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June 21, 2026

# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2026

*Pentecost is a season for growing represented by the color green. We celebrate the founding of the church and the fruits of the Spirit, and the continued growth given by our gracious God.*

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| <i>Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.</i> |
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## Welcome

## Gathering Music

*Arise in body or Spirit*

## Opening Sentences

- A** O Lord, open our lips,  
**C** and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.
- P** Blessed God, satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
**C** that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- A** Give praise to the Holy Trinity our true God,  
**C** who gives us life, salvation, and resurrection.

## Gathering Song

*Morning Has Broken!*

ELW 556

## Greeting

*The pastor and the assembly greet each other.*

- P** The grace of God that extends to all nations in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

- A** Let us pray . . . Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve,  
**C** 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.

*Please be seated.*

## First Reading

## Jeremiah 20:7-13

*Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.*

📖 A reading from **Jeremiah**.

<sup>7</sup> 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.  
<sup>8</sup> 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.  
<sup>9</sup> 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.  
<sup>10</sup> 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."  
<sup>11</sup> 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.  
<sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>13</sup> Sing to the LORD;  
 praise the LORD!  
 For he has delivered the life of the needy  
 from the hands of evildoers.

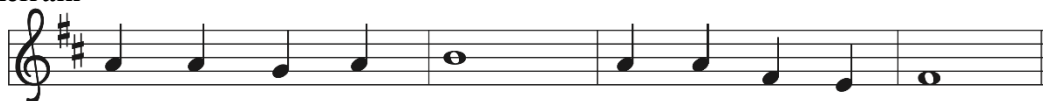
🔊 The word of the Lord.

🔊 **Thanks be to God.**

# **Psalms 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18**



🔊 **Refrain**



An - swer me, O LORD, for your love is kind.

<sup>7</sup> Surely, for your sake I have suf- | fered reproach,  
 and shame has cov- | ered my face.

<sup>8</sup> I have become a stranger to | my own kindred,  
 an alien to my | mother's children.

<sup>9</sup> **Zeal for your house has eat- | en me up;  
 the scorn of those who scorn you has fall- | en upon me.**

<sup>10</sup> **I humbled my- | self with fasting,  
 but that was turned to | my reproach. 🔄**

[<sup>11</sup> I put on | sackcloth also,  
 and became a by- | word among them.

<sup>12</sup> Those who sit at the gate mur- | mur against me,  
 and the drunkards make | songs about me.

<sup>13</sup> **But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have | set, O LORD:  
 "In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your un- | failing help.**

<sup>14</sup> **Save me from the mire; do not | let me sink;  
 let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of | the deep waters. 🔄**

<sup>15</sup> Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swal- | low me up;  
 do not let the pit shut its | mouth upon me.]

<sup>16</sup> Answer me, O LORD, for your | love is kind;  
 in your great compassion, | turn to me.

<sup>17</sup> **Hide not your face | from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.**  
<sup>18</sup> **Draw near to me | and redeem me;  
because of my enemies de- | liver me. **

## Second Reading

**Romans 6:1b-11**

*In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.*

 A reading from **Romans**.

<sup>1b</sup> Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

 The word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

*Arise in body or spirit.*

## Gospel Acclamation

*ELW Accomp. Ed. pg. 102*



## Gospel Reading

**Matthew 10:24-29**

*Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.*

☞ The Holy Gospel according to **Matthew**.

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup> “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> 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!

<sup>26</sup> “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

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

<sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

<sup>35</sup> 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,

<sup>36</sup> and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup> “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, <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## Children’s Time

*All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children’s sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children’s message. There may be a time of dance and celebration that is offered.*

## Message

*Please arise in body or spirit.*

### Song of the Day

### Baptized and Set Free

ELW 453

*Please sit or kneel.*

### Prayers

*We pray the prayer response after each petition. You will hear, **God of grace.** The assembly prays,  
**Receive our prayer.***

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

*A brief silence*

Ⓐ 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. Walk with and guide *Bishops Yehiel and Julie, Assistants Scott and Kate; our synod companion churches, New Life Lutheran Church in Alcona County; First Baptist Church of Middleville; First Congregational Church of Lake Odessa; Minister of Music Cindy, and Pastor Ken.* God of grace.

☑ **Receive our prayer.**

Ⓐ 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.

☑ **Receive our prayer.**

Ⓐ 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. Be with those who safeguard the world, *including Parker Stancil (Freedlund), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Cynthia Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkula), Seth Domke (Domke), Hudson Schick (Markwart) and Leopold Schick (Markwart).* God of grace.

☑ **Receive our prayer.**

Ⓐ Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Help those living with disability. Comfort those experiencing any sort of illness or suffering, *especially Jennie Anderson, Vickey Argo, Bob Bolton, Frank Bolton, Chris Bush, John Charles, Cherie Clements, Kim Domke, Celina Eichler, Greg Franks, Melanie Franks, Lisa Golnek, Larry Griswold, Bill Halstead, Jamie Heise (pregnancy), Walker Heise, Autum Henion, Christine Jenkins, Joy Jenks, the family of Anne Johnson, Martha Klenk, Michelle Luedke, Ed Markwart, Larry Maupin, Dick Melcher, Carrie Miller, Virginia Moomey, Kate Muraski, Jody Neagle, Corey Normandin, Lincoln Osborn, Emma Poholski (pregnancy), Rob Smelker, Payton Stancil, Kathy Surratt, Al Throop, Claudia Throop, George Ulrich Jr., Jeanette Ulrich, Ron Waege, and Tom and Kathy.* God of grace.

☑ **Receive 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.

**G** **Receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

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

**G** **Receive our prayer.**

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

**G** **Amen.**

*Please arise in body or spirit.*

### Sharing the Peace of God

**P** The peace of Christ be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

*(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)*

### Offering Song

### Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW 185

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me'.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me





### Offering Prayer

- Ⓐ Let us pray . . . Be known to us, O Lord, as you were made known to the disciples.
- ☑ **Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.**

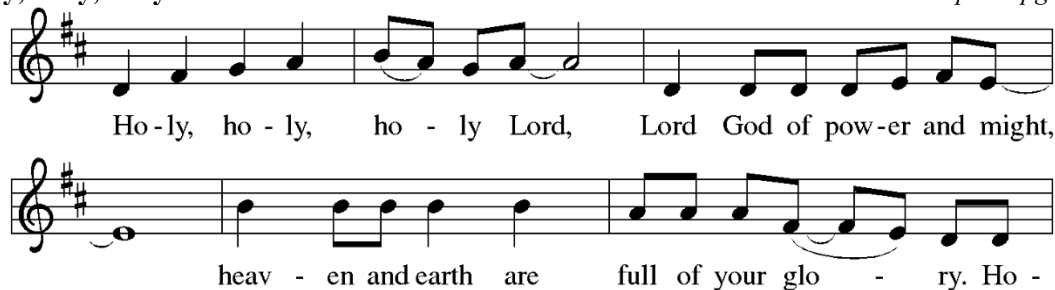
### Great Thanksgiving

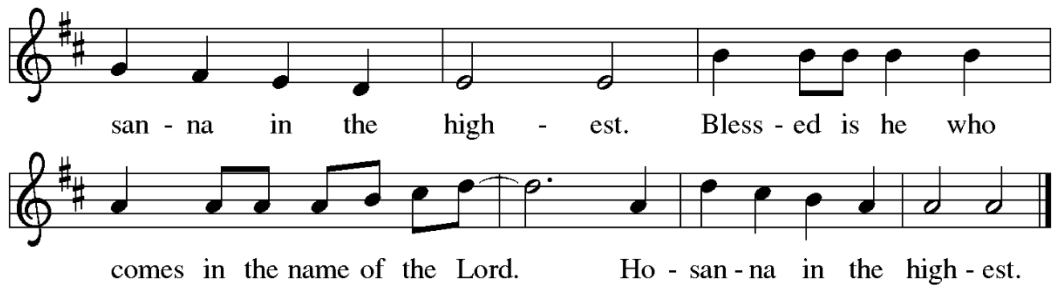
- Ⓟ The Lord be with you.
- ☑ **And also with you.**
- Ⓟ Lift up your hearts.
- ☑ **We lift them to the Lord.**
- Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- ☑ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Ⓟ It is our duty and delight, that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, through Jesus Christ who calls us to follow the way of humble service and love, and so, with the church on earth all creation and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Holy, Holy, Holy

*ELW accomp. ed. pg. 106*





### Table Prayer

- P** We should always and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation.
- C** **By dying on the cross, Jesus has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.**
- P** 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:
- C** **Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.**
- P** Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
- C** **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.**
- P** With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the mystery of faith.
- C** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- P** Pour your Holy Spirit upon us as we share this meal in the body and blood of our Lord.
- C** **Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful people until we feast at your table in glory.**

### Lord's Prayer

- P** Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:
- C** **Our Father in heaven, holy 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.**

## Invitation to Communion

☐ Taste and see that the Lord is good.

☑ Thanks be to God!

*Please be seated.*

## Communion Songs

### *Lamb of God*

*ELW accomp. ed. pg. 109*

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.

*In This Feast of Love*

ACS 962



*Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä,*

*täs - sä*

1 In this feast of love,

in this

2 In this bread and wine,

in this

3 Grant us peace, O Lord,

grant us



*pöy - däs - sä*

*syn - ti - sil - le*

feast of love,

Lord, you share your

bread and wine,

you have prom - ised,

peace, O Lord;

fill us with the



*it - se - si an - nat,*

*Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!*

blood and your bod - y,

Je - sus, Lamb of God.

Lord, to be with us,

Lamb . . of God div - ine.

joy of your Spir - it,

ev - er - liv - ing Word.

## Thy Word

W&P 144

*Refrain*



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right be -



side me, and noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.

*Refrain*



Please be near me to the end.



2 I will not for-get your love for me, and yet my heart for-ev-er is



wan-der-ing. Je-sus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and

*Refrain*



I will love you to the end.

### Prayer after Communion

- ▲ Let us pray . . . Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.
- ▣ Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.

### Mission Minutes

*Arise in body or spirit*

## **Blessing**

☞ God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

## **Sending Song**

*Soon and Very Soon*

**ELW 439**

## **Sending**

☞ Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

### **9:30 am**

**Assisting Minister – Randy Teegardin**

**Cantor – Cindy Olson**

**Lector – Mark Anton**

**Musician – Cindy Olson**

**Pastor – Ken Scheck**

**Cup Bearer – Anna Scheck**

**Usher – Deb Watson**

**Fellowship - Bill and Lorraine Freedlund**

**Brown Bag Bible Study, Thursdays Noon – 1pm:** Have you ever been confused about the book of Revelation? Come join us as we discuss this book and our thoughts. Remember Communion is offered before each study begins.

**The nursery is available weekly during the worship service.** Our Nursery Attendant, Aurora Collins, would love to have some little ones visit her.

**Parish Administrator** Cindy Olson's office hours are 10 am to 2:30 pm Mon – Wed.

**Pastor Ken's office hours** are 10 am to 12 noon Mon & Wed.

**The Lakewood Area Choral Society** will be in concert next Sunday, June 28th, 3:00 pm, at Kilpatrick United Brethren Church in Woodland.

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on July 12 after worship. Please plan to attend, so that we have quorum. **Reports are due on June 16 at the council meeting.**

## Between Hiding and Exposing

The desire to make known that which is currently hidden can evoke various responses. When abusive power and fear suppress opposition, or when liberating truth is just under the surface, the desire for uncovering and justice is likely strong. However, when harm or injustice is not an obvious outcome and that which is hidden is perceived to benefit stability or peace, there may be resistance to making the hidden known.

Through a variety of images, the speech in Matthew's gospel calls for the unknown to be revealed and intentions made plain. Our liturgical practice of corporate confession provides an opportunity to acknowledge our relationship with what stays hidden and what we wish to reveal in our own lives. The confession may be discomfoting, but it reminds us of an important dynamic in the life of faith: Just as Jesus tells his disciples not to fear and reassures them of their value, the words of forgiveness in the liturgy orient us toward a God who restores relationships and calls us beloved.

If only the liturgical practice of confession and forgiveness would once and for all set us on the right path and give us permanent assurance! But that would also free us from curiosity about what taking up the cross means in our lives. Once the cross is exposed, we must face our response to it, and it challenges our allegiances and prods at our vulnerabilities. However, Jesus is clear that the cross also uncovers a path to life. Instead of this path being a lonely, exposing journey, Jesus knows it well and joins us on the way.

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Welcome to worship today! We are thrilled that you are here. We hope you find what we have found - a loving Jesus who welcomes all. No matter your background or faith tradition, you will find that Grace Lutheran Church is a place that is full of love, care, and support. We are called to love God, and Jesus warns that this love of God could divide households. Let us be bold in our faith and give glory of God.

Stewardship Information

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| Attendance: 48            | Views: 192                |
| Weekly Giving: \$6,340.00 | Budget Amount: \$4,363.00 |
| Noisy Offering: \$40.59   |                           |

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| Offerings received to date through May | \$181,816.17  |
| Offerings received in June             | + \$ 9,923.00 |
| Year to date total offerings           | \$191,739.17  |

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| <b>Grace Projects Goal</b> | <b>\$30,000.00</b>   | Non-Budget income         |
| Received To Date           | - <u>\$29,380.00</u> | \$200.00 (Grace Projects) |
| Total Needed               | \$ 620.00            |                           |

**Update on the Parking Lot Cement Project.** Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Cement Project have been completed. Please be careful when entering the building. Thanks to all who have contributed to this project. Grace is blessed with many generous people. Thank you!

**Join us for the next Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, June 29, 10 am to 4 pm. The theme is “Discover Grace Zoo.”** Please consider volunteering by donating, helping with registration, or providing snacks for those who give blood. A list of needed foods is on bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

**Faith books** are still available in the Gathering Area. Please feel free to take as many books and you would like. We thank Steve Wales (Pat’s son) for providing these books for us.