



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 21, 2026 | 8:00 AND 10:30 AM
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH; CONCORDIA, MO

ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP

The first Sunday after Pentecost celebrates the mystery of the Trinity—there is one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The doctrine of the Trinity is integral to God's "co-mission." The Father sends the Son who sends the Spirit. Filled with the Spirit, we are sent to make disciples of all nations. *This is Part 6 of a year-long series, "A Year in Matthew."*

P Pastor **C** Congregation/All

✠ All may make the sign of the cross to remember their baptism.



Led by the Holy Spirit, we gather for worship.
We are prepared for worship through Confession and Absolution.

PRELUDE & WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 688 *"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake"*

CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS *Psalm 124:8; 130:3–4*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT | Entrance *Psalm 56:3–4, 10–11; antiphon: v. 13*

- P** For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,
C that I may walk before God in the light of life.
- P** When I am afraid,
C I put my trust in you.
- P** In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
C What can flesh do to me?
- P** In God, whose word I praise,
C in the LORD, whose word I praise,
P in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
C What can man do to me?
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P** For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,
C that I may walk before God in the light of life.

KYRIE | Lord, Have Mercy *Mark 10:47; for text with tune, see page 204.*

- C** (sung) Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS | Glory to God in the Highest *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

For text with tune, see page 204.

- C** (sung) To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
- P** O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of
Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

VERSE OF THE MONTH *Psalm 51:15*

G O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.



We hear God's Word read and proclaimed,
and we respond with our prayers and praise, tithes and offerings.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 20:7–13*

The prophet Jeremiah struggles with the message he must proclaim. It is one of judgment because of the people's unrepentant sinful guilt. Even his close friends dismiss and mock his ministry. However, he is compelled to speak. Ultimately, Jeremiah confesses that God fights for him and will deliver him.

⁷O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close

friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 6:12–23*

Since we have been set free from the slavery of sin through the free gift of grace in Jesus Christ, we should not return to a life of sin.

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will

have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do 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? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *John 20:31; for text with music, see page 205.*

- C** (sung) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 10:5a, 21–33*

Jesus sends out the twelve disciples and gives them instructions as they are to boldly, courageously minister in Jesus' name. In addition to these instructions, Jesus promises the care and protection of God the Father.

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, ...

²¹“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. ²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

²⁴“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his 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 that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear those

who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear

not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED See the inside back cover of the hymnal.

SERMON HYMN 753 “All for Christ I Have Forsaken”

SERMON The Great Commission: “Take up Your Cross and Follow”

GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

All may sign the friendship register found in each pew.

COMMISSION VBS VOLUNTEERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

The 10:30 am service concludes with the Lord’s Prayer, Benediction, and Closing Hymn 837, “Lift High the Cross.”



We receive God’s gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation as we share the Sacrament of the Altar.

The 8:00 am service continues with the Preface on page 208 in the hymnal.

We believe that in the Lord’s Supper our Lord gives to us His true body and blood with the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of

our sins. We recognize the charge that St. Paul offers in 1 Corinthians 11:27–28 that those who come to receive the Lord’s Supper ought to examine themselves so that they do not eat and drink in an unworthy manner. Therefore, out of concern for those who have not been instructed in the faith or who hold to a different confession, we ask that only members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations receive the Sacrament. If you would like to learn more about what our congregation teaches, to inquire about becoming a member or have questions about our practice, please speak to one of the pastors. Adults and children who have not yet been baptized or instructed in the Christian faith are invited to come forward and receive a spoken blessing at the altar rail; please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

For those who require it, diluted wine is found in the purple glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups; gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Music during distribution:

HYMN 829 “Christ the Eternal Lord”

HYMN 625 “Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”

HYMN 628 “Your Table I Approach”



Even as this time of worship ends, we go out of the church into the worship of our everyday lives, ready to be God’s witnesses and do His will.

The service concludes with the Nunc Dimittis, Post-Communion Collect, and Benediction on pages 211–212.

CLOSING HYMN 837 “Lift High the Cross”

ANNOUNCEMENTS, SENDING & POSTLUDE

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

This week’s takeaway: The Great Commission (Matthew 28:18–20) sends out Christians to share the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ. Who knew it would be so hard to share such Good News? But rather than fearing the division, ridicule, hate, and persecution our Christian witness might bring, we take up our cross, trusting Jesus’ promise that He will be with us; it will forever be okay.

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SERVING IN THIS SERVICE

Rev. Andrew Lehenbauer, *Liturgist*

Rev. Michael Pottschmidt, *Preacher*

Katie Drefs, *Organist*

Rachel Martens, Clairra Martens, *Trumpet (10:30 am)*

Benjamin Kuecker, Evan Rankin, *Acolytes (8:00 am)*

Kiefer Lange, Bryce Strobel, *Acolytes (10:30 am)*

Deb Robinson, *Greeter (8:00 am)*

Mary Beth Self, *Greeter (10:30 am)*

Jim Beerman, Rod McCaslin, Pat McKeage, Darren Starbuck, *Elders on Duty*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please contact the church office to keep our prayer list up-to-date.

Our pastor "on call" number in case of emergency is (660) 580-5483.

New: Ron Innes, Karol Meyer, Konner McKnight, Sarah McDaniel, Royce Hern-
don, Joe Connell, Rollie Beerman, Virgil Gramenz, Hudson Kloos, Nicole Maxwell,
Alan Luebbert, Lisa Arnett, Joyce Kroll, Rev. Dr. Les Mitkos, Susan Reeves

Ongoing: Donald Dedeke, Richard Cordes, Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, Diane Stumpfen-
haus, Ken Wodrich, Les Bruns, Wilmer Bredehoeft, Melba Poese, Paul Brackman,
Baby Felix, Gene Virus, Harry Rehkop, Jon Spells, Roger Kammeyer, Ledrue
Brandt, Alyssa Pfannkuch, Alice Hildebrand, Donnie Fiene, Rev. Perry Copus,
Darla Wolters, Vickie Greene, Amy Gerdts, Tim Bergman, Amy Backus, David
Rehmsmeyer, Lari Huntze, Kelly Meyer, Shirley Kimball

Death: Mary Ann Bartel

Nation and World: the people of Trinidad and Tobago

Partners in Mission: St. John Lutheran Church; Jefferson City, MO and Rev. Brian
Whittle; Orphan Grain Train; Election of LCMS President (third round, June 20-23)

Birthdays: (6/21) Wyatt Hunter, Lindsay McKeage, Sherry Meyer; (6/22) Kollins
Clouse, Garrett Kueck; (6/23) Brooke Bonar, Carter Brown, Isaiah Roepe, Chris-
tina Todd; (6/24) Eric Gramenz, Sophia Meyer, Tiffany Oswald; (6/25) Sandra Du-
ensing, Joanna Kuecker, Rev. Michael Pottschmidt; (6/26) Tim Bauer, Julie Dod-
son, Kelsie Duncan, Gus Sayre, Kelly Virus; (6/27) Henry Hoepfner, Angela How-
ard, Shirley Kimball, Kanen Knight, Thomas Oetting

Anniversaries: (6/21) Greg & Ruth Schmidt; (6/22) Harry & Krista Rehkop, Luther
& Andrea Schmidt; (6/24) Rev. Bart & Jana Mueller; (6/25) Alan & Nancy
Deatherage; (6/26) John & Sharon Bobzin, Clint & Jodi Colwell; (6/27) Matt & Sa-
rah Sullivan

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP

Jeremiah 28:5–9; Romans 7:1–13; Matthew 10:34–42

Hymns (*Lutheran Service Book*): 839, 701, 845, 683, 696, 825



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