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Fifth Sunday After Pentecost †

June 28, 2026

P - Pastor ♦ C - Congregation ♦ A - Assisting Minister
ELW-Evangelical Lutheran Worship-Red ♦ **WOV-With One Voice-Blue**

PRELUDE *Down Galilee's Slow Roadways* by Brenda Portman

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

SPECIAL MUSIC *Footsteps of Jesus*

Played by Peggy Snyder

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C 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.

P 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.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *ELW 641 All Are Welcome*

GREETING

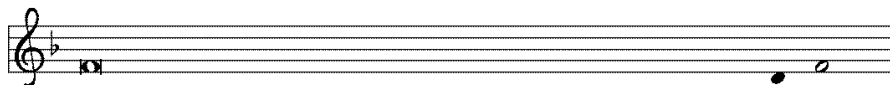
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

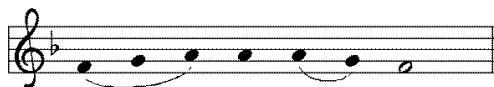
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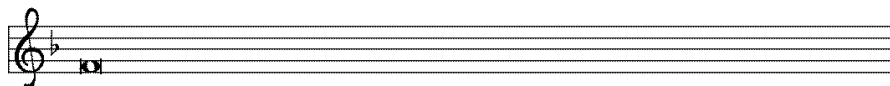
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



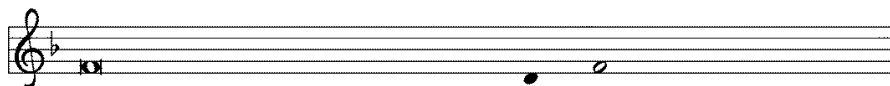
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



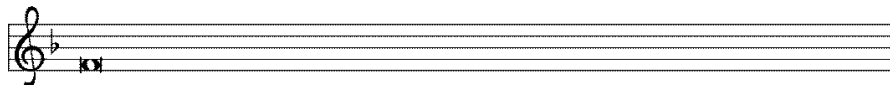
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

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

Refrain

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.

Prayer of the Day

P O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵ The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

¹ Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

² **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

³ "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴ **'I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.'**"

¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the festal shout! They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

¹⁶ **They rejoice daily in your name; They are jubilant in your Righteousness.**

¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.

¹⁸ **Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

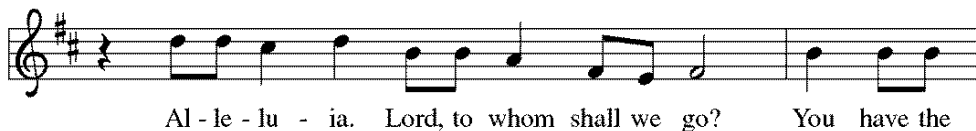
¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification. ²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please rise in body or spirit)



GOSPEL Matthew 10:40-42

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:]⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous,⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW# 575 *In Christ Called to Baptize*

CHILDREN’S SERMON

BAPTISM OF Audra Lou Ruffer

PRESENTATION

P In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Parents and Sponsors: I present Audra Lou Ruffer to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P Parents, as you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim

Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Audra grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I do.

P Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Audra in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: I do.

P People of God, do you promise to support Audra and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Parents and Sponsors: I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

BAPTISM

P Audra Lou Ruffer, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

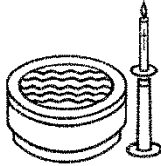
P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Audra with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C Amen.

SIGN OF THE CROSS

P Audra, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C Amen.



GIVING OF THE LIGHT

P Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

PRAYER FOR THE PARENTS

P O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon Sarah and Blake. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their child. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their child the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

WELCOME

P Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

BAPTISMAL HYMN ELW #732 Borning Cry

PRAYERS

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

A brief silence.

A Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

A Creator God, bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

A Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division. Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

A Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Bless caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

A Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

A Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Violin Medley*

Played by Peggy Snyder

THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING (please rise in body or spirit) 

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

LORD'S PRAYER (please rise in body or spirit)

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C 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

BENEDICTION

SENDING

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

SENDING HYMN ELW #676 *Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak*

POSTLUDE *Alleluia! Let Praises Ring* by Jan Bender

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Altar Flowers 6/28/26

In Honor of Jacob Plummer's and Drew Behnfeldt's Birthdays.

This week please hold in prayer: Mary Lou Zwiebel, Paul & Connie Long, Ed Panning, Lee Weirauch, Bob Lulfs, Ken Lange, Oneta Wiechers, Matt Von Seggern, Jude Gerken, Linda Hill, Scott Vasher, Terry Roehl, Joanne Neu, Natalie Long, Nancy Bressler, Cheryl Huffman, for all those on our hearts and minds, and for peace in our nation and the whole world.

Altar Flower Price Increase

Due to rising costs, the altar flowers will now be \$35 each starting July 5th. Please make note of this and increase your payment. If you're unable or unwilling to make this price jump, just let us know and we will update the list. Additionally, remember to bring the container back to Emanuel so it can be reused. On weeks that flowers have not been ordered, we will use a silk arrangement that matches the season. Thank you!

Thank you, Terri!

A huge thank you to Terri Sedam for her four years as Emanuel's Custodian. We're so grateful for all the behind the scenes things you did to keep our building and property clean, safe, and up to date. To honor Terri, let's give her thanks with a card shower. Cards can be dropped off at Emanuel and we will get them to her. Thank you again, Terri!

Welcome Brian and Family

We welcome Brian Plummer and his family as the new Custodian(s) for Emanuel. Brian and his sons have taken over the custodial tasks here, including cleaning, emptying garbage, changing hymn numbers, checking on various parts of the building, sidewalk snow removal (eventually) and more. We are so grateful to have Brian and family on board!

June Caring Corner will be collecting food for local food pantries. Many local children home from school for the summer may not be getting the proper meals at home so providing food for them is very important. When donating please consider food items that kids would like eating as well as foods that are good for them. You may consider complete meals or food staples such as peanut butter, snack bars, and cereal, etc. You can also consider a monetary donation; this can be placed in an envelope labeled Caring Corner and place in the offering plate.

Old Hymnals We have many of our old green hymnals that we no longer need. You are welcome to take as many as you like for free. They will be located at the front and the back entrances of the church. Any questions please see Peggy Snyder.

Summer Sunday Coffee Hour is in the Bible Study Room off the overflow...look forward to spending some time with your church family and enjoy some breakfast treats as well! Our host for June 28 is Adult Bell Choir. There will be no Coffee hour on July 5.

Emanuel Office Hours Are Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:30am-9am and 12:30pm to 5pm, and Tuesday and Thursday 7:30am-2:30 pm.

Worship Attendance

6/18/26 **25**

6/21/26 **68**, and 41 **online**.

*The number used is the engagement number at the beginning of the week. This reflects anyone who has watched it up until then.

This Week

Wednesday	7/1/26	1:00pm 5pm	Open Office Hours Soul Food
Thursday	7/2/26	9:30am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Bible Study Staff Meeting Thursday Worship
Sunday	7/5/26	9am	Worship



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