

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

June 21, 2026 • 9am

4th Sunday after Pentecost • Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 10
Father's Day • Baptism of Henry Scott Thompson

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.

PRELUDE *Here I Am to Worship* arr. Mark Hayes

SUMMERSING

Congregation makes singalong requests from the hymnal.

GREETING

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

Congregation: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Congregation: 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.

PARISH NEWS

TEMPLE TALK

Carrie Parrott, Congregation Treasurer

THE FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13 *pew Bible page 708*

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.

⁷ 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. ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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.

¹³ Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18 *pew Bible, page 520*

Lector: It is for your sake that I have borne reproach, that shame has covered my face.

Congregation: I have become a stranger to my kindred, an alien to my mother's children.

L: It is zeal for your house that has consumed me; the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.

C: When I humbled my soul with fasting, they insulted me for doing so.

L: When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them.

C: I am the subject of gossip for those who sit in the gate, and the drunkards make songs about me.

L: But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me. With your faithful help

C: rescue me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.

L: Do not let the flood sweep over me or the deep swallow me up or the pit close its mouth over me.

C: Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

L: Do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress—make haste to answer me.

C: Draw near to me; redeem me; set me free because of my enemies.

SECOND READING: Deuteronomy 15:7-10 *pew Bible, page 171*

The author of this passage gives instruction to the people of God regarding the law of caring by giving. God's people have always been known for charity and generosity

⁷ "If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. ⁸ You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. ⁹ Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, 'The seventh year, the year of remission, is near,' and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt. ¹⁰ Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL Matthew 14:13-21 *pew Bible, page 893*

In this well-known passage of the feeding of the multitude, let us concentrate on the abundant generosity of God. This miracle is reported in all four of the Gospels and reminds us of the bounty of God

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *Generosity*

Pastor Bob Stelter

HYMN OF THE DAY *hymnal 685 (stand)*

Take My Life, That I May Be



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my king;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

THE PRAYERS *stand or kneel*

Collin Kasefang, Assisting Minister

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

A brief silence.

Assisting Minister: 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. God of grace,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

A: 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,

C: hear our prayer.

A: 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. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Help those living with disability. Comfort those experiencing any sort of illness or suffering. God of grace,

C: hear 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,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Faithful God, we give thanks for saints (like Onesimos Nesib) who have claimed their baptismal promises. May we follow their example of faith and service. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Individual prayer petitions are invited.

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

Congregation: Amen.

CHILDRENS TALK

BAPTISM *Henry Scott Thompson*

hymnal page 227

THE PEACE

Children: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

OFFERING FOR MISSION AND MINISTRIES

OFFERING ANTHEM *The Earth is the Lord's* Douglas Wagner

OFFERTORY *Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil* hymnal 512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o - pen to the seed of your
word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where
love can grow and peace is un - der - stood. When my heart is hard,
break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

OFFERING PRAYER

Collin Kasefang, Assisting Minister

Assisting Minister: Merciful God,

Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

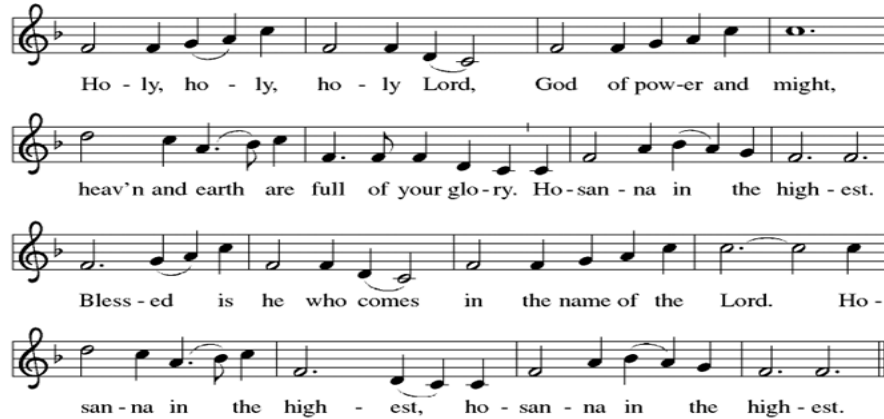
GREAT THANKSGIVING *Now the Feast & Celebration*

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with
you. *Pastor:* Lift up your hearts. We
Pastor: lift them to the Lord. Let us give
Congregation: thanks to the Lord our God. It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE FOR THE PENTECOST SEASON

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR THE PENTECOST SEASON

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

On the night before he died for us, 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.*

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Congregation: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Come to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: With one will and one voice, we pray:

**All: 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 FROM PASTOR STELTER

LAMB OF GOD *hymnal, page 208 (seated)*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *hymnal 522*

As We Gather At Your Table



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phiant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

COMMUNION BLESSING *stand*

Pastor: Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His Grace.

Congregation: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *hymnal page 114*

Assisting Minister: God of abundance,

Congregation: with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR SENDING OF OUR DEACON

Donna Deichert, June 21 - July 4

Congregation: Compassionate God, bless our deacons who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and homebound. May this ministry be a sign of our love that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing. Amen.

BENEDICTION FOR THE PENTECOST SEASON

Pastor: Celebrate forgiveness in every tomorrow. And celebrate forgiveness in this week ahead through acts of kindness, times of listening and deeds of generosity. For our life together in this time and place, we celebrate God's love in all we do. God be with you. †

Congregation: Amen.

Just As I Am, without One Plea"



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
2 Just as I am, and wait - ing not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt,
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,



and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
yea, all I need in thee to find,

SENDING

Collin Kasefang, Assisting Minister

Assisting Minister: Go in peace!

Congregation: We have heard the Good News, we will share the Good News

A: Serve the Lord!

C: **We will love God, love others, serve.**

POSTLUDE *Toccata-Prelude on "Hyfrydol"* arr. Edward L. Good

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

ALTAR GUILD	Jen & Dave Ribble
GREETER	Gloria Fife
USHERS	Ritchie Case, George Herbold
ASSISTING MINISTER	Collin Kasefang
LECTOR	Will Dickinson
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Darla & Alan Berdal, Pat Lyman, Lisa Stelter
PROJECTION & LIGHTS	Doug Bales

The arrangements on the altar are given by Anne Galazin in memory of her husband Bob.

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PRAYERS

(Prayers are refreshed at the beginning of each month)

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Baptism: Henry Scott Thompson; parents Sam & Katie Thompson; siblings James and Bridget; grandparents Kathy & Bryan Thompson.

Gratitude for all fathers and father figures.

Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: Martha, Salvador, Charlie, Westen, Chris, Sonya, Sue, Sally, Theresa's children, Sally, Valentino, Shana, Cindy, Brooke, Wanda, Magddena & family, Francisco, Angelina, Victor, Estelo, Felix & Maria *and those known to God.*

Salvation Army Vickie, Stephanie, Teresa, Jennifer, Leah, Jennifer, Sandra, Randy, Robert, Alfredo, Stephen, Matthew, Gibby, James, Chris *and those known to God.*

Concern & Assistance: Those dealing with addiction while incarcerated. Mentally & physically challenged. Veterans. First Responders. Refugees and those living in fear of deportation. Persecuted Christians. The people of Nigeria, Iran, Israel, Syria, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia.

Partnerships: Bishop Yehiel Curry & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Kevin Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Seminarian Sam Sosebee; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; Via de Cristo Ministry; English Language Learning (ELL) Classes; Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Salvation Army Homeless Shelters; Street Hope; Alzheimer's Support Group; Cole Center Parkinson Band and Caregivers; Mercy Ships; Guatemala Lutheran Church & School; AL-ANON; Narcotics Anonymous.

Peace & Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole, Anthony Hu, HM, Andrew McDonald, Alena Nawlrooki, Alex Primka, Sam Thompson, Chris Yonke, Mitchell Yount.

FAITH

LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCOME

If you are new, we'd love to get to know you. Please scan in and fill out your information. Returning guests, please scan in for attendance.



As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identities are united here in our mission to love God, Love Others, Serve.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

4th of July Parade

- If you are interested in participating, either decorating the float or walking in the parade, reach out to Greg at greg@faithloves.org


Immigration Forum

- Sunday, July 19, 5 p.m.

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THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 21

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 10 a.m. English Language Class
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Coffee/Snacks
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

Monday, June 22

- 12 p.m. Via de Cristo Reunion
- 6:15 p.m. English Language Class

Tuesday, June 23

- 1:30 p.m. Bible Study Class
- 5 p.m. Salvation Army
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, June 24

- 4:15 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 25

- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, June 26

- 9:30 a.m. Cole Center Caregiver Community
- 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, June 27

- 10:30 a.m. Alzheimers Support Group
- 11 a.m. Al-Anon

Sunday, June 28

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 10 a.m. English Language Class
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Coffee/Snacks
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 5 p.m. Celtic Worship Service

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LECTIONARY READING

M: Micah 7:1-7, Revelation 2:1-7, Psalm 6

T: Jeremiah 26:1-12, Revelation 2:8-11, Psalm 6

W: Jeremiah 38:1-13, Matthew 10:5-23, Psalm 6

Th: Jeremiah 25:1-7, Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18, Galatians 5:2-6

F: Jeremiah 25:8-14, Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18, Galatians 5:7-12

S: Jeremiah 28:1-4, Luke 17:1-4, Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

S: Jeremiah 28:5-9, Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18, Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42

FAITHFUL RESPONSE



Offerings last week: \$10,542

Offerings year to date: \$450,959

