



Welcome
We are thankful you have joined us today!

Announcements

Hymn Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty | **901**

Psalm [Psalm 56:3-4,10-11, antiphon vs. 13]

☐ For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

☑ **When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.**

In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust;
I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?

**In God, whose word I praise,
in the LORD, whose word I praise,**

in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 21, 2026 - Setting Three
**Delivered from Sin and Death,
You Now Live before God in the
Righteousness of Christ.**

The outcome of sin is death, "but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom,6:23). He has set you free from the slavery of sin and has brought you "from death to life" (Rom 6:13). No longer are you under the condemnation of the Law, but you live "under grace" (Rom. 6:14). Such is your courage in the face of "those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul" (Matt. 10:28). For though "you will be hated by all" and maligned by the world for the name of Christ (Matt. 10:22, 25), you abide in the care of your Father in heaven, who numbers "even the hairs of your head" and values you more "than many sparrows" (Matt. 10:30-31). By the Word of Christ, you have become like Him, your Teacher and Master in whom you endure to the end, and "will be saved" (Matt. 10:22, 25). For He is with you "as a dread warrior," who has overcome your enemies (Jer. 20:11). By the righteousness of faith, He delivers your heart, mind, body and life "from the hand of evildoers," and He brings you into the land of the living (Jer. 20:12-13).

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**For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,
that I may walk before God in the light of life.

Please stand.

Confession & Absolution

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** [Matt 28:19b; 18:20]

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, [Hebrews 10:22] **who made heaven and earth.** [Psalm 124:8]

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord, **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** [Psalm 32:5]

Quiet time for self-examination and confession.

O almighty God, merciful Father, **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** [John 20:19-23]

Lord, Have Mercy

[Mark 10:47, Setting 1]

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Hymn of Praise—Gloria in Excelsis

[Luke 2:14; John 1:25]

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good-will toward
 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
 O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al-mighty.
 O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.** [1 Timothy 4:22]

Let us pray...[silence for individual prayer] O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Readings from God's Word

The Old Testament Reading is from Jeremiah.

O LORD, you have deceived me,
 and I was deceived;
 you are stronger than I,
 and you have prevailed.
 I have become a laughingstock all the day;
 everyone mocks me.
 For whenever I speak, I cry out,
 I shout, "Violence and destruction!"
 For the word of the LORD has become for me
 a reproach and derision all day long.
 If I say, "I will not mention him,
 or speak any more in his name,"
 there is in my heart as it were a burning fire
 shut up in my bones,
 and I am weary with holding it in,
 and I cannot.
 For I hear many whispering,
 Terror is on every side!
 "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
 say all my close friends,
 watching for my fall.
 "Perhaps he will be deceived;
 then we can overcome him and take our
 revenge on him."

But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior;
 therefore my persecutors will stumble;
 they will not overcome me.
 They will be greatly shamed,
 for they will not succeed.
 Their eternal dishonor
 will never be forgotten.

O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous,
 who sees the heart and the mind,
 let me see your vengeance upon them,
 for to you have I committed my cause.
 Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD!
 For he has delivered the life of the needy
 from the hand of evildoers. [Jeremiah 20:7-13]

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading is from Romans.

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! 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? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. [Romans 6:12-23]

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand to greet the Gospel reading singing the Alleluia verse. [John 6:68]

Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, ... Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household."

"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven." [Matthew 10:5a, 21-33]

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Children's Message

The children are invited forward for a message by Pastor Fitch.

Our Confession of Faith

Please stand to confess the *Apostles' Creed* printed on the inside back cover of the hymnal.

Hymn Sermon

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord | 853

Please stand.

Offertory

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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Please be seated.

Offering

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Please stand.

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

...let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Those for whom we pray are listed on the *Life at Faith* insert.

Sacrament of the Altar

[2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136]

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

The Holy, Holy, Holy

[Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9]

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

O Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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. [Matt 6:9-13]

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat: this is my + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is the new testament in my + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

[Matt 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25]

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

Lamb of God

[John 1:29]

Musical notation for the hymn "Lamb of God". The lyrics are: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Please be seated and come forward at the direction of the ushers

Distribution of Holy Communion/Hymns

The Lord's Supper is a meal for disciples of Jesus who have been baptized and taught (as our Lord says in Matthew 28). Those who have confessed their sins, acknowledge Jesus as their Savior from sin, believe that with the bread and the wine Christ truly gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, desire to commit themselves to Him in loving obedience, and share the faith confessed at this altar, are welcome to participate. If you have any doubts or questions about the gift of the Lord's Supper, we ask that you consult with the pastor or an elder. Children are invited to come to the altar with their parents to receive a blessing.

Hymns

Children of the Heavenly Father | **725**

O God, My Faithful God | **696**

When all have communed, please stand.

Post Communion Song

Musical notation for the Post Communion Song. The lyrics are: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre-pared be-fore the face of all people, a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy peo-ple Is-ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Post Communion Prayer

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
and His mercy endureth forever.

Let us pray...one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Salutation

[2 Timothy 4:22]

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**
Bless we the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

[Numbers 6:24-26]

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you
and give you + peace. **Amen, amen, amen.**

Hymn

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing | **691**

Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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