



**The Evangelical Lutheran Church
of the Holy Trinity**

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**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 28, 2026**

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

GATHERING

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

Let us prepare for Worship.

GATHERING PRELUDE:

Prelude and Fugue in G Major.....Johann Sebastian Bach

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.

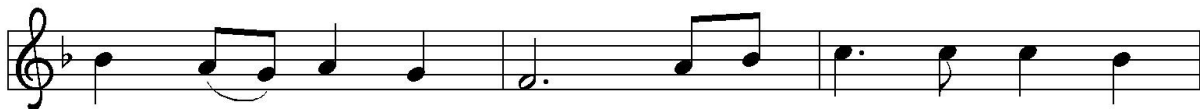
All: **Amen.**



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Refrain
 Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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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... 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.

All: **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

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."

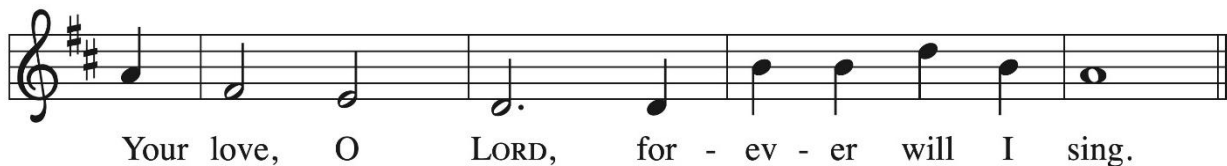
L: Word of God, word of life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

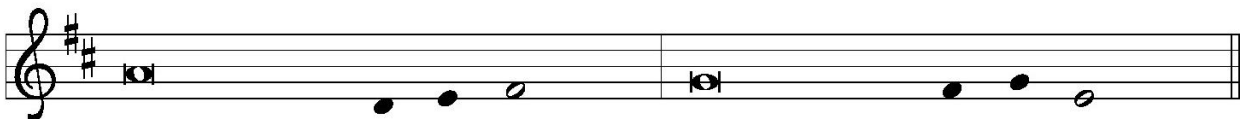
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

(Congregation sings the refrain and bold verses)

Refrain:



Verse:



¹ Your love, O LORD, forever I will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will pro- claim your faithfulness.

² **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- lished 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.'" R

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. R

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.

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

The congregation stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia

Refrain:



Verse:



You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a ^l holy nation,* in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called you out of darkness into his ^l marvelous light.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

[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.”

P: Glory to you, O Lord.
All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The congregation sits.

SERMON

Silence is kept for reflection.

The congregation stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY: God, We Gather As Your People.....ACS 1038



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
that they nev - er have a rea - son to
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
 doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
 love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
 join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Refrain



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

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 Music: WELCOME BE OUR SONG, David Lohman
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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

Musical notation for the first line of the Great Thanksgiving Dialogue. The melody is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you."

Musical notation for the second line of the Great Thanksgiving Dialogue. The melody is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord."

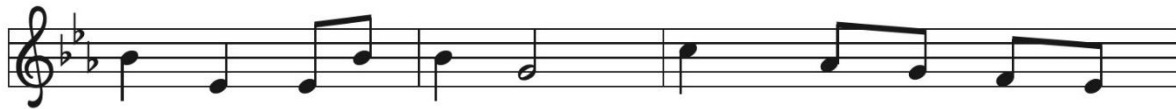
Musical notation for the third line of the Great Thanksgiving Dialogue. The melody is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God."

Musical notation for the fourth line of the Great Thanksgiving Dialogue. The melody is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "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 HYMN: *As We Gather at Your Table*..... ELW 522
(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.**

1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807-1876, alt.
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DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: ST. DENIO (In Christ Called to Baptize)..... Timothy Albrecht

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Steve and Stacey Cameron’s wedding anniversary.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister:Rev. Pamela J. Carnes
Director of Music Ministries/Organist:Alan Hair
Assisting Minister: Chip Haak
Reader:Susan Bianchi
Communion Assistants:..... Beth Dunham and Jonice Storer
Communion Elements:..... Jane Ebersole and Julia Hair
Livestream Team:Kirk Sponaugle, Jordan Paul, and Adam Gardner

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Prayer Concerns: Carole Bowman, Barbara Ehrhart, David Ehrhart, Sharon Ellis (friend of the Dunham’s), Bill Fosnacht, Michael Fox, Ben Housman, Herb Huebner, Father Michael Hutsko, Ann Jonell (friend of the Dunham’s), Matthew Kulbacki, Carol Miller, Donald Moyer (Donna Artley’s Father), Jessica Noeske (Derek Dunham’s cousin), Geri Phillips (Sister-in-Law of Sherry Welty), Chris Ruff, Kathy Spitler (cousin of Marilyn Layman), Edward Sellard, Kay Smith, and Vicki Sponaugle.

DAILY PRAYERS

Virginia Frank, Dean Huebner, Evadne Kopp, Dennis Lubold, Chip Murray, Sharon Murray, George Trump, Bob Warden (friend of Mary Ann Kelly), Vwawa Congregation of the Konde Diocese in Tanzania and all our **Homebound members:** Carole Bowman, Shirley Espenshade, Bill Fosnacht, Herb Huebner, Evadne Kopp, John and Ruth Knol, Carol Longenecker, Dennis Lubold, Chip Murray, Tookie Delores) Peterson, Joyce, Schroeder, Kay Smith, Susanne Wiest and Nila Wiley.

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