

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2026

9:00 a.m.

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Silent Meditation, Personal Confession, Announcements

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

SOLA SCRIPTURA

PRELUDE

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19)*

C: Amen

P: Make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for whom we wait. *(Psalm 25:4-5)*

C: Amen

P: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. *(1 John 1:6-7)*

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

C: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen. *(Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12)*

P: Let it be known to you, that through Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. *(1 John 1:6-7)* He commanded us to preach and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. *(Acts 10:42-43)*

C: Amen

OPENING HYMN

“The Summons”

ELW #798 (Attached)

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *(2 Corinthians 13:14)*

C: May the Lord your God be with you, also. *(Joshua 1:17)*

VERSES OF PRAISE

P: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased! *(Luke 2:14)*

C: **Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever.** *(Revelation 7:12)*

P: Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! *(John 1:29)*

C: **For the joy that was set before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.** *(Hebrews 12:2)*

P: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. *(Revelation 15:4)*

C: **For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.** *(Psalm 47:2)*

P: God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. *(Acts 10:38)*

C: **And every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**
(Philippians 2:11)

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. *(2 Thessalonians 3:16)*

C: **And also with you.**

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. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 42:1-16

¹When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, “Why do you just keep looking at each other?” ²He continued, “I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy some for us, so that we may live and not die.” ³Then ten of Joseph’s brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt. ⁴But Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph’s brother, with the others, because he was afraid that harm might come to him. ⁵So Israel’s sons were among those who went to buy grain, for there was famine in the land of Canaan also. ⁶Now Joseph was the governor of the land, the person who sold grain to all its people. So when Joseph’s brothers arrived, they bowed down to him with their faces to the ground. ⁷As soon as Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he pretended to be a stranger and spoke harshly to them. “Where do you come from?” he asked. “From the land of Canaan,” they replied, “to buy food.” ⁸Although Joseph recognized his brothers, they did not recognize him. ⁹Then he remembered his dreams about them and said to them, “You are spies! You have come to see where our land is unprotected.” ¹⁰“No, my lord,” they answered. “Your servants have come to buy food. ¹¹We are all the sons of one man. Your servants are honest men, not spies.” ¹²“No!” he said to them. “You have come to see where our land is unprotected.” ¹³But they replied, “Your servants were twelve brothers, the sons of one man, who lives in the land of Canaan. The youngest is now with our father, and one is no more.” ¹⁴Joseph said to them, “It is just as I told you: You are spies! ¹⁵And this is how you will be tested: As surely as Pharaoh lives, you will not leave this place unless your youngest brother comes here. ¹⁶Send one of your number to get your brother; the rest of you will be kept in prison, so that your words may be tested to see if you are telling the truth. If you are not, then as surely as Pharaoh lives, you are spies!”

The Word of the Lord.....**Thanks Be To God**

PSALM 24:1-4 (Responsive)

¹ The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

² **for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.**

³ Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?

⁴ **The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.**

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 4:31-32

³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

The Word of the Lord.....**Thanks Be To God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 18

Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14

⁹ To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ ¹³ “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ ¹⁴ “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

The Gospel of our Lord

Praise to you O Christ

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SERMON Pit 3: "From Denial Dungeon to a Clear Conscience" Pr. Andrew Young

HYMN OF THE DAY "Blessed Assurance" ELW #638 (Attached)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord God of our salvation; we cry out day and night before you.

C: Let our prayer come before you; incline your ear to our cry. *(Psalm 88:1-2)*

P: Let us pray ...

Here special supplications, intercessions, and prayers may be made.

THE PEACE

P: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *(Philemon 1:3)*

C. And also with you.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "We Are an Offering"

*We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord use our lives, they are yours we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering, we are an offering*

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

C: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty,
for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. *(1 Chronicles 29:10-11)*

P: Who am I, and what is this people, that we should be able to bring you an offering?

C: For all things come from you, and from what is your own we have given you. *(1 Chronicles 29:14)*

PREFACE TO HOLY COMMUNION

P.: The Lord be with you. *(2 Thessalonians 3:16)*

C.: All the saints greet you. *(2 Corinthians 13:13)*

P: Lift up your hearts. *(Lamentations 3:41)*

C: To you, O Lord, we lift up our soul. *(Psalm 25:1)*

P: Let us thank the Lord. *(Psalm 107:8)*

C: We must always give thanks to God, as is right. *(2 Thess. 1:3)*

SANCTUS

P: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory! *(Isaiah 6:3)*

C: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord ...

Hosanna in the highest! *(Mark 11:9-10)*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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: 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C. 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LAMB OF GOD

P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. *(John 1:29)*

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C: Guide our feet into the way of peace. *(Luke 1:79)*

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All who believe in the words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" are welcome to come to the Lord's table. (Grape juice is on outside rim of serving tray. All bread is gluten free.)

P. The Body of Christ, given for you.

P. The Blood of Christ, shed for you.

BLESSING AND RESPONSE

P: May the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. *(1 Thessalonians 5:23)*

C: Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for the glory of your people Israel. *(Luke 2:29-32)*

BENEDICTION, CLOSING HYMN AND DISMISSAL

“May The Lord Mighty God”
(tune of Edelweiss)

*May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and keep you forever.
Grant you Peace, perfect Peace, Courage in every endeavor*

*Lift up your eyes and see His face, And His Grace forever.
May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep you forever.*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

“Be Thou My Vision”

ELW #793 (Attached)

P: May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all. *(2 Thessalonians 3:16)*

C: Thanks be to God. *(1 Corinthians 15:57)*

WE GO AND WORK IN THE LORD’S KINGDOM

Ministers: All who believe

Pastor: Andrew Young

Piano:	Lorrie Hansen
Greeters:	
Refreshments:	Michelle Clark & Marcia Zankowski
Reader:	Wynne Gillis
Flowers:	Lori Lanzendorf
Council:	Debbie Porter/Jinx Sorensen/Nick Sorensen/Fred Haas
Altar Guild:	Heather Geiger/Donna Mellinger/Amy Young

Prayers for Healing and Hope

For the Streich family....Vickie is hospitalized with kidney issues.

Prayers for Darlene Idland. She fell this week and is very sore, but thankfully, her wrists were not re-injured.

From Annie K.: Prayers for her parents....for her stepdad who fell and is now paralyzed from the waist down, and for her Mom who is now the caretaker. Please pray for strength and healing.

Becky Murray's brother Rick will be undergoing a procedure very soon to alleviate some of the pain he has been experiencing in his spine. He's very grateful for all the prayers from Peace!

Mary Gregory, cousin of Becky Murray and Jinx Sorensen.....diagnosed with lung cancer & has started chemo treatments.

Jen Andres continues with cancer treatment. Pray for strength for her whole family!

Prayers for Diane Oddy's sister-in-law, LuAnn, as she has been moved to a long term care facility. Her ALS is quickly advancing.

Dee Feddes's friend Megan continues her battle with ALS.

Kane Tandy – ongoing medical issues.

Jodi Robbins has started a new treatment plan, due to the recurrence of her cancer.

Diane Oddy health issues.

Erin Waynes parents Bob & Judy Ficke, cancer treatment. Prayers for their medical team and recovery.

Dwain and Olive Lavinder, dealing with cancer.

Carl Watts, friend of the Young family....wife Jane in a care facility because of advanced Parkinson's.

Yoki Johnson, friend of Larry & Char Somers, metastatic breast cancer.

Prayers of Comfort and Peace

For the Groff family on Ken's passing.

Prayers of Thanks and Praise

Katie Sorensen was discharged last Friday. She is doing well. Thanks for asking about her, sending cards and for praying!! They'll be in Georgia for a while, yet.

Prayers for Blessings and Encouragement

Christ's Gift Academy in Mbita, Kenya

Sermon Notes

