

## **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

### **JUNE 21, 2026 • 10:00 AM**

Rev. Dana Nelson, *Guest Preacher*  
Andrew Parr, *Dir. of Worship and Music*  
Nancy Cowan, *Choir Accompanist*  
Jeremy Mattson, *Violin*

#### **East Side Collaborative Congregations:**

Arlington Hills Lutheran Church (AHLC), Pastor Walter Still

First Lutheran Church (FLC), Pastors Chris Olson Bingea and Stanley Ayashim

Grace Lutheran Church (GLC), Pastor Karen Williams

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church (GALC), Pastors John Hierlinger and Ruthie Mhanga

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (ORLC), Pastor Bethany Ketchem



#### **GALC Welcome Statement**

All people who attend our worship services and events are welcome, regardless of age, race, citizenship, gender identity and expression, socioeconomic status, family status, sexual orientation, physical abilities, mental abilities, or where they are on their faith journey.

# GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GALC

*The assembly is invited to rise in body and/or spirit.*

GATHERING HYMN

**How Firm a Foundation**

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1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

*Collaboratively written by Faithful Voices for Racial Justice for faith communities  
in celebration of Juneteenth*

**L:** As people of faith who gather in worship or in community, we remember the significance of Juneteenth for all siblings of color who, though free from the literal bonds of slavery, continue to live burdened by systems of oppression. We hear the living story of freedom and pray as people united in faith and justice for the healing and reconciliation of all creation and across the generations.

As community, let us pray:

All loving God, you create a living story to keep justice and do righteousness, for wholeness is about to come.

**C:** **A living story to break open our hearts to the suffering of our siblings, that we may stand in solidarity and love until righteousness reigns.**

**L:** May we receive the voices of giftedness and wisdom from people across every hue and lived experience. Let us not grow weary in doing what is right.

**C:** **May those with privilege and power use it to break open systems and institutions, that all may share equally and equitably in the goodness and in prosperity.**

**L:** May we elevate Black joy as a form of resistance and mutual care.

May we celebrate the sacred vocation of Black fatherhood, motherhood, and parenting.

**C:** **Help us to speak truth. Open us to receive the full nature of our history as a nation. Let us journey together as instruments of love overflowing towards the care of all people and in peace.**

**ALL:** **May we seek a shared path together to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly toward equality, equity, and justice for all. Amen.**

KYRIE

GALC



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:

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.  
 Lord God, heav- en - ly king, al- migh- ty God and Fa- ther, we  
 wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
 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.  
 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.  
 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.

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.  
 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.

**GREETING**

AHLC

**L:** 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**

AHLC

**L:** We 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.

**C:** Amen.

*The assembly is seated.*

**WORD**

**FIRST LESSON: Romans 6:1b-11**

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*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.*

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 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.

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. 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. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

PSALMODY: Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18

ORLC

*The congregation joins in reading the Psalm at the bold text.*

Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,  
and shame has covered my face.

**I have become a stranger to my own kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children.**

Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

**I humbled myself with fasting,  
but that was turned to my reproach.**

Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind;  
in your great compassion, turn to me.

**Hide not your face from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.**

Draw near to me and redeem me;  
because of my enemies deliver me.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*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.*

**L:** A reading from the Gospel of Saint Matthew, the tenth chapter.

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; 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!

“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. 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. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.



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

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

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

“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, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

**L:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The assembly is seated.*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

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**L:** Together, we confess our faith:

**C:** We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

**We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**GALC**

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

*A brief silence. Each petition ends with:*

**L:** God of grace,

**C:** hear our prayer.

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

**C:** Amen.

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**L:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

*The assembly is seated.*

**MEAL**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**AHLC**

**L:** We pray. 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.

**C:** Amen.

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**ORLC**

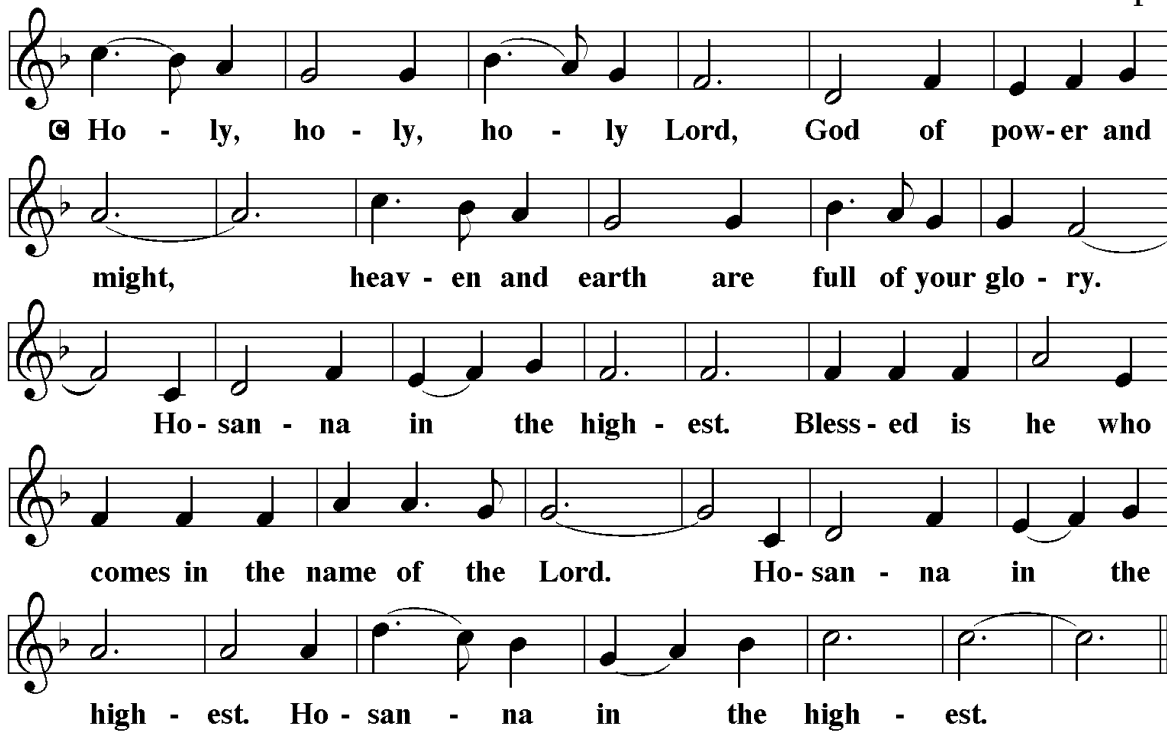
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

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



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  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**L:** Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

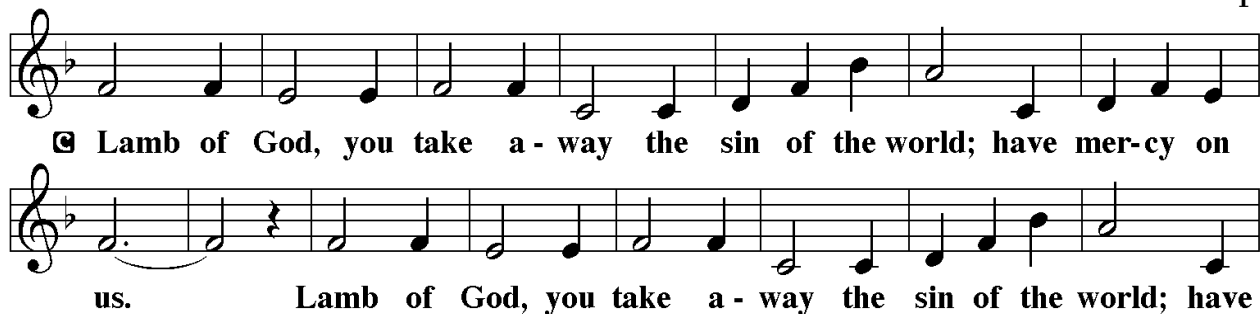
*The assembly is seated.*

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All are welcome to join in this meal of God's mercy for all people. The invitation to share in this meal comes from God; we simply set the table. The ushers will direct you to a serving station. If going forward is difficult for you, please remain seated and a pastor will come to you.*

### COMMUNION HYMN

### Lamb of God



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

**Borning Cry**  
*ESCo Combined Choir*

arr. Daniel Kallman

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GLC

**L:** We pray. 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.

**C:** Amen.

**SENDING**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GALC

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A PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

by Andrew Parr

Voice

Oh, God, you have called on your serv-vants, un - to  
3 vent-ures of which we can-not see the end, by paths un - trod-den, by per-ils un-  
7 known. Give us faith to go out with good cour - age, not know - ing where we  
10 go but on - ly that your hand is lead-ing us, your love, sup - port - ing us, through  
14 Jes - us Christ, our Lord. A - men. A - men.

**BENEDICTION**

FLC

**L:** Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

**C:** Amen.

**SENDING HYMN**

**Guide My Feet**

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Leader All

1 Guide my feet  
 2 Hold my hand  
 3 Stand by me while I run this race.  
 4 I'm your child  
 5 Search my heart

Guide my feet  
 Hold my hand  
 Stand by me while I run this race.  
 I'm your child  
 Search my heart

Guide my feet  
 Hold my hand  
 Stand by me while I run this race,  
 I'm your child  
 Search my heart

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: GUIDE MY FEET, African American spiritual; arr. *This Far by Faith*  
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**DISMISSAL**

FLC

**L:** Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

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