

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2026

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by the Faith Singers—“Down to the River to Pray,” arr. Chunko

GATHERING

Call to Worship

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Confession

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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.

C: **Amen.**

Gathering Song – “Come Into His Presence”

(piano)

**Come into His presence with thanksgiving in your heart
and give Him praise, and give Him praise.**

**Come into His presence with thanksgiving in your heart,
your voices raise, your voices raise.**

Give glory and honor and power unto Him, Jesus, the name above all names.

**Greeting*

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

C: And also with you.

**Prayer of the Day*

P: God, we give you thanks for your faithfulness at all times to all generations. As we worship, warm our hearts so that we would give you praise and our souls would magnify you.

C: Amen.

**Sharing Christ's Peace*

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

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Children's Sermon

Hymn of Praise: “Give to Our God Immortal Praise” ELW 848

(organ)

- 1 Give to our God immortal praise! Mercy and truth are all his ways.
Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.**
- 2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and darkness and the grave.
Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.**
- 3 Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown.
His mercies ever shall endure when lords and kings are known no more!**

WORD

Reading: Psalm 100

Reader: Kelly Hartz

¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

² Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

³ Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;^[a]
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him; bless his name.

⁵ For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

R: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:46-55

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st chapter.

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

⁴⁶ And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.

Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name;

⁵⁰ indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones
and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴He has come to the aid of his child Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Song– “For All Your Goodness, Lord”

(piano)

**For all your goodness, Lord, we give you thanks.
Thanks for the food we eat, and for the friends we meet;
for each new day we greet, we give you thanks.**

Sermon: “Prayer – Psalms of Thanksgiving”

Song of the Day – “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” ELW 310

(organ)

- 1 **Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**
- 2 **Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**
- 3 **Manifest in making whole weakened body, fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**
- 4 **Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;**

**that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.**

**The 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.

**Prayers of Intercession*

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" ELW 752 (piano)

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

Stewardship Time

by Sandi Watts

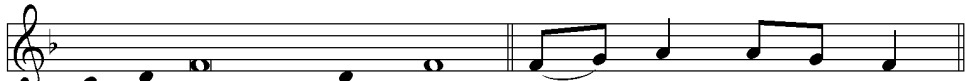
*—We now have Worship Cards in the pews. Please let us know if you are
communing, share a prayer request, and place your card in the offering plate
as a gesture of stewardship as we grow in relationship with God
through the use of our time, talents, and finances—*

**Offering Prayer*

P: Merciful God,

**C: 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**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... and join their unending hymn:



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



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san- na. Ho - san- na.



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.

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.

**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.

Communion Songs

“Give Thanks” *(piano)*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
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Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**And now let the weak say, “I am strong,”
let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.”**

**And now let the weak say, “I am strong,”
let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.” *Repeat*
Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.**

“Praise and Thanksgiving” ELW 689 *(organ)*

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**
- 2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.**

**Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.**

- 3 Father, providing food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.**
- 4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;
your love sustaining showers the land.**

**Post-Communion Blessing*

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

**Closing Prayer*

SENDING

**Benediction*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor, and + give you peace.
C: **Amen.**

**Sending Song – “Forever”*

(piano)

- 1. Give thanks to the Lord our God and King; his love endures forever.
For he is good, he is above all things; his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.**
- 2. With a mighty hand and outstretched arm; his love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn; his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise!**

*Refrain: Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
forever God is with us, forever.*

3. **From the rising to the setting sun his love endures forever.
And by the grace of God we will carry on; his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise! Refrain**

Ending: **And ever, forever.**

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The altar plants are donated today by the Dichsen family
in honor of Marilyn's birthday on June 6

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Guitarist: Marilyn Dichsen

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Church Council Members:

Malinda Carlson	Kevin Krohe	Monica Proefrock	Cory Street
Greg Kimler	Patty Nelson	Kay Schnitker	John Williams

What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, June 7, 9:30am: Indoor Worship

11:00am: Discussion Group in the Justice Room

Tuesday, June 9, 2:00pm: Discipleship Core Team meeting

Wednesday, June 10, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

Sunday, June 14, 9:30am: Outdoor Worship

10:45am: Lunch & VBS

Tuesday, June 16, 4:00pm Mutual Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, June 17, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

Thursday, June 18, 6:00pm: Church Council Meeting

Saturday, June 20, 11:00am-1:00pm: Women of Faith *Blessings Luncheon*

News Updates

Lay Ministry Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-Up Sheets are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You!** *We are Gifted to Serve!*

Summer Worship Schedule

We are alternating between outdoor and indoor worship services through the summer with one blended service each Sunday. Magnets with the summer schedule are available to help keep us all on track. **We will be outdoors on June 14 & 28 and indoors again on June 21.** As always, outdoor services will move indoors in poor weather, and we have solid-surface seating available on the parking lot and air-conditioned seating indoors in the Justice Room.

Faith's Little Flock — (Ages 2–7)

gathers each Sunday after the Children's Sermon (when we are inside) and returns to the sanctuary in time for Communion. There are coloring pages available for outside services.

Spring Altar Flowers for Faith's Gardens

We are purchasing flowers and plants for the altar that will then be planted in our church gardens. If you would like to donate a plant, the cost is \$15, and you can sign up at the podium in the Gathering Area.

Vacation Bible School - "At the Table"

We are using a curriculum from ELCA World Hunger called "At the Table," hearing stories of children around the world and how God is providing our daily bread. VBS will meet on five Sundays after church (6/14 and 28, 7/12 and 26, and 8/9). We begin with a lunch at 10:45 for children and parents. At 11:30, we will meet in the sanctuary for an opening, then parents are invited to meet in the Justice Room for discussion and fellowship as the children go to their classes. We will conclude with a closing in the sanctuary at 1:30. At this time, we are looking for volunteers to lead story time, games, be group guides, and help provide lunch. **Please sign up using the QR code on the postcard at the Coffee Sales counter, or use this link to access the online form (<https://forms.gle/Sov8VnSm6SpFWafk9>), or use the Sign-Up sheet on the counter.**

Women of Faith *Blessings Luncheon*

The Outreach Core Team would like to invite the Women of Faith congregation to a luncheon. Presentations will be by Marilyn Dichsen and Polly Pulley followed by a light lunch. Please RSVP **by June 14** to the church office at faithlutheran62650@frontier.com or 217-245-8919, or sign up at the Coffee Sales counter. Invitations are also available there to hand out to your friends. We hope you can attend.

Praying the Catechism

Luther encouraged utilizing the Small Catechism as a prayer partner. To assist, we are making copies of Luther's Small Catechism available to all. At the table below the Working Cross, you can find small pamphlets (suggested donation \$5) and larger study editions (suggested donation \$15). If you can't pay, you may take one for free. If you can pay extra, cover the cost for someone else.

Praying with the Psalms

On June 7 and 14, we'll be talking about prayers of thanksgiving and lament from the psalms. The psalms are beautiful examples of prayer that can help give us voice in our prayers. To assist, we are making copies of *Praying with the Psalms* available (suggested donation \$10). These are also on the table under the Working Cross in the Gathering Area. Written by Eugene Peterson (author of *The Message*), it provides a year of daily prayers and reflections on the psalms.

Post-Service Discussions – Digging Deeper

Join Naomi Hahn and friends in the Justice Room after worship to dig deeper into the readings and sermon of the day. It's a wonderful way to connect with others and grow in our faith seeking understanding. **During the summer schedule, we will only be meeting after the indoor services.**

Read the Bible in a Year

Join us in reading the Bible over the course of a year, **Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Faith Library**. We gather weekly to discuss our insights and reflections. We are utilizing The Bible Recap by Tara-Leigh Cobble, available on the YouVersion Bible app, to guide our journey. For more information, feel free to reach out to Pam Devlin.