

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven.”

Matthew 10:32

## Sunday June 21, 2026 4th Sunday after Pentecost

*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.*

**WELCOME!** We are glad to have you join us in worship today. Here are a few notes to help you feel more at home participating in our worship.

**Worshipping.** Today’s service is printed in this bulletin. Parts in bold indicate responses by everyone in which you are invited to participate.

**Communion.** *Lutheran Christians believe that the Lord Jesus Christ feeds us with his true body and blood “in, with, and under” the bread and wine in the Lord’s Supper. All baptized Christians who receive Communion in their own churches are welcome to receive the sacrament. Please note that the darker wine is non-alcoholic and is available from the Lector. Communion will be distributed continuously, in procession. Please come forward as directed by the ushers.*

**Coffee Hour.** We hope that you will join us for coffee and conversation in the lobby following the worship service.

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## ✠ GATHERING ✠

### PRELUDE

### RINGING OF THE BELL

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

**C** Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Pause for silent reflection.*

**P** Have mercy, O God, **C** **against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

**P** As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

**C** **Blessed be God forever.**

# GATHERING SONG: *GLORY & PRAISE TO OUR GOD* ~ DAN SCHUTTE ~ V1-3

## Refrain

Glo - ry and praise to our God, who a - lone gives  
 light to our days. Man - y are the  
 bless-ings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

## Verses 1-3

1. We, the daugh - ters and sons of him who built the  
 2. In his wis - dom he strength - ens us, like gold that's  
 3. Ev - 'ry mom - ent of ev - 'ry day our God is  
 val - leys and plains, Praise the won - ders our God has  
 test - ed in fire. Though the pow - er of sin pre -  
 wait - ing to save, Al - ways read - y to seek the  
 done in ev - 'ry heart that sings.  
 vails, our God is there to save.  
 lost, to an - swer those who pray.

## Verse 4

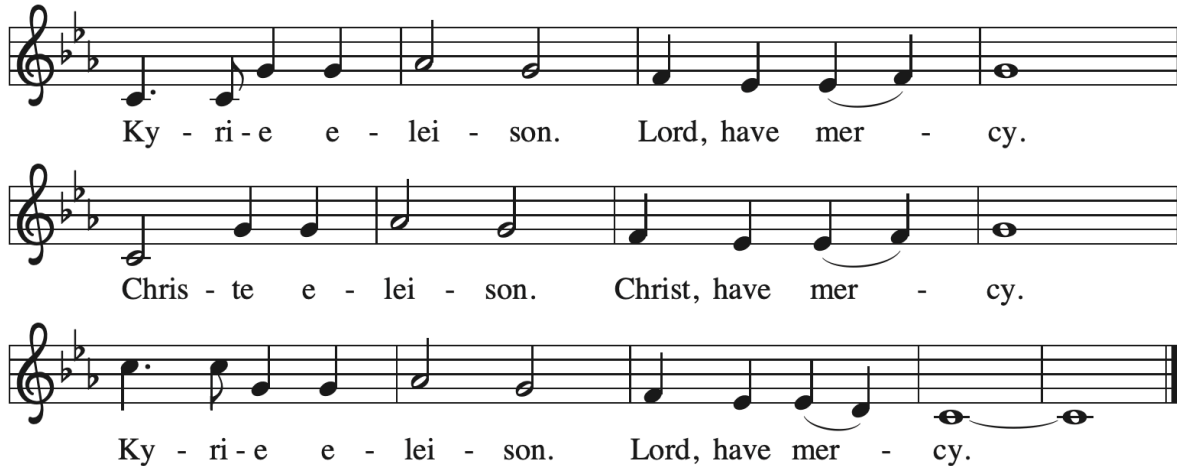
4. God has wa - tered our bar - ren land and spent his  
 mer - ci - ful rain. Now the riv - ers of life run  
 full for an - y - one to drink.

Text: Psalm 65, 66; Dan Schutte, b.1947  
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## 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.**

## KYRIE



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.    C **Amen.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

### FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 20:7-13

A reading from Jeremiah.

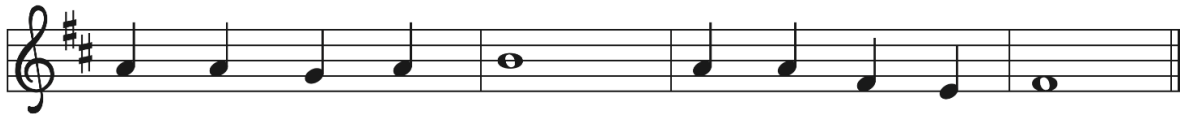
<sup>7</sup> O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup> If I say, “I will not mention him or speak any more in his name,” then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering: “Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. “Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him and take our revenge on him.”

<sup>11</sup> But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup> Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

...The word of the Lord.     **C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: PSALM 69:7-10, 16-18



An - swer me, O LORD, for your love is kind.

<sup>7</sup> Surely, for your sake I have suf- | fered reproach, and shame has cov- | ered my face.

<sup>8</sup> **I have become a stranger to | my own kindred, an alien to my | mother's children.**

<sup>9</sup> Zeal for your house has eat- | en me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fall- | en upon me.

<sup>10</sup> **I humbled my- | self with fasting, but that was turned to | my reproach. R**

<sup>16</sup> Answer me, O Lord, for your | love is kind; in your great compassion, | turn to me.

<sup>17</sup> **Hide not your face | from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.**

<sup>18</sup> Draw near to me | and redeem me; because of my enemies de- | liver me. **R**

## SECOND READING: ROMANS 6:1B-11


A reading from Romans.

<sup>1b</sup> Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

...The word of the Lord.     **C Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

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## GOSPEL: MATTHEW 10:24-39

**P** The holy gospel according to Matthew.    **C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the twelve: <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> 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!

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

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

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

<sup>35</sup> 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, <sup>36</sup> and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup>“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, <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> 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.    **C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY: FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION (ELW 679)**



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional  
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**APOSTLES' CREED**

**A** With the whole Church, we confess our faith.

**C** 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 INTERCESSION

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

A Life-giving God, you have called your people to lose their lives for Jesus' sake. Strengthen your church to follow you in the face of difficulty. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Creator God, you know every sparrow that falls to the ground. Protect migrating birds, endangered species, and their natural habitats. Empower us to care for your creation. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Sovereign God, you call us to act justly and love mercy. Protect those with marginalized identities to whom we have not shown the abounding love of Jesus. Bring an end to oppression and bigotry in all forms. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Help those living with disability. Comfort those experiencing any sort of illness or suffering. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A 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,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Faithful God, we give thanks for saints who have claimed their baptismal promises. May we follow their example of faith and service. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

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

**C Amen.**

## PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always. **C And also with you.**

P Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

## ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Christine Carlson, June 25th

## BIRTHDAY SONG

*He who began a good work in you (2x)*

*Will be faithful to complete it (clap 3x)*

*Will be faithful to complete it (clap 3x)*

*He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you!*

## ✠ MEAL ✠

### OFFERING SONG: *BLESSED ASSURANCE* (ELW 638)



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

## OFFERING PRAYER

**P** Let us pray. God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **C Amen.**

# GREAT THANKSGIVING

## DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.                   **C And also with you.**  
P Lift up your hearts.                   **C We lift them to the Lord.**  
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

P 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:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God, mighty and merciful, your people praise you, saying: Your mercy endures forever.   **C Your mercy endures forever.**

P By your promise you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures, granting them life and calling them to flourish, setting the sign of your bow in the clouds, the colors of your love and faithfulness. Your mercy endures forever.   **C Your mercy endures forever.**

P By your promise you bound yourself to your people of old, blessing them with family outnumbering the stars and calling them to be a blessing to others, showing them steadfast love in every generation and calling them to be a light to the nations. Your mercy endures forever.   **C Your mercy endures forever.**

P By your promise you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved, grafting us into your living Vine, and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love. 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.

P 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. With this bread and cup we remember his life laid down and lifted up as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine. Bless us to be a blessing. Make us a sign of your faithfulness. Send us to tend and cherish the earth and to serve the world with mercy and love. With all the saints in light, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus, in your Spirit, now and forever.   **C Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

P Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## 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.

## SONG DURING COMMUNION:

### *MY LIFE FLOWS ON IN ENDLESS SONG (ELW 763)*



- 1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion,
- 2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv-eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion.  
It finds an ech-o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

#### *Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. **C Amen.**

## **✠ SENDING ✠**

## **A BLESSING FOR FATHERS**

*P On Fathers' Day, we remember our fathers and all those who provide fatherly care in prayer. Names from our book of remembrance are read in the prayers, and we also seek to bless those fathers and father figures among us today.*

**P** God of all creation, pour out your blessing on all fathers and those who provide fatherly care.

You have made these men in your image and given them people to love and care for in your name. Pour out your Spirit on all of us who miss their fathers, and who long for fathering-guides.

We give thanks for our forefathers in faith, and for our own fathers, especially...*names are read...*

Bless the fathers among us today, and those who are far from us. Grant them a heart like yours: loving and kind, comforting and strong, nurturing and full of compassion.

When doubt or fear bring them anxiety, may they trust in your promises. When joy fills their days, grant them a deep sense of gratitude for your abundant grace. Help them to model faith for the children in their lives.

As they teach others, grant them wisdom to know what is truly valuable. As they strive to share your unconditional love, give them patience and a lively sense of humor.

As they model your mercy, help them extend the forgiveness they themselves freely receive from you.

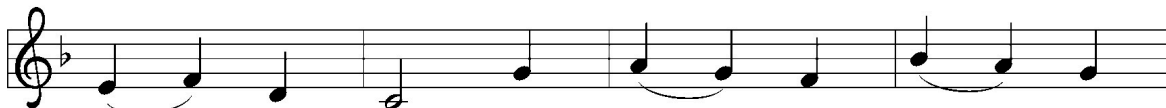
In all circumstances fortify their faith, that they may be sustained in your love. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**C Amen.**

**SENDING SONG: *THE SPIRIT SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE* (ELW 551)**



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
 joy like seed and, all our days, to  
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
 share a dream and help the blind to see.  
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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**DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Upcoming Commemorations

### **Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, died 1931**

**Sunday, June 21, 2026**

Onesimos was born in Ethiopia. Captured, enslaved, and taken to Eritrea, he was there freed by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into his native Oromo and returned to preach there.

### **John the Baptist**

**Wednesday, June 24, 2026**

John said, "[Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease." And so his birth is celebrated half a year before Jesus', just as the daylight in the northern hemisphere begins to wane. Jesus honored John as being the greatest prophet.

### **Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530**

**Thursday, June 25, 2026**

On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg Confession were presented to the Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. The Augsburg Confession was written by Philipp Melanchthon and endorsed by Martin Luther, and consists of a brief summary of points in which the reformers saw their teaching as either agreeing with or differing from that of the Roman Catholic Church of the time.

### **Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church, died 1560**

**Thursday, June 25, 2026**

Though he died on April 19, Philipp Melanchthon is commemorated today because of his connection with the Augsburg Confession. Colleague and co-reformer with Martin Luther, Melanchthon was a brilliant scholar, known as "the teacher of Germany."

### **Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, died 444**

**Saturday, June 27, 2026**

Cyril defended the orthodox teachings about the person of Christ. After a conflict involving all of the major Christian leaders of the time, it was decided that Cyril's interpretation, that Christ's person included both divine and human natures, was correct.

Announcements for the week of  
*June 21, 2026*

*Sanctuary Lamp Candle for June is given to the glory of God and  
in Loving Memory of Jean Ebersberger by her Family*



### Happy Father's Day!

Today we give thanks to God for the fathers and fathering men in our lives. We celebrate them, lift them up in prayer, and ask for God's continued blessing on their love, care, and guidance. If you would like your father or a father figure remembered in our prayers today, please write their name in the prayer book located in the Narthex.



### Prayer List

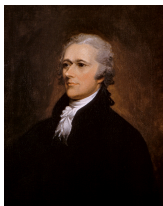
Beginning with our July 5 bulletin announcements, our prayer list will begin anew. If you've put someone on our list and would like them to remain going forward, please advise the office.



### Counting Blessings (& Offerings!)

We are seeking volunteers to help count and record the weekly offering after worship (ideally Monday mornings). This important task is done as part of a team and helps support the financial stewardship of our congregation. If you're interested or would like more information, please speak with Janet Muller.

### Celebrating The 250th Anniversary of The United States



A Patriotic Theme for our July movie afternoon. **Sunday, July 12th. - 2:00** "Hamilton". A revolutionary Broadway musical that tells the story of American founding father Alexander Hamilton through a blend of hip-hop, jazz, R&B, and traditional show tunes, featuring a diverse cast playing historical figures (show won 11 Tony awards). Refreshments: "Spirit of '76 Hot Dogs & Apple Pie" See sign up sheet in lobby.

*Please note: the movie scheduled for June has been moved to August. Remarkably Bright Creatures has been rescheduled for August. Details to follow!*



## St. Stephen's Needs YOU!

**Ushers** - Do you have a friendly smile and know how to hand someone a bulletin? Then you're already qualified! Ushers play an important role in hospitality, helping worship run smoothly while offering a welcoming presence to all who enter our doors. It's a simple but meaningful way to serve. Interested? Please speak with Barbara.

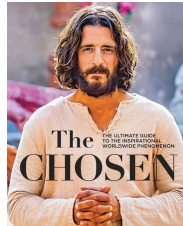


## Flower Bed Volunteers Needed

Love gardening? Enjoy helping keep our church grounds welcoming and beautiful? St. Stephen's is looking for volunteers to help maintain the flower beds around the church throughout the season. Whether you can help regularly or just occasionally, your time and care would be greatly appreciated. **If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the church office.** Thank you for helping keep our church grounds looking their best!

## See the Story. Share the Conversation.

"The Chosen" takes an intimate look at the real and authentic lives of Jesus and all those around him through this historical drama. "The Chosen" brings the Bible to life. At each meeting we'll present one episode followed by a discussion about the scripture that inspired that episode. **Next Meeting: Wednesday July 1st @ 2pm.**



## Helping every heart beat on!!

We are continuing our efforts to raise funds for a new AED (*Automated External Defibrillator*) to help keep our congregation safe and prepared in case of emergency. Please consider a "gift from the heart" in support of this important need. Donation envelopes are available on the table in the Narthex and may be placed in the offering plate or sent to the office until June 30th.



## Bible Study

Many of us are familiar with the Pentateuch – the first five books of the Old Testament. But what happened after the Israelites reached the promised land? We will study two books that help us answer that question. Joshua and Judges describe the life of the Israelites after they came into Canaan, but before they became an actual kingdom. These books help us understand how Israel lived alongside other people, how they governed themselves, and how they showed (or didn't show!) obedience to God's will.

We will begin on June 8 and meet for six Mondays until July 13.

Topic: Joshua and Judges

Time: Jun 8, 2026 7:00 PM Every week on Mon, until Jul 13, 2026, 6 occurrence(s)

Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87271968404?pwd=pFX7oYacCQrBaFGsvFLzEMab0Qu9zg.1>

Meeting ID: 872 7196 8404

Passcode: 215455

Serving at Worship Today - Sunday, 9:00 AM

Assisting Minister.....Laureen Aiello	Greeter.....Maureen O'Brien
Lector.....Barbara Barcavage	Music Director.....Mason Griffin
Acolyte.....Kiko Reyes	Audio/Visual.....Tyler LaVorgna
Ushers.....John Musi & Kevin Barcavage	Altar Guild.....Beth Feeney & Christine Carlson

Parish Calendar This Week (June 21st - June 28th)

Day	Event	Time
<b>Sunday, June 21st</b>	<b>4th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Holy Communion 9:00 am</b>
	HSS Yoga	10:00 am
Tuesday, June 23rd	Back to Basics	7:00 pm
	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
	Newsletter Items Due	all day
Thursday, June 24th	NA	7:00 pm
<b>Sunday, June 28th</b>	<b>5th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Holy Communion 9:00 am</b>

**Parish Prayer List**

If you would like to have your name or your friend or family member's name added to the Prayer List, please call the office. Please remember to keep the office updated.

**Pray For Our Congregation**

Bill Artus  
Lauren Artus  
Gail Bodnar  
Dottie Eberhardt  
Richard Engert  
Joan Hagner  
For the Family and Friends of Rich Humann who passed from this life on June 7th  
John Langbehn  
Jan Mosebach  
Ilona Riggers  
Ilse Zeeck

### **Pray For Our Families**

Richard Agarenzo (*brother of Anthony Agarenzo*)  
Fred Barrell (*brother-in-law of Paul and Susan Portz*)  
Scott Berman (*cousin of Laureen Aiello*)  
Lynn Cawley (*cousin of Muller/Shurman Family*)  
Peter Denning (*son-in-law of Lois Angstadt*)  
James Ebersberger (*brother of Jane Ebersberger*)  
Mrs. Feeney (*Mother of John Feeney*)  
Jim Fritz (*cousin of Lauren Artus & John Langbehn*)  
Arleen Grimm (*cousin of Maureen O'Brien*)  
Bernd Pfeiffer (*brother of Christel LaVorgna*)  
Laura Panaro (*mother of Laureen Aiello*)  
Family and friends of Linda Pisano (*cousin of Lauren Artus & John Langbehn*)  
Jean Riolo (*mother of Christine Carlson*)  
Cecelia and Bruce Rudd (*cousins of Bob Maurer*)  
Steve Scala (*cousin of Laureen Aiello*)  
Lynn Sicilia (*sister of Bill Artus*)  
Joann Tingwall (*Mother and Mother-in-law of Neil and Tanya Tingwall*)  
Cate Webb (*great-niece of Dorothy Eberhardt*)

### **For Our Friends**

Jennifer Amiruddin (*friend of Maureen O'Brien*)  
Alice Brahs (*friend of Maureen O'Brien*)  
Pam Freitag (*friend of Barbara Barcavage*)  
Ellen Grace (*high school friend of Joan Hagner*)  
Kathleen Hagen (*friend of the Panaro and Aiello families*)  
John Judge (*friend of Jane Ebersberger*)  
Jenn Logan and her Mother (*friends of Janet Muller*)  
Rich McDermott (*friend of the Mosebachs*)  
Ellen Motoi (*friend of Maureen O'Brien*)  
Betty, John & Mary Beth Ott (*friends of Jane Ebersberger*)  
Bill Schlatter (*friend of the Hesse Family*)  
MaryAnn Schwartz (*friend of Dorothy Eberhardt*)