



Sunday, June 14, 2026

10:00 a.m.



“It’s Scary”

Pastor Erik Allen

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Robert Hobby

Announcements

Recognition of High School Graduates

GATHERING

Song

I See You

Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 100)*

P: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!

C: **We come before the Lord with gladness.**

P: Serve the Lord with joy; come into God's presence with a song.

C: **We come to worship the God who made us and claims us as God's own.**

P: Know that the Lord is God. We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

C: **We enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.**

P: Give thanks to the Lord and bless God's holy name.

C: **For the Lord is good; God's mercy is everlasting, and God's faithfulness endures from age to age.**

P: Come, let us worship God together!

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: **And also with you!**

(pass the peace as you feel comfortable)

Song

Lord, I Need You

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.)

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 of the Holy Spirit your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

please be seated

WORD

Lesson

Romans 5:1-8

Gospel

Matthew 9:35 - 10:23

Gospel Response

P: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Pastor Erik

Sermon

"It's Scary"

Pastor Erik

Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 661

The Apostles' Creed

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.

please be seated

Offering

If you would like, you may give online by scanning the QR code
or Offering Plates are located at the back of the Sanctuary.



Offering Response

We All Are One In Mission
(vs 3)

ELW 576

Offering Prayer

P: 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.**

Prayers of the Church (*the congregation joins in speaking the first names of those for whom we pray.*)

Members: Anita, Amy, Sue, Bob, Marion, Kelly, Marj, Vickie

Family & Friends: Leota, Dennis, Chalres Janell, Anna, Richard, Roger, Kathy, Jessie, Adelyn, Kipp, Dale, Melanie, Chuck, Mary, Carol

COMMUNION

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen!

Invitation to Communion

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

please be seated.

Distribution

All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome. Those who do not wish to receive may come forward for a blessing. Please let your server know if you desire a gluten-free wafer.

SENDING

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Song

Let There Be Praise

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Voluntary XI"

G F Handel

Mission Trip - Please lift up our youth and leaders as they travel to Ohio this week to serve residents and grow in their faith: Leaders: Jenn, Brian, Calder, Cynthia, Janis & Max; Youth: Adeline, Adreena, Amelia, Elise, Everly, Jensen, Kade, Lily, Linus, Quinn, Owen, Owen (yes 2 Owens :), Parker and Sara.

Silverbox Deliveries June 19-20

We're still collecting our usual items for our next Silverbox Delivery Ministry. Please bring cereal, spaghetti sauce and peanut butter as your budget allows. You should have received a Flocknote to sign up to pack and deliver food.

Congregational Meeting

Our next Congregational meeting will be held shortly after worship on June 28. The purpose of the meeting will be to affirm the budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, hear a report on the June 6 Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly and other items that may need to come before the congregation.

Special Thanks

...to Christa & Lillian Hernandez for planting the flowers at the front entrance.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

Theme of the Week: Life and death, love and peace—this week holds them all. God warns us and comforts us, commands us and blesses us. God gives us all we need for this life and for the life to come, and all of it comes from God’s divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness from us.

We are found by God, called into the feast of Christ’s love, given the kingdom and the Spirit, and blessed in every way. The Holy Spirit draws us into fellowship with God and with one another, teaching us to receive grace as gift and to share that grace with our neighbors. May the Lord Jesus give us the Spirit, so that we may rejoice this week and always in God’s kindness.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE: Luke 14:16-24 A Gracious Invitation

Those who have much can easily take it for granted, while those who have little often receive every gift with deep gratitude. In Jesus’ parable, those who were first invited to the banquet reject the invitation because they have other things to do. So the master sends the invitation wider: to the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame; to those on the roads and lanes; to those who would never have assumed there was a place for them at the table. This is the wideness of God’s mercy. Christ’s banquet is not reserved for those who have earned their place or proven themselves worthy. It is a feast of grace, and the invitation goes out to the overlooked, the weary, the vulnerable, the outsider, and all who hunger for mercy. We pray that the Holy Spirit, working through the Holy Scriptures, would grant us faith to receive this invitation with joy, and would teach us not to take the feast of Christ’s love for granted. *Lord, we thank you for the invitation to your banquet of grace. Gather us in, and make us faithful in welcoming others to the feast. Amen.*

MONDAY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 119:9-16 Delighting in the Lord’s Statutes

We are called to delight in the Word. “I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.” This delight is more than reading, studying, or knowing the right answers. It has to do with our joy and the shape of our trust. Luther reminds us that the Third Commandment calls us not only to hear and learn the Word, but to do so gladly. There is an internal struggle over our attention and affection. So many voices compete for our trust. So many distractions promise comfort, and security. Yet God’s Word is not one more demand among many. It is the place where God’s heart is made known, where Christ’s mercy is revealed, and where the Spirit strengthens faith. The Word gives both comfort and courage. It is a lamp and light in the dark, and a solid foundation when nothing else feels solid at all. God’s Word is delightful, and by the Holy Spirit, we begin to learn that delight. *Lord, give us delight in your Word. Open our hearts to receive your promise with gladness and trust. Amen.*

TUESDAY SCRIPTURE: 1 Još 3:13-18 Love Is Passing from Death to Life

“We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another.” Love is life. Because of great love for the world, God sent the Son to dwell among us, to give His life, and to raise us into mercy. Because of great love for us, Christ gave himself for our sins and for the life of the world. Because of great love for us, the Holy Spirit comes to us with the promise of grace. The love of God is our life. It is not simply an idea to admire or a feeling to preserve. It becomes visible in the way we care for one another. The love God gives us spills over into our life of love for our neighbors. We love because God first loved us. We love because God’s love has made us alive. This love is not meant to remain abstract. John reminds us that love takes shape in truth and action, especially when our neighbors are in need. *O Lord, make us alive with your love. Teach us to love not only in word or speech, but in truth and action. Amen.*

WEDNESDAY SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 25:6-9 Fellowship through Feasting

Isaiah prophesies the end of destruction and the reign of God made visible for all people. On the mountain of the Lord, God prepares a feast for all nations. The shroud that covers the peoples is destroyed. Death itself is swallowed up forever. Tears are wiped away. Shame is removed. This is cause for deep rejoicing, because what separates humanity from God—sin and death—is overcome by God’s saving mercy. As Christians, we understand Isaiah’s prophecy as one that points us to Christ, whose death and resurrection bring life to the world. Through Jesus, God gathers us into fellowship, feeds us with grace, and gives us a foretaste of the feast to come. In the Lord’s Supper, we receive Christ’s true presence, given for us in bread and wine, and we are joined again to the promise of forgiveness and new life. At this table, we receive a glimpse of the fullness that is coming, when all creation will rejoice! *Lord Jesus, gather us to your feast of mercy. Feed us with your life, strengthen us in hope, and keep us in fellowship with you until all things are made new. Amen.*

THURSDAY SCRIPTURE: Luke 14:25-35 Bearing the Cross

In this text, Jesus speaks plainly about the cost of discipleship: “Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.” Jesus does not invite us into a life of shallow comfort. To follow him is to be drawn into a life that may include sacrifice, heartache, and sorrow. We walk through a world where love is costly and faithfulness is not always easy. Yet the cross does not mean suffering for its own sake. Nor does it mean that every pain or burden is automatically God’s will. The cross of Christ means forgiveness, life, and salvation. It means that God is not our enemy, but our merciful Savior. Because Jesus carries the full weight of sin, death, and sorrow, our own crosses are borne in the company of the crucified and risen Lord. We do not carry them alone. Christ’s yoke is easy and his burden is light! *Lord Jesus, thank you for carrying the burden of sin and death for us. Walk with us in our suffering, strengthen us in discipleship, and give us the joy of your salvation. Amen.*

FRIDAY SCRIPTURE: Revelation 3:14-22 To the Church in Laodicea

Jesus speaks to the church in Laodicea with both truth and mercy. This beloved community has grown complacent, saying, "I am rich; I have prospered, and I need nothing." But Jesus sees what they cannot see. Their pride has left them poor, and exposed. His word of judgment is sharp, not because He has stopped loving them, but because His love refuses to leave them trapped in illusion. He names their poverty and then offers true riches. He names their blindness and then offers sight. He names their shame and then offers clothing. This is the passion of repentance: seeing the truth about ourselves and seeing even more clearly the mercy of Christ. Jesus stands at the door and knocks, not to condemn from a distance, but to enter, restore fellowship, and share a meal. May the Holy Spirit create this repentance and renewal in our hearts and minds. *Loving God, give us eyes to see the life and joy you have won for us in Christ. Amen.*

SATURDAY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 28 Our Strength and Our Shield

David prayed this psalm in the face of enemies and danger, trusting the Lord to be both strength and shield. In the life of Christ, we hear this psalm even more deeply. Jesus is the anointed one who enters the suffering of God's people and becomes the eternal refuge for all who cry out for mercy. In him, God saves and blesses. We too may pray this psalm when evil threatens, when fear surrounds us, or when we as the church are tempted to stray from the gospel. We pray with trust that God alone is our defender and judge. The Lord is the strength of the people—the One who shelters the flock, and lifts up the people forever. *O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance. Lead and uphold them now and always. Amen.*