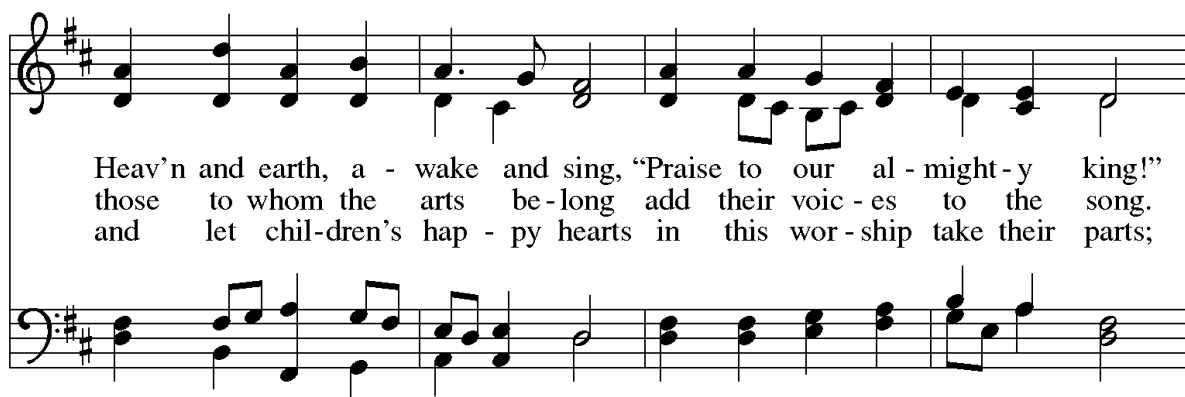
Amen.

P God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our
lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, + God's love is unconditional, and
we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name
of Jesus Christ.

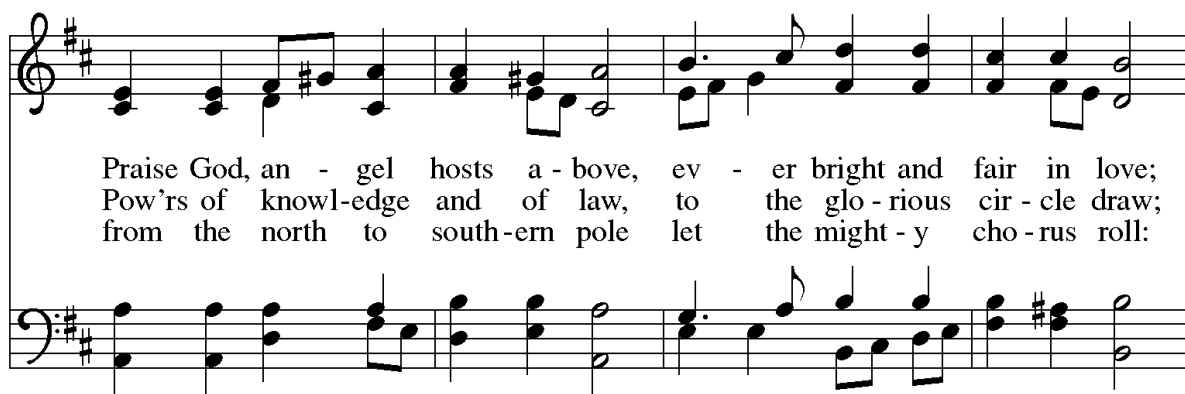
C **Amen.**



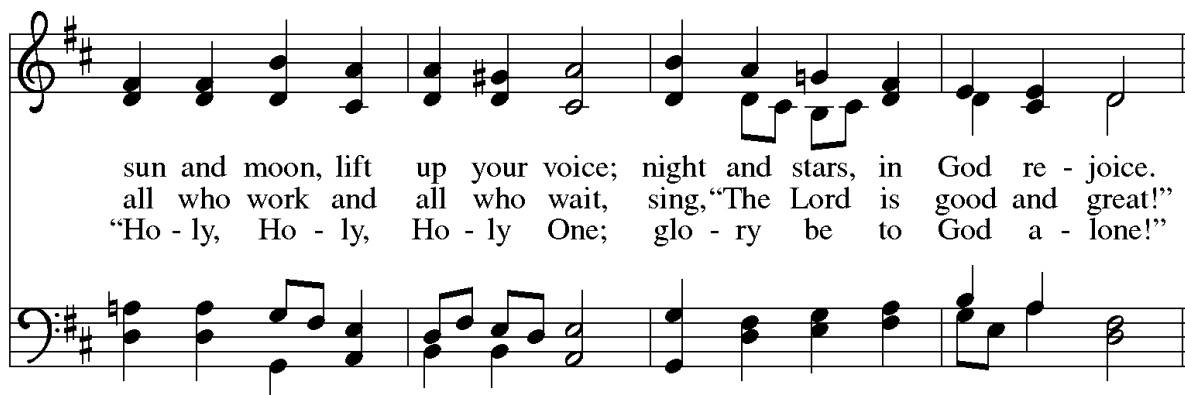
1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to 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 God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
 Pow'rs 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!"

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Joleen Gleasman

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.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

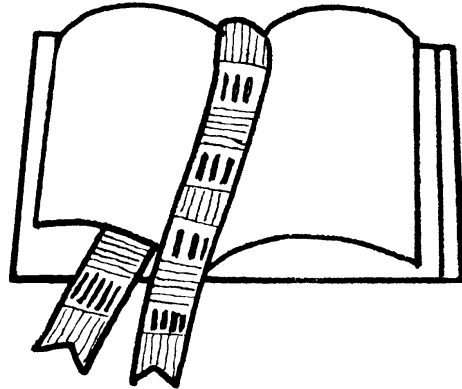
Romans 6:1b-11

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Please stand

GOSPEL VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:24-39

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P [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.”

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Joleen Gleasman

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

“How Firm a Foundation”

ELW 796

Verse 1, 2, & 4



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 “Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 “When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 “Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.”
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.”
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne.”

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.

Please be seated

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A Life-giving God, you have called your people to lose their lives for Jesus' sake. Strengthen your church to follow you in the face of difficulty. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Creator God, you know every sparrow that falls to the ground. Protect migrating birds, endangered species, and their natural habitats. Empower us to care for your creation. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Sovereign God, you call us to act justly and love mercy. Protect those with marginalized identities to whom we have not shown the abounding love of Jesus. Bring an end to oppression and bigotry in all forms. We pray for those serving in the military and their families, especially **Amelia Eastman, Thomas Menter** (grandson of Louise), **Dylan Utterback** (son of Julie & Joel), **Jim Detjen** (brother of Mary), **Dylan Glenner, Hannah Best** (son and daughter of Anne-Marie and Jonathan Glenner), and **Luke Livingston** (grand-nephew of Scott and Jan Schwanke). God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Help those living with disability. Comfort those experiencing any sort of illness or suffering. We especially pray for **Carol Bertrand, Ruth Berman, Gordy Duprey, Elizabeth Falato, Marian McBride, Cathy Nathan, Tom Weglarz, Allison Wittich, Rod Bunch** (friend of Dorothy and Ron Stocks), **Valerie Farran** (friend of the Wittichs), **Deb Fedro** (friend of Robin Saydak), **Kat David, Jacob Gombar** (cousin and uncle of Jeanne Nelson), **Mick Garrison** (family friend of the Fencels), **Laura Hansel** (sister of Mary Detjen), **Grace Linstrom** (granddaughter of Maria and Pastor Tim), **the Chase Petersen family** (friends of Amy Dohler), **Gary Ringham** (friend

of Nila and Arnie Bilstad), **Kari, Sydney, and Luke Stocks** (daughter in-law and grandchildren of Dorothy and Ron Stocks), **Richard Stocks** (brother of Ron Stocks), **Michael Ungari, Lenita Spears**, (relative & friend of the Labellarte family), **Coco & Lukas** (grandchildren of JoAnne Schwarcz), **Alex Trachtenberg** (friend of the Roehls), **Julie Webb** (niece of Chris Miller). God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Empowering God, strengthen us to live out our diverse callings. We pray especially for fathers and father figures, that they show your compassion and care. We pray for all for whom this day is difficult or painful. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Faithful God, we give thanks for saints like Onesimos Nesib who have claimed their baptismal promises. May we follow their example of faith and service. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

C **Amen.**

Please Stand

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **and also with you.**

All the people greet one another through the sharing of the peace.

Please be seated

THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Veni Creator: III Duo”

Nicolas de Grigny



Please stand as the offering is brought forward

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** 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.
- C** **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them up to the Lord**
- P** Let us give thank to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Blessed are you, O holy God:
 you are the Life and Light of all.
 By your powerful word you created all things.
 Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.
 Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.
 He is your Light, shining in our darkness
 and revealing to us your mercy and might.
 In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

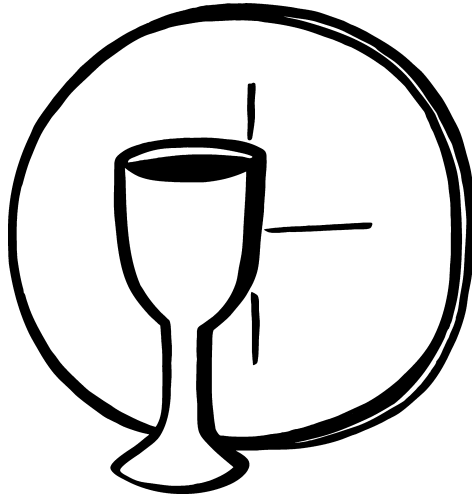
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing,
his dying and rising, and his promise to come again,
we await that day when all the universe
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.
By your Spirit bless us and this meal,
that, refreshed with this heavenly food,
we may be light for the world,
revealing the brilliance of your Son.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P All who believe in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
are welcome at the table of the Lord.
Let us pray together as our Lord taught us.

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**



COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

P Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!
C **Amen.**

Please be seated

COMMUNION CANTICLE

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.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen.

Please stand after all have been communed

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A 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.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
one God, bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"O Jesus I have promised"

ELW 810

Verse 1, 2, & 4

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Voluntary”

John Stanley

Sanctuary flowers donated by the Duprey’s in honor of John’s 15th birthday.

Thank you to Pastor Joleen Gleasman for leading our service today and thank you Martin Hill for filling in as organist.

FAMILY S’MORES NIGHT — June 23, 6:30 —7:30pm

Join us for an evening of campfire fun. Bring your camp chair and a drink. All s’mores fixings will be provided.

PRIDE BANNER — June is nationally recognized as Pride Month. The ELCA is highly inclusive and fully accepts LGBT individuals. The Pride Flag here is called the Rainbow Flag. The colors are symbolic: Red = life; Orange = healing; Yellow = sunlight; Green = nature; Blue = serenity and Violet = spirit. The dove at the top represents the Holy Spirit.

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY SERVICE — Each Sunday after service we have hospitality coffee and treats. We are asking that you please consider volunteering for a Sunday on the sign up sheet in the Gathering Space. If each family signs up for just one Sunday we will have a whole year covered. This is a simple task that makes a huge difference in the life of our church community.

WITH GRATITUDE FOR OUR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS — As we gather each week for worship, we are deeply grateful for the many volunteers who help make our services welcoming, meaningful and spirit-filled. Thank you to our Assisting Ministers, Communion Deacons, Ushers, Greeters, Altar Guild and Live Stream teams for generously sharing your time, talents and servant hearts with our Holy Spirit community. Your faithful support — whether visible in the sanctuary

or faithfully serving behind the scenes — helps create a place where all can worship, connect and feel welcomed. We are blessed by your dedication and ministry each week. If you would like to join our worship volunteers, a sign up is in the gathering space or online at www.holyspirit-elca.org/volunteer. Questions? Contact Allison Wyrwicz at (704) 491- 4446 or email allison.wyrwicz@gmail.com

PRAYER GROUP — Our prayer group meets at 9:30a.m. on Thursday mornings in room 3. If you'd like to pray with us, please come! We'd love for you to join us.

QUILTERS — Quilting Ministry meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY — Join us on Thursday mornings from 10:15 to 11:30 for a time of Biblical reflection and spirited conversation. Our next unit will be studying the Book of Acts, and how the Holy Spirit was poured out into followers of Christ to speak boldly, bring people together to form churches, and reach out to others as the first missionaries of the church. As we examine the beginnings of the church, we find meaningful connections between the early church and the church today. Everyone is welcome as we learn from the experts and each other, and we always close our time together in prayer.

ON-LINE GIVING AND TEXT TO GIVE — Our secure online giving option makes it more convenient for members and visitors to donate. Giving is also as easy as sending a text with our text-to-give feature. Text the amount you want to donate to 844-573-1379. A registration link will be texted back for you to enter your information. Tap “Process” to complete your donation. Please scan this QR code with your phone to donate using our secure online giving page.



LIVE STREAM — Our services are live-streamed and archived on our Holy Spirit YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/@churchinthewoods-holyspirit or scan the QR code. Please reach out to Daaron Dohler or Ryan Hathaway if you have any questions



HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

Sunday June 21	9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion Happy Fathers Day
Tuesday June 23	6:30—7:30 pm	Family S'mores Night
Thursday June 25	9:30 am	Prayer Group
Sunday June 28	9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion

Pastor	Rev. Timothy Linstrom
Office Manager	Ciara Crews
Youth Choir Director:	Bill Vaananen,
Adult Choir Director and Organist	Karen M. Jirsa
Children's Ministry Director	Jennifer Williams
Guest Organist	Martin Hill
Assistant Minister	Joe Labellarte
Ushers	Corey Kalas
Greeters	Pam Labellarte
Communion Deacons	Jackie Murphy, Trudy Bettiker
Live Streaming	Daaron Dohler
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