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**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, June 21, 2026**

*God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God’s grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.*

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

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*Let us prepare for Worship.*

**GATHERING PRELUDE:**

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*..... John Carter  
*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*..... Bradley Sowash

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The congregation stands.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

✠*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

P: In the name of the holy Trinity, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
All: **Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*A brief silence is kept.*

P: Compassionate God,  
All: **have mercy on us. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. We confess to you all our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Forgive us and call us back to you. Uphold us by your Spirit, and restore us to dwell in your peace, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God 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.  
All: **Amen.**

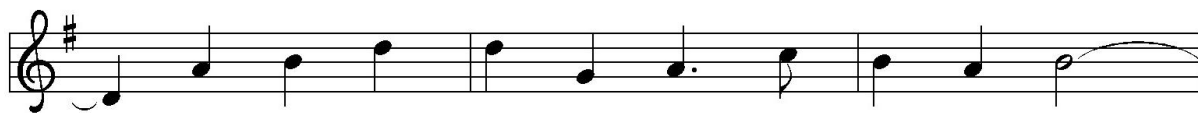
GATHERING HYMN: *We Know That Christ is Raised* ..... ELW 449



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,  
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,  
 The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.  
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.  
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.  
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932  
 Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924  
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**GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All:** And also with you.

**HYMN OF PRAISE: *Glory to God***



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** 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.

**All:** Amen.

*The congregation sits.*

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**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.*

<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!

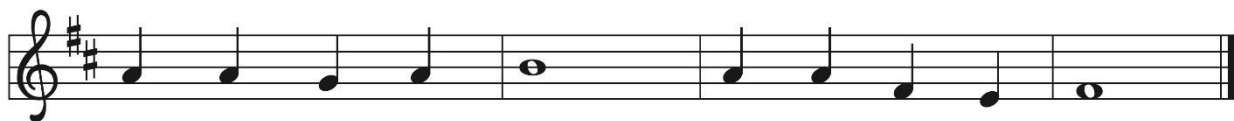
For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hands of evildoers.

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

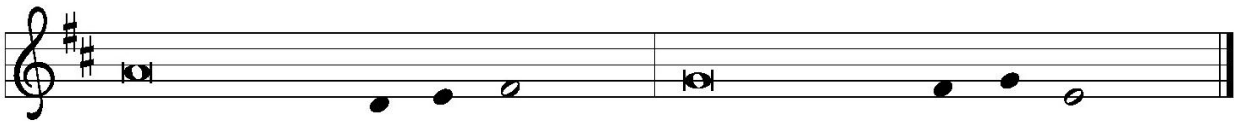
**Psalm 69:7-18** (*Congregation sings the refrain and bold verses*)

*Refrain:*



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

*Verse:*



<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. R**

<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. R**  
<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. R**

**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.*

<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.

L: Word of God, word of life.  
 All: **Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation stands.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia**

*Refrain:*

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

*Verse:*

*Repeat alleluia*

Jesus says, The Spirit of the Lord will testify on | my behalf,\* and you also | are to testify.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39**

*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.*

[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.”

P: Glory to you, O Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The congregation sits.*

**SERMON**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*The congregation stands.*

1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun - tain ev - er flow - ing,  
 2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing  
 3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;  
 4 When dan - gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;

with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:  
 what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—  
 guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;  
 help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;

give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in  
 to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless  
 but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,  
 help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,

a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.  
 what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.  
 then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.  
 and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT, Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

**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.**

*The congregation sits.*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**P:** God of Grace,  
**All:** **hear our prayer.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the congregation greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**All:** **And also with you.**

**MEAL**

***God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.***

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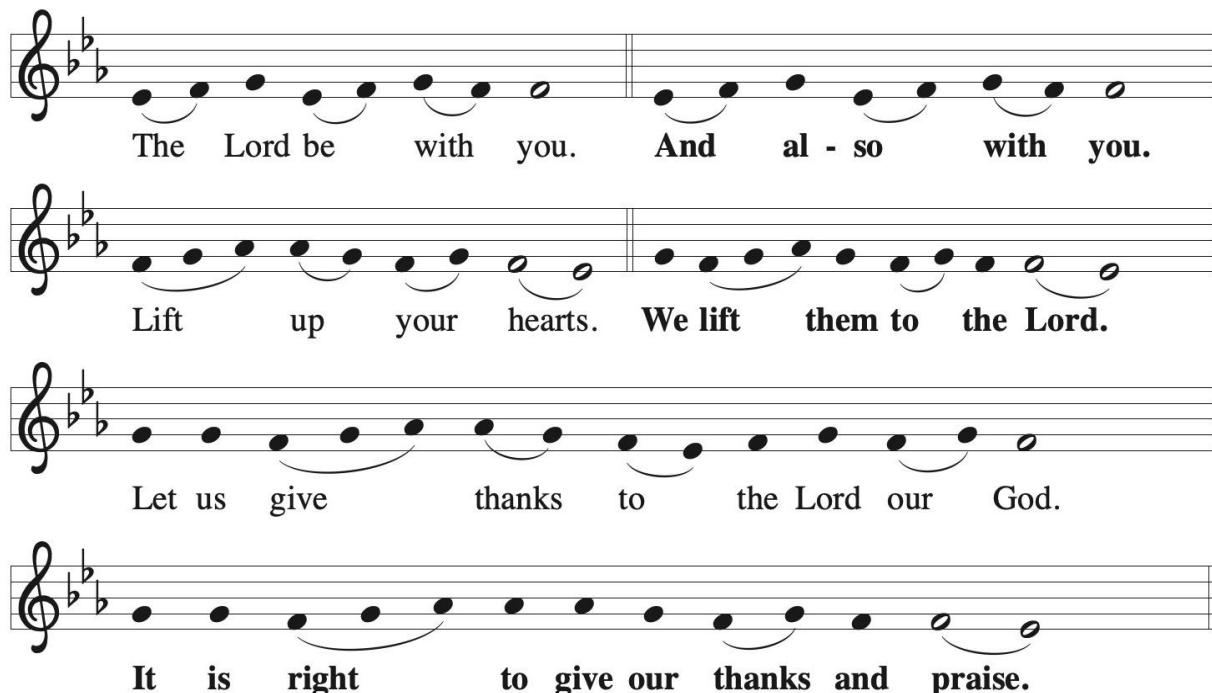
**OFFERTORY HYMN:** *We Place Upon Your Table, Lord* ..... **ELW 467**  
*(Join in singing from the red ELW hymnal in the pew.)*

*The congregation stands.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

**A:** Let us pray... God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.  
**All:** **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

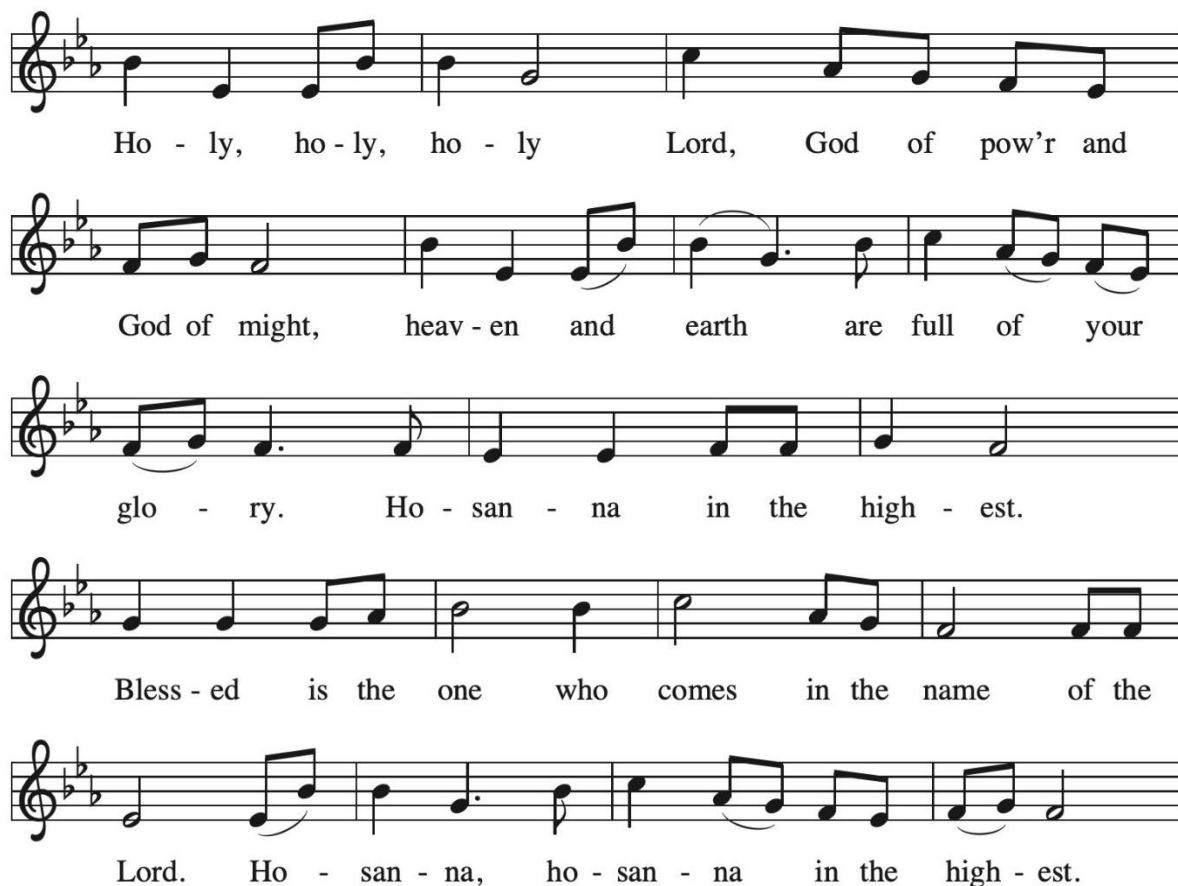
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

P: ....And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the

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



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

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P:** Heaven has come near. Come share the feast.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation sits.*

**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.

**COMMUNION SONG: O Jesus, I Have Promised..... ELW 810**  
*(Join in singing from the red ELW hymnal in the pew)*

The congregation stands.

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

All: Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray . . . Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior.

All: Amen.

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**BLESSING**

P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

**SENDING HYMN: *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* ..... ELW 769**



1 If you but trust in God to guide you and place your  
2 What gain is there in fu - tile weep - ing, in help - less  
3 In pa - tient trust a - wait his lei - sure in cheer - ful  
4 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



con - fi - dence in him, you'll find him al - ways there be -  
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in his care and  
hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er your Fa - ther's  
ser - vice faith - ful - ly, and trust his word; though un - de -



side you, to give you hope and strength with - in. For those who  
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For he who  
plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love have sent; doubt not your  
serv - ing, you'll find his prom - ise true to be. God nev - er

