

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2026

Greetings and Welcome

Thank you for worshipping with us today! If you are visiting, please fill out one of our welcome cards by the offering boxes so we can get to know you better. If you would like to share a prayer request, you may do so on a card and place it in the box.

Prelude by the Faith Singers – “Lord, I Need You,” by Matt Maher

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.

**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.

**Gathering Song – “Our God is Here”*

1. **Here in this time, here in this place, here we are standing face to face.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives our God is here.
Here for the broken, here for the strong, here in this temple we belong.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives, our God is here. And we cry:**

*Refrain: “Holy! Holy! Holy are you!” We cry: “Holy! Holy! Holy and true!”
Amen, we do believe our God is here. Our God is here.*

2. **Here in the Word, God is revealed, here where the wounded can be healed.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives, our God is here.
Here we become what we receive, here in this Eucharistic feast.
We are his body, living as one; our God is here. And we cry: *Refrain***

**And we cry: “Holy! Holy! Holy are you!” We cry: “Holy! Holy! Holy and true!”
Amen, we do believe our God is here. Our God is here.**

Children's Sermon

Hymn of Praise: “I Will Call Upon the Lord” with the Kids

**I will call upon the Lord, Who is worthy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from my enemies. I will call upon the Lord. *Repeat***

**The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock;
And let the God of my salvation be exalted.
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock;
And let the God of my salvation be exalted. *Repeat***

WORD

Reading: Hebrews 4:16

Reader: Carol Kilver

¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Reading: Psalm 22:1-21

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night but find no rest.

³Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.

⁵To you they cried and were saved;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

⁶But I am a worm and not human,
scorned by others and despised by the people.

⁷All who see me mock me;
they sneer at me; they shake their heads;

⁸“Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”

⁹Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
you kept me safe on my mother’s breast.

¹⁰On you I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

¹¹Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near,
and there is no one to help.

¹²Many bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

¹³they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;

my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;
¹⁵my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.
¹⁶For dogs are all around me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they bound my hands and feet.
¹⁷I can count all my bones.
They stare and gloat over me;
¹⁸they divide my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.
¹⁹But you, O Lord, do not be far away!
O my help, come quickly to my aid!
²⁰Deliver my soul from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog!
²¹ Save me from the mouth of the lion!
From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

Reading: Romans 8:26

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words.

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

Gospel Reading: Mark 15:33-39

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 15th chapter.

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

³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now when

the centurion who stood facing him saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

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

Song: “How Long, O God” ELW 698

- 1 **"How long, O God?" the psalmist cries, a cry we make our own,
for we are lost, alone, afraid, and far away from home.**
- 2 **The evil lurks within, without, it threatens to destroy
the fragile cords that make us one, that bind our hearts in joy.**
- 3 **Your grace, O God, seems far away; will healing ever come?
Our broken lives lie broken still; will night give way to dawn?**
- 4 **How can we hope? How can we sing? O God, set free our voice
to name the sorrows, name the pain, that we might yet rejoice.**
- 5 **"How long, O God?" the psalmist cries, a cry we make our own.
Though we are lost, alone, afraid, our God will lead us home.**

Sermon: “Prayer – Psalms of Lament”

Song of the Day – “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” ELW 773

1. **Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**
2. **When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**
3. **When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**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

**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

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee," *anonymous*
sung by the Faith Singers

Stewardship is the spiritual practice of responding to God's grace in generosity towards God and others. If you would like to give an offering today, you are invited to come forward and place it in an offering basket. If you would like to give electronically, you can use the provided QR code.



**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

**Great Thanksgiving*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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 our thanks and praise.

**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.

**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

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” ELW 623

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**
- 2 Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.**

- 3 **Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.**
- 4 **While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.**

“There Is a Balm in Gilead” ELW 614

*Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

- 1 **Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *Refrain***
- 2 **If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all." *Refrain***
- 3 **Don't ever be discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend. *Refrain***

**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* – “Firm Foundation”

*Chorus: Jesus, You’re my firm foundation, I know I can stand secure.
Jesus, You’re my firm foundation, I put my hope in your holy Word,
I put my hope in your holy Word.*

1. **(I have a living hope) I have a living hope
(I have a future) I have a future
(God has a plan for me) God has a plan for me
(Of this I’m sure) Of this I’m sure. *Chorus***
2. **(Your Word is faithful) Your Word is faithful
(Mighty in power) Mighty in power
(God will deliver me) God will deliver me
(Of this I’m sure) Of this I’m sure. *Chorus***

**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 Desmond’s birthday on June 17

and

by Theresa Savoie in memory of the June 13 birthday
of Mary Carolyn Savoie

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Church Council Members:

Malinda Carlson	Kevin Krohe	Monica Proefrock	Cory Street
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What's Coming Up at Faith?

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*

Sunday, June 21, 9:30am: Indoor Worship

11:00am: Discussion Group in the Justice Room

Wednesday, June 24, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

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 indoors on June 21 and outdoors again on June 28.** 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.

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 will also be available there to hand out to your friends. We hope you can attend.

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.**

Spring Altar Flowers for Faith's Gardens

We are purchasing plants or flowers 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.

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 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. While we try to stay on topic, the Holy Spirit sometimes has her way and we find ourselves delving into all sorts of topics of faith and life... just as fruitful as the scriptures and sermon. It's a wonderful way to connect with others and grow in our faith seeking understanding. **During the summer schedule, we will be meeting only 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.