

*You are of
more value
than many
sparrows*

MATTHEW 10:31



**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 21, 2026, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Stephanie White**

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Order of Worship (WOV Setting 5)
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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.

Key to hymnals in the pews:

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

WOV = With One Voice (blue); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

STS = Spirit Touching Spirit (grey)

* = Please rise

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

We welcome all who are gathered with us for worship, whether in person or via the livestream! If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, please send an e-mail to redeemer@gvtel.com to let us know from where you are worshipping.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Water is poured into the baptismal font.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.
Amen.

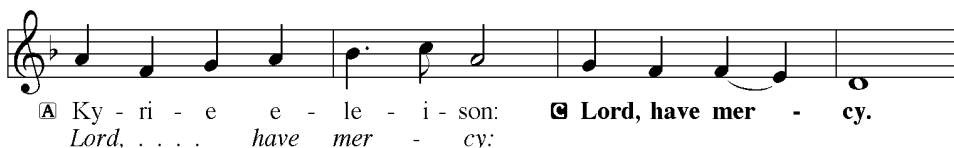
***Proclamation Hymn** *We Know That Christ is Raised* ELW #449
All turn and face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

***Greeting**

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.

***Kyrie**

WOV p. 28



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



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



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

*Canticle of Praise

WOV p. 29



G 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.



I Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa- ther, we



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



G 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.



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





***Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...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

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Sarah demands that Abraham send Hagar and her son, Ishmael, away. Abraham is distressed because he is Ishmael's father. Sarah wants to ensure that her son, Isaac, will be the one to inherit God's blessing. God, however, hears Hagar's cry and promises to also make of Ishmael a great nation.

Genesis 21:8-21

⁸ The child [Isaac] grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹ But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰ So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." ¹¹ The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹² But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³ As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." ¹⁴ So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶ Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the

distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷ And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸ Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

²⁰ God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. ²¹ He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

Joining into the story of Hagar and Ishmael, we now plead for God to help us. Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 begs God to preserve our lives, to hear us when we call out in the day of our trouble. In verse 16, we pray as if we are Ishmael, the child of the concubine Hagar.

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

¹ Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and in misery.

² **Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful;
save your servant who trusts in you.**

³ Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God;
I call upon you all the day long.

⁴ **Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

⁵ For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
and abundant in mercy toward all who call upon you.

⁶ **Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer,
and attend to the voice of my supplications.**

⁷ In the time of my trouble I will call upon you,
for you will answer me.

⁸ **Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,
nor anything like your works.**

⁹ All the nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord,
and glorify your name.

¹⁰ **For you are great; you do wondrous things;
and you alone are God.**

¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy on me;
 give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.
¹⁷ **Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame;**
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Second Reading: *In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.*

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Acclamation**

ELW p. 102





Gospel: Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

***Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew...

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

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.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Stephanie White

***Hymn of the Day**

O God, My Faithful God

ELW #806

***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 the Church**

...God of grace,
hear our prayer.

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

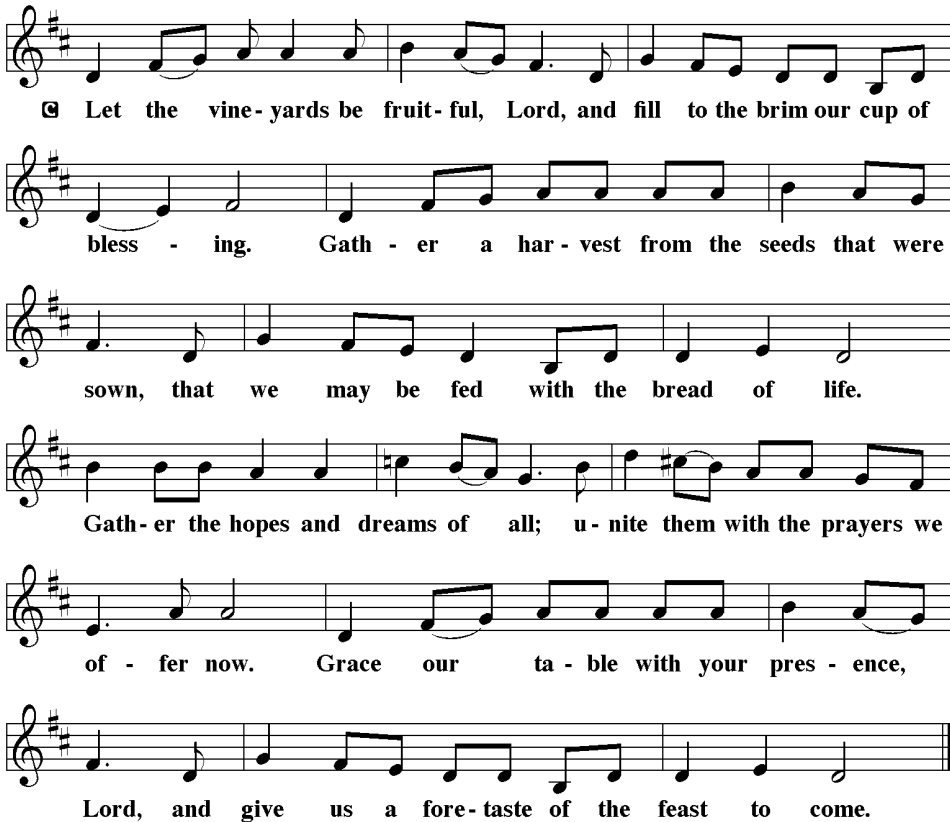
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! In-person worshippers can place their offering in the offering plate at this time. Your tithes and offerings submitted via the Postal Service or electronically are also gratefully appreciated. Also at this time, please take a minute to sign the red book and the end of pews and pass it down. Thank you!

*Offertory

WOV p. 35



Let the vine- yards be fruit- ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath- er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore- taste of the feast to come.

*Offering Prayer

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,

so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.

***Thanksgiving at the Table**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

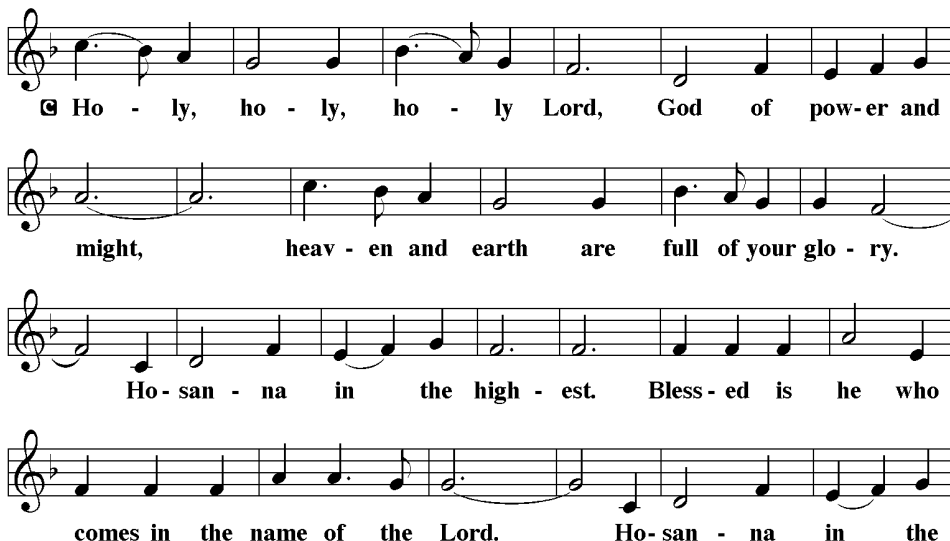
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Sanctus**

WOV p. 36



☞ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en 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

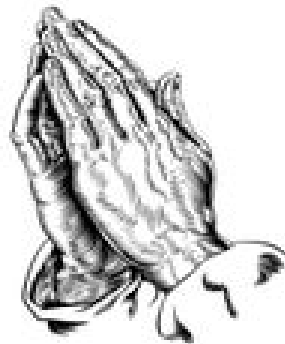


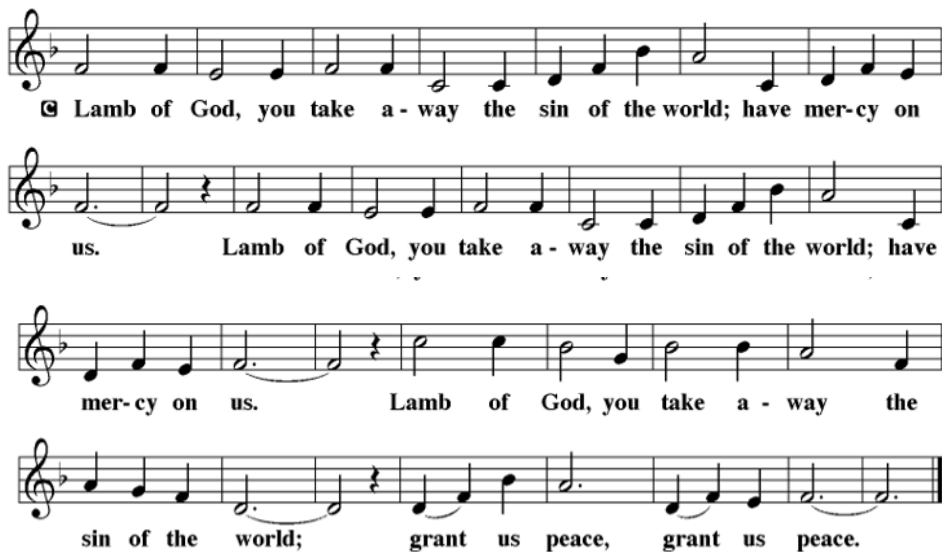
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 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**





Distribution

If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, we invite you to join in celebrating at Christ's table wherever you are, with bread and wine, grape juice, or water, as we remain physically separated yet "together met, together bound by all that God has done" and "the love that makes us one." ("I Come with Joy", ELW #482)

If you are worshipping with us in person today, know that all who come seeking Jesus are invited to receive these gifts of God. Please approach the serving station at the front of the church using the center aisle. Please take an empty cup as you approach the head of the aisle; if you prefer grape juice instead of wine, please take one of the pre-filled cups of white grape juice from the center of the tray.

Our bread is gluten- and other allergen-free.

Hymn during Distribution

*Children of the Heavenly Father
Borning Cry*

ELW #781
ELW #732

***Post-Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

*Post-Communion Prayer

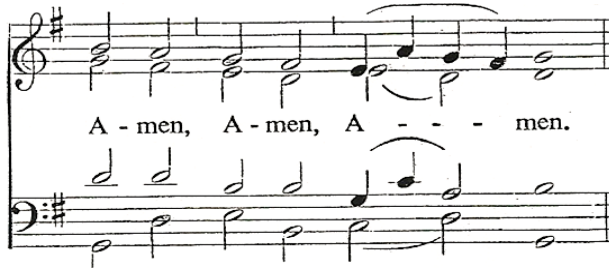
Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*Benediction and Threefold Amen

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.



*Sending Hymn

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ELW #810

All turn and face the processional cross as it is carried from the sanctuary.

*Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY

Presiding: Rev. Stephanie White

Ushers: Denice Nelson and Ken Froschheiser

Acolytes:

Lector: Phyliss Johnson

Communion Servers: Jan Anderson

Serving at the Altar: Polly Gustafson and Phyliss Johnson

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Video: Dave Ulrich

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Nancy Killian, Heather Stein, Jan Dillon, Wade Hruby Family, Kristie Huseh, Diane Brooks, Jon Christianson, Tom Gustafson, Larry and LaVonne Forsberg, Tamara Vaughan, Darren Bakke, Shawn Groven, Jim Potucek, Rick Harbott, Michelle Kasprick, Shari Safranski, Barb Horien, Rick and Tami Hanson, Rose Teie, Fern Melbye, Laurie Miller, Wayne and Adam Holthouse and Jeffrey Pearson (deployed to Iran.)

If you have service members that you would like to add to the prayer list, please let Pastor Steph or the office know.



**Altar flowers are given by
Dennis & Sue Bendickson
In loving memory of
Harvey & Vernetta Stokke.
Blessed is their memory.**

Quarterly statements are available upon request; please contact Marit at the church office.

**Week Ending
June 14, 2026
\$ 6,066.61**



Volunteers are needed to read, usher and serve communion. If you can help out in any of these roles, please fill out a volunteer sheet found on our new church app. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

Coming this week:

Tuesday, June 23rd - 9:00 – Quilters

3:30 – 6:00 Techy Tuesday

6:30 – Worship and Music Committee

Wednesday, June 24th – 10:00 – Heart to Heart Training

6:30 – Brownies and Board Games

Thursday June 25th - 11:30 VIP Luncheon

5:30 – SWEETS in Red Lake Falls

Sunday, June 28th – 9:30 – Outdoor Worship

We offer our Christian love and Sympathy to the Esther Collins family on the death of her brother, Howard Henrickson. May his memory be blessed.

Need help with our new app for the church? Katelyn is having Techy Tuesday from 3:30 to 6:00pm every Tuesday. Stop in and she will help get the app downloaded to your phone, show you how it works and answer any questions you may have.

Sign up sheet of Heart to Heart Visitation is in the Narthex. Prayerfully consider taking a few minutes once a month to make a visit to someone and make a difference in their life. See Pastor Steph for more details.

Katelyn is hosting Brownies and board games to be held on June 24th in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30.

The VIP Luncheon will be held here on June 25th. Tickets are available at the Eventbrite website or by calling 218-689-4557.

Redeemer will be hosting Vacation Bible School in partnership with Trinity Lutheran and Zion Lutheran churches. It will be held August 3rd through August 6th from 9-3 daily. More information will be coming soon.

Women of the ELCA - Trinity Lutheran in Crookston is the place to be on September 18th & 19th. They are hosting the 38th annual Convention. More information and the registration sheets are on the table in the Narthex.



Updates from the Synod

June 2026

We are Church, Together

Summer in Northwestern Minnesota brings changing rhythms, busy schedules, travel, camp ministry, long evenings, and opportunities for renewal. In every season, God continues to gather us into communities of hope, service, worship, and care for our neighbors. Thank you for the many ways your congregation participates in the shared ministry of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod.



Thank you to all who participated in the 2026 Synod Assembly. We are grateful for the ways the Spirit moved through worship, prayer, conversation, learning, voting, and relationship-building throughout our time together. Thank you to voting members, volunteers, presenters, musicians, tech teams, congregations, and ministry partners who made the assembly possible.

Assembly recordings, reports, resolutions, election results, and additional resources are available on the synod website.

Upcoming Events

JUNE | JULY | AUGUST

July 6-August 14

Online Boundaries and Anti-Racism Training

July 17

In-Person Boundaries & Anti-Racism
Training in Alexandria

We give thanks for all
those who serve faithfully
during these summer
months—pastors, deacons,
musicians, volunteers,
camp staff, interns,
synodically authorized
ministers, and lay leaders.

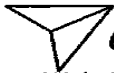
Welcome to New Synod Staff

We are excited to welcome two new staff members to the Northwestern Minnesota Synod beginning June 2!

Nick Stanley will serve as Finance & Roster Administrator, stepping into the role following Joan Meulebroeck's retirement.

Dr. Lisa Sethre-Hofstad will serve as Minister for Generosity, following the retirement of Pastor Keith Pearson.

We give thanks for Joan and Keith and their faithful years of ministry and service, and we look forward to welcoming Nick and Lisa to the synod staff team!



Share your Stories

Website: nwmnsynod.org

Facebook: Northwestern Minnesota Synod ELCA

If your congregation has events, ministry stories, celebrations, or photos to share, we would love to help tell the story of ministry happening across Northwestern Minnesota.



Prayer Corner

Gracious God,

Be with the congregations, leaders, and ministries of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod this month. Guide us with wisdom, patience, and grace as we gather, serve, and discern together. Renew us in hope and remind us that your Spirit continues to lead your church forward.

Amen.



Synod Staff

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Pr. Genelle Netland | Associate to Bishop for Leadership

Pr. Rebel Hurd | Associate to Bishop for Mission / D.E.M.

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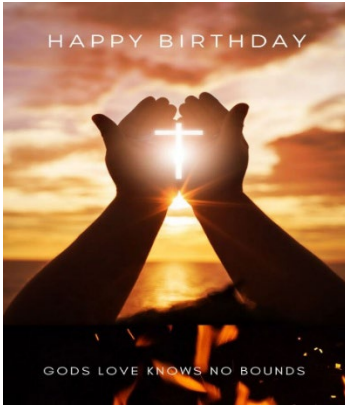
Rachel Haun | Office Administrator

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June Birthdays

June Birthdays –

1 – 2 - Jacinda Zemcik, Jodie Rondorf, Peter Ihle **3** Cayda Reiersen **4 – 5** – Nicole Dennis, Maya Johnson **6** - Kiptyn Anderson, Kassidy Mostrom, Dakota Garcia **7** – Melissa Comstock, Dennis Bendickson **8** – Art Anderson, Nathan Carlson, Diedre Hodgson, Kara Skiple **9** – Phyllis Johnson **10** – Corlynn Jorde, Vicki Halsa, Joyce Olson **11** – Kathy Carlson, Laureen Halvorson, Blake Walker, Trevor Thompson **12** – Braylee Weinen, Julie Tjelle, Aundriah Bucholz **13** – Nancy Kirkeide, Julie Olson **14** – Kelsi Wilson **15** – Reid Froiland, Owen McLean, **16** – Dave Ulrich, Jessica Klemetson **17** – Kimberly Ellefson, Ryder Hall **18** – Yvonne Wahlbeck, Michelle Barry **19** – Irvin Larson, David Ulrich, Alison Dennis, Ann Bregier, Keaden Kempert **20** – Kyaser Klaven, Mattea Bugge **21** – Sandy Parker **22** – Maryel Anderson, Mckenzie Hintz, Lane Anderson **23** – Darlene Kelley, Scott Mostrom, Emerson Carlson, David Vigen **24** – Corbyn Nessen **25** – Kathy Barry, Sharon Forsberg, Kallie Houske, Sheyenne Johnson **26** – Brayden Johnson, Jenae Johnson, Kim Heimstra, Brock Brockhardt **27** – Chad Berg **28** – Carol Ihle, Lynn Grahn, Don Hejlik, Mandi Shaaheim **29** – Mary Jo Mugaas **30** – Storm D Camp

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SYNOD MISSION TEAMS

NORTHWESTERN MINNESOTA SYNOD

**This is discipleship in action.
JOIN US!**

Equity, Justice, and Right Relationship

This team helps our synod grow in living out God's call to love our neighbors in just and meaningful ways.

- Anti-racism learning and practice
- Right relationship with Indigenous communities
- Honest conversation and growth

**This work is about the Gospel shaping
how we live together.**

Companion Synod

Our synod's companion relationship is with the Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church (AELC) in India.

Through this relationship, this team:

- Joins in prayer and mutual support
- Learns from one another's faith
- Builds relationships across cultures through accompaniment
- Explores ways to engage in national issues together for the sake of growth and equality.



In Christ, we belong
to one another.

Contact

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- 218.299.3019
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Hunger Table

The Hunger Team exists to help our synod respond faithfully to hunger in our communities. This work is both immediate and systemic, caring for those in need today while also addressing the deeper causes of food insecurity. Join Us!

Until All Are Fed.

Care For Creation

Our Mission Statement:

Compelled by Christ and the urgent need for action, we strive to promote, educate, and advocate care for God's good creation, and to support congregations called to do the same.

Reach out for:

- Assistance in planning/goal setting
- Providing educational presentations
- Assistance in obtaining tax incentives & rebates for energy improvements

Accompaniment Team

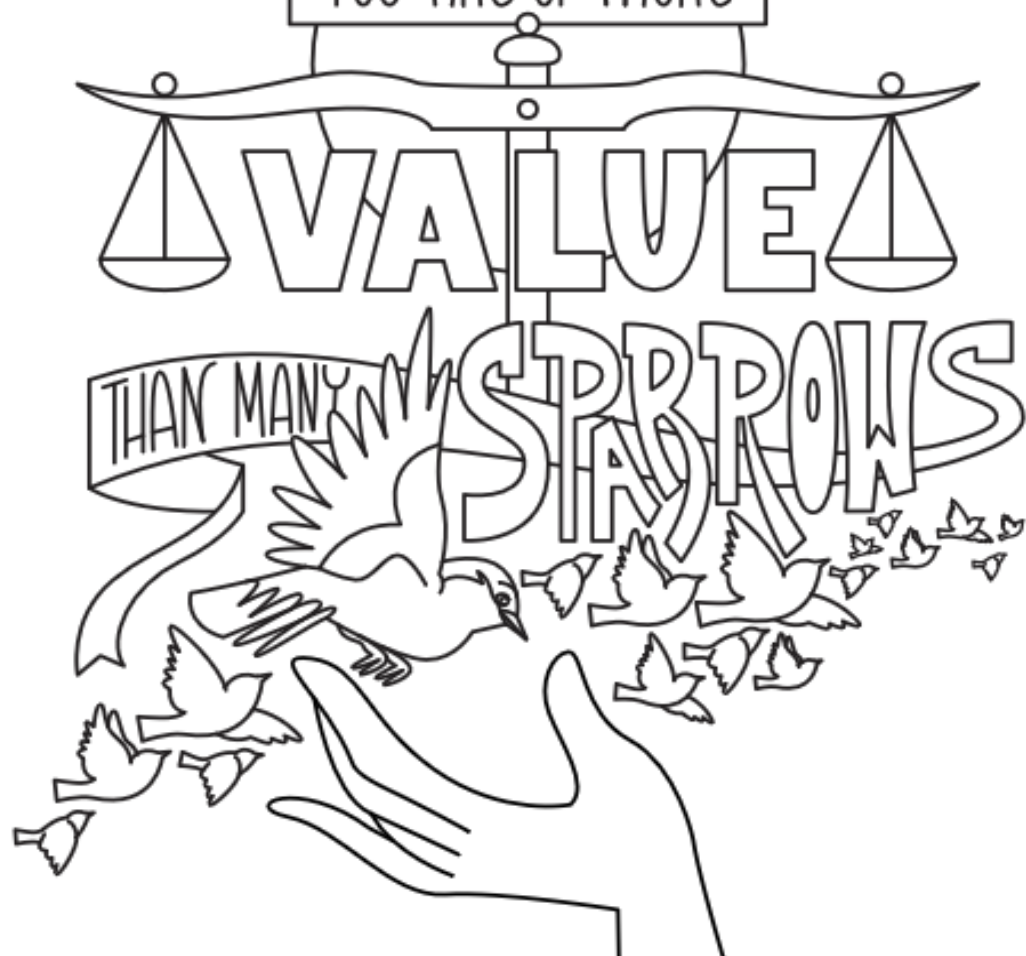


Recognizing and Welcoming the
Gifts of LGBTQ+
Candidates for Ministry

This Team accompanies congregations while they prayerfully discern their congregation's needs and the gifts of their next leader.

DO NOT BE
AFRAID;

YOU ARE OF MORE



Blessed Father's Day



We love because he first loved us.

- 1 John 4:19

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We Know That Christ Is Raised



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re-born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

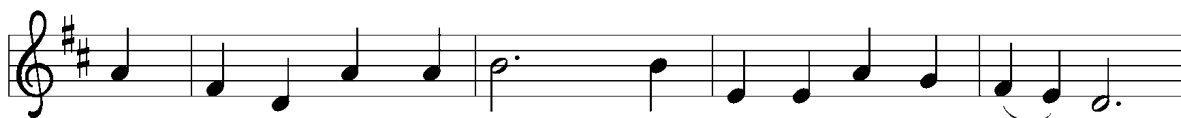
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O God, My Faithful God



1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
 3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;
 4 When dan-gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth-ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
 what - ev - er you com-mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—
 guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;
 help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer-less;

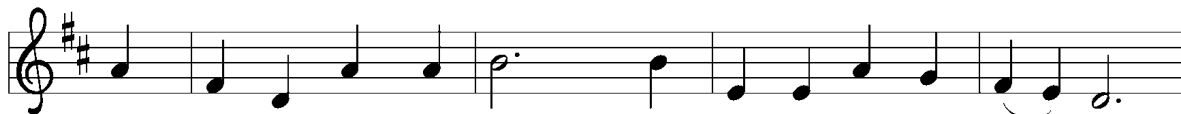


give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
 to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless
 but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,
 help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
 what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
 then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.
 and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

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Borning Cry



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



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O Jesus, I Have Promised



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693