



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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June 21, 2026

**Fourth
Sunday after
Pentecost**

**8:30 am
Service of Holy
Communion**

**10:00 am
Service of
the Word**

**The Pastor:
Rev. Chris
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**The Associate
Pastor:
Rev. Andrew
Bell**

**The Director of
Children's &
Family Ministry:
Lori
Puttkammer**

**The Pastor
Emeritus:
Rev. Dr. Wayne
A. Basch**



*You are of more value
than many sparrows*

MATTHEW 10:31

Welcome

Welcome to worship, and a special greeting to those who follow in God's footsteps by sharing fatherly love. Happy Father's Day!

Reflecting the Father's Name



Renowned actor Sidney Poitier once said, "I decided in my life that I would do nothing that did not reflect positively on my father's life." For those blessed with a father they admire and respect, such a decision can be deeply shaping. How might it influence the way you set priorities, live with integrity, or serve as a positive example to the young people watching your life?

For all of us — children of the only perfect Father — may this be our prayer and intention:

God, while earthly fathers are a blend of strengths and flaws, you give yourself to us as our heavenly Father, wholly loving, kind and deeply invested in our good. Help me seek to reflect positively on you. May my life spread your love, kindness and care far and wide, and may others see you in me. Amen.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

The Quiet Power of Faithfulness

The greatest forces in the universe are rarely spectacular. Gentle summer showers often do more lasting good than hurricanes, though they draw little attention. The world depends on the faithfulness, loyalty and dedication of countless people whose names are never known. Every life, no matter how humble, has a role in shaping a better world and a more beautiful tomorrow. It is easy to overvalue what seems impressive and underestimate what appears ordinary. Yet lasting change is most often built through quiet commitment, patient service and faithful hearts doing what matters most, day after day.

GATHERING

The Prelude: "This Is My Father's World" Bish

+The Opening Hymn: "THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD"

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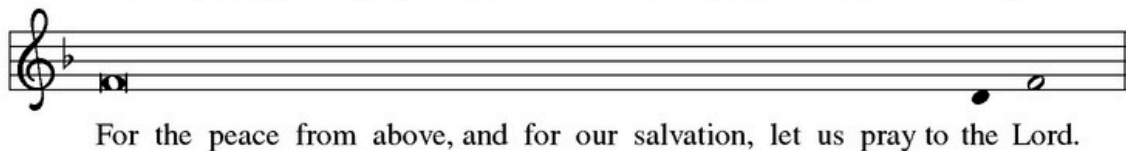
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

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The Service of Holy Communion - 8:30 am

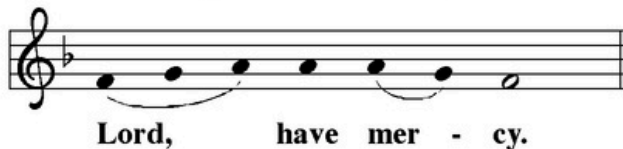
+ The Kyrie:



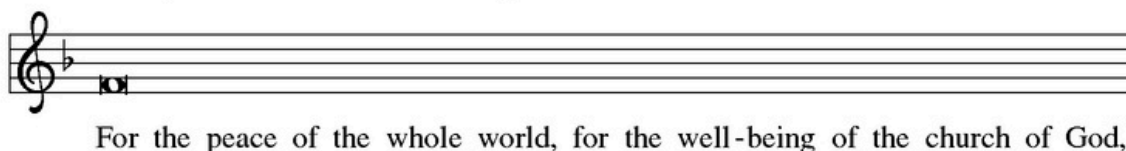
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



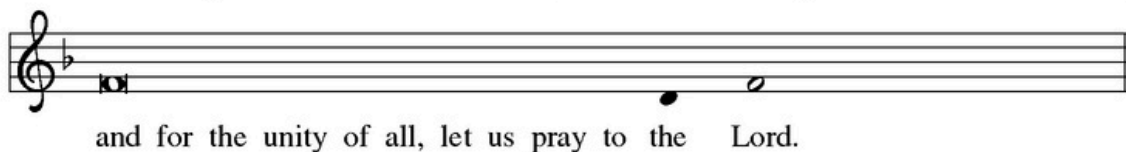
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



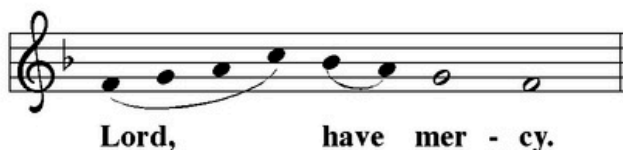
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



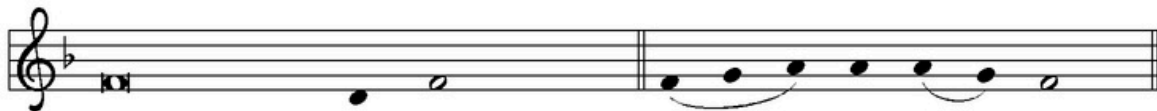
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

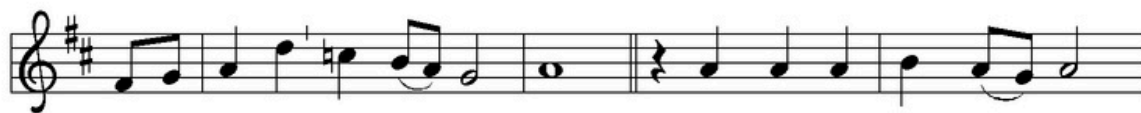


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

+ The Canticle of Praise:



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. | Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



The Service of the Word - 10:00 am

+The Kyrie:

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:

Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**
Christ, . . . have mer - cy:

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:

+The Canticle of Praise:

Refrain



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - migh - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Sing Refrain



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Sing Refrain



3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Final refrain



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on



earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



+ The Prayer of the Day

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.

WORD

+ The Readings for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 6:1b-11

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴ "A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

WORD

The Holy Gospel continued:

³²“Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

L: This is the Word of God, the Word of life.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon: **“A Few of My Favorite Things”**
Matthew 10:24-39

+The Hymn of the Day: “OUR FATHER, BY WHOSE NAME”

No. 640



+ The Apostle's 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.

Profession of FAITH

+The Prayers

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

A brief silence.

Life-giving God, you have called your people to lose their lives for Jesus' sake. Strengthen your church here, at our partner parish in Coronationville and the church in all places to follow you in the face of difficulty. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Creator God, you know every sparrow that falls to the ground. Protect animals that fly, swim, dig and walk along with all their natural habitats. Empower us to care for your creation. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Sovereign God, you call us to act justly and love mercy. Protect the marginalized to whom we have not shown the abounding love of Jesus. Bring an end to oppression and bigotry in all forms. Guide and strengthen leaders of our country and communities to uplift the dignity inherent in all. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Help those living with disability. Comfort those experiencing any sort of illness or suffering (*especially*). God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

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, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Faithful God, we give thanks for the saints who have claimed their baptismal promises. May we follow their example of faith and service. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

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

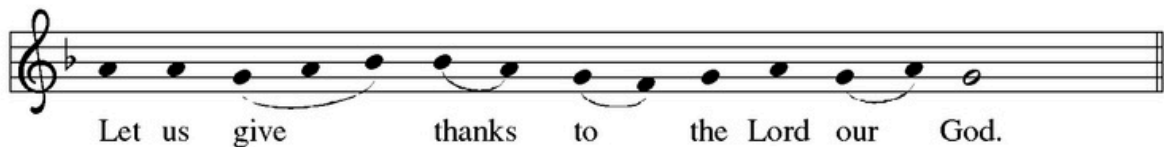
+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

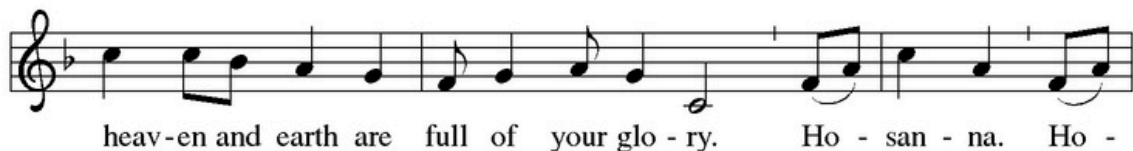
The Voluntary: *"Three Favorite Hymns" Traditional*

Service of Holy Communion - 8:30 am

MEAL



+The Preface is sung by the pastor.



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.

+The Words of Institution are spoken by the pastor.

+The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION:

Please use this time for quiet reflection on the tremendous gifts of love and forgiveness that Jesus offers to all.

+ The Prayer after Communion

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Service of the Word - 10:00 am

+The Canticle of Thanksgiving:

Refrain

Sal - va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for -

ev - er and ev - er. | Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O

God of the u - ni - verse; just and true are your ways, O

Rul - er of all the na-tions. Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and

sing the glo - ry of your name? *Refrain*

Sal - va-tion be-longs to our

God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

2 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, and

bles - ed is the one whose name is the Word of God. All

Refrain
praise and thanks to you, ho - ly God! Sal - va - tion be - longs to our

God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

- + The Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Word
- + The Lord's Prayer



SENDING

- +The Benediction
 - +The Dismissal is spoken by the pastor.
Response: **Thanks be to God**
 - +SENDING HYMN: "JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE" No. 836
 - The Postlude: "Eternal Father, Strong To Save" Phillips
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SERVING TODAY:

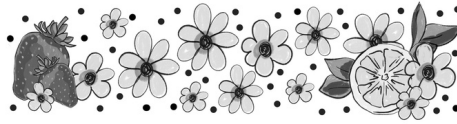
The Organist - *Beth Ridderhoff*

The Readers -8:30 - *Susan Mish*

10:00 - *Andrew Behrman*

The Acolytes - 8:30 - *Lexie Facko and Cullen Kirkner*

10:00 - *Jocelyn Abraham and Ethan Held*



Today's chancel flowers are given by Bob and Alyce Christensen in loving memory of their parents, Bob and Betty Christensen and Aage and Olga Johnson. The flowers are also given by Ernest and Ginny Neely in loving memory of Ernest's two adult sons, Ernest Brian IV and Andrew John, who both passed into Heaven in June, 2022.

Our Mission Statement

A caring fellowship of all God's people empowered by grace to proclaim the gospel and lovingly serve as Jesus teaches.

Our Vision Statement

Transforming lives by making the hope of God real through bold faith, service, outreach, discipleship and helping all people discover their God-given value.

Core Values

Encouraging each other in our lifelong journey of faith through our core values of:

-Drawing nearer to God

-Prioritizing Love over Judgment

-Practicing Grace

-Welcoming All

-Generously Serving

-Fostering Community

Our Intercessions Include:

The hospitalized: Beverly Muscarella (Christ)

Those married: Emily Petersen and Gunnar Kay

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A friendly reminder! If you ordered geraniums and have not yet paid for them, please leave your payment on Donna's desk in the office. The cost is \$15 per plant. Thank you!

If you signed up for the Windy City Thunderbolts Game in Crestwood, please pick up your tickets today. Payment is also due-\$5 per ticket. See Mrs. Lori for your tickets. Thank you!

Ooops! There's an error on the July calendar. There is no "Cooking with Care" in July. Please correct your calendar at home. Sorry for the error!

Attention Acolytes! Don't forget to sign up to acolyte for the upcoming months. You can sign up online or on the bulletin board. Thank you for your help in worship!

LAST CALL for VBS Registration! The deadline is TODAY. So, stop by the table in the old narthex to register your child. A VBS fee of \$15 per child is payable at time of registration. Please know t-shirt sizes too.

VBS ALL STAFF Meeting is tomorrow night at 7:00 pm. See you then!

Planning for Rainforest Falls VBS is underway! We NEED additional Crew Assistants (completed 6th graders and up). Service hours can be earned. VBS is July 6-10.

If you took donation cards, please be sure to bring the items to church this week. We are grateful, thank you!

Summer Sunday school needs your help! Volunteer teachers are needed to share God's love with our children. Please stop by the bulletin board today to sign up for a Sunday or two.



The calendar for the week of June 21

SUN	8:30 am 10:00 am 10:00 am	Service of Holy Communion/ <i>Online Service</i> Service of the Word Summer Sunday School Baseball Ticket Pickup Last Call for VBS Registration VBS Supply Donations Due tomorrow
MON	4:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	"Just a Quick Word" - YouTube/FB VBS All Staff Meeting "Body & Soul"
TUE - THU	10:00 am -2:00 pm	VBS Prep
THU	9:00 pm	Prayer Walk
SAT	6:05 pm	Thunderbolts Baseball Game
SUN	8:30 am 10:00 am 10:00 am	Service of the Word/ <i>Online Service</i> Service of Holy Communion Summer Sunday School



PRAYER LIST

Members of the Congregation

Beverly Muscarella	Carole Peterson
Gerhard Haigis	Judy Oster
Gary Rauch	Jim Srbeny
Ernie Neely	Bill Innocenti

Friends of the Congregation

Leland Deneen	Sara Bogosh
Stephen Joy	Chuck Singleton
Jon Schlange	Karunakaran Balraj
Robbie Glocker	Jason Dzlezic
Dominic Moffo	Roland Lyon
Margaert Kruse	Laura Nicholson
Christina Carroll	Walter Smola
Dave Kosvick	Arlene Guard
Jason Julien	Brian O'Connell
Julius Ragel	Tom Elsner
Adrienne Manley	Debra Casey
Ron Warnke	Laura Reynolds
Craig Chismarick	Ronald Held
Marilyn Veselack	Joe Kaderabek
Carol Margaret Miller	Louise Sims
Jim Peele	Jason Randall Glugla
Unicy Karunakaran	Tim Hennessey
Walter Kroll	Katy Peterman
Dorothy Koopman	Erin Olson
Trent Wiltshire	Dave Furtak
Gail Orris	Dale Koch
Dolores Wrzesinski	Maryanne Campbell
Kaylee Wynn	Alex Gersic
Andre Swanson	Silvia Guijarro

Please let us know if there is someone you need added or removed from the prayer list by contacting the church office by 9 am on Friday. Thank You!

Pictures may be taken at our service to use on our updated website. Please contact us if you desire we not use any photograph including your image.