



Sunday, June 28, 2026

10:00 a.m.



“A Cup of Cold Water”

Pastor Erik Allen

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

“All Are Welcome”

David Lasky

Announcements

GATHERING

Song

The Power of the Cross

Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 89)*

P: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever.

C: **We will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

P: Blessed are those who walk in the light of your presence.

C: **We rejoice in your name and are lifted up by your grace.**

P: Today Jesus says, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me.”

C: **Let our worship become welcome, and our welcome become praise. Amen**

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

C: **And also with you!**

(pass the peace as you feel comfortable)

Song

At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

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: 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

please be seated

WORD

Lesson Romans 6:12-23

Gospel Matthew 10:40-42

Gospel Response

P: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message Pastor Erik

Sermon "A Cup of Cold Water" Pastor Erik

Hymn All Are Welcome ELW 641

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 Come Now to Your Table”
(*sung twice*)

ACS 970

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: Wilbur, Laura, Leota, Dennis, Charles Janell, Anna, Pug,
Ebby, Richard, Dale, Mary, Carol

Please keep the family of Ross Vogelssang in your thoughts.
A funeral will be held on July 9 at 11:00 am at KOG.

Also, please keep Craig Ellis and the family in your prayers
on the loss of Craig's brother, Keith.

We celebrate the birth of Brooks Loop, the Kraabels' grandson.

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

The Battle Belongs to the Lord

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Toccata"

Jan Sweelinck

Congregational Meeting

Please join us following worship today for a brief meeting to affirm the budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year and to hear a report on the June 6 Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly.

Silverbox Deliveries July 17 & 18

Please take a moment to see if you are able to help Friday, July 17 or Saturday, July 18 as we prepare and deliver boxes of food for folks in need of assistance on the near northeast side of Indianapolis. We are still collecting Peanut Butter (which we really need for July), along with Spaghetti Sauce and Cereal each month so if you have the means to help out, keep an eye out for sales! Questions? See Hans Loyda or the Snokes.

Foster Grant Design Optics

Nice prescription glasses were found after worship (about four rows from the altar) last Sunday. They are at the Usher's Desk. Thanks to Tom Rasmussen for finding them!

Office Closed

The office will be closed Friday, July 3, in celebration of Independence Day.



WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

THEME OF THE WEEK: **Be Merciful**

The theme of this week's devotions is: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Apart from the grace of God, we are turned inward on ourselves and struggle to show true mercy and forgiveness to our neighbors. Yet through Christ, God claims us as beloved children and renews us by the Holy Spirit. God's Word accomplishes what God commands. As God shows mercy to us in the forgiveness of sins, God also forms us into people who are merciful toward others. Because we have been forgiven, we are freed to forgive. Because we are loved, we are sent to love our neighbors in Christ's name.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE: Luke 6:36-42 Merciful Like Jesus

"Be like your teacher" (v. 40). Be like Jesus. And how is Jesus toward us? This text reveals the heart of Christ. Jesus is not harsh, or eager to condemn. Jesus is merciful (v. 36). He does not condemn but forgives (v. 37). He gives abundantly, until blessings overflow (v. 38). Christ is gracious and patient, even unto death on the cross for the sake of the world. Our lives are shaped by the life Christ gave for us. His mercy, steadfast love, and kindness take hold of us through the forgiveness of sins. And as the Spirit renews us, our words and actions begin to reflect the mercy we ourselves have received. *Lord Jesus, thank You for Your abundant mercy and forgiveness. Shape our lives by Your love, that we may reflect Your compassion in the world. Amen.*

MONDAY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 119:25-32 Suffering Brings Deeper Trust

God can use suffering to draw us more deeply into prayer, into Scripture, and into reliance upon God's grace. Even when our souls cling to the dust and our hearts are weary with sorrow, God's promises remain steadfast. The Word of God meets us in our pain and sustains us with hope. Because God's Word abides with us, we are strengthened to continue in the way of faithfulness. God hears our prayers, broadens our understanding, and leads us away from the false paths of fear and despair. Through Christ, the Word made flesh, we are lifted up and sustained in faith. *Lord, keep us in Your way of faithfulness. Hold us close through every sorrow and strengthen us through Your living Word. Amen.*

TUESDAY SCRIPTURE: Romans 8:18-23 The Best Is Yet to Come

This text reminds us that we do not suffer alone. All creation groans alongside us as it waits for God's promised renewal. Whatever burdens or losses we carry, we are held within the hope of God's redeeming work. Even amid suffering, we live with courage because Christ has promised resurrection and new creation. In this promise, we find hope that suffering and death will not have the final word. The resurrection of Jesus assures us that life, healing, and joy are coming. *O Lord, strengthen me to endure the challenges of this life with hope and courage. Keep me steadfast in faith until the day of resurrection through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

WEDNESDAY SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 58:6-12 What God Desires

The prophet Isaiah reminds us that God's desire for fasting reaches beyond outward religious practice. True devotion is not centered on ourselves but on love and care for our neighbors. God calls us to loosen the bonds of injustice, feed the hungry, welcome the unhoused, and care for those in need. Rather than turning inward in self-righteousness, God sends us outward in mercy and service. In caring for our neighbors, we participate in God's healing work in the world. And God promises to be near to us in that work: "Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer." The life of faith is not about earning holiness but about responding to God's grace with lives shaped by compassion. *Lord, give us hearts ready to serve our neighbors with love and generosity. Lead us to be instruments of Your mercy in the world, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

THURSDAY SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:43-48 Love for Enemies

It is easy to love those who love us. But Jesus calls disciples to something deeper: "Love your enemies." This command is difficult, yet it reflects the very heart of the gospel. While we were still estranged from God, Christ came to reconcile the world through the cross. "While we still were sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Jesus loves even those who reject and persecute Him. From the cross He prays for forgiveness, extending mercy where the world expects vengeance. As followers of Christ, we are invited into that same way of mercy. We pray not only for friends but also for those with whom we struggle. This kind of love is not rooted in our own strength but in the grace of God which has the power to transform all of creation. *Lord Jesus, teach us to love as You have loved us. Grant us hearts of mercy, and forgiveness for the sake of the world You came to save. Amen.*

FRIDAY SCRIPTURE: Romans 14:7-17 Blessed Are the Forgiven

This text brings together the promise we have reflected upon throughout the week: in Christ, our sins are forgiven and we are made new. Salvation is pure gift — grace given freely by God, not something earned or achieved through human effort. In the Lutheran understanding of faith, even our trust in God is itself a gift of the Holy Spirit, nurtured through Word and Sacrament. In Baptism, God claims us as beloved children and joins us to Christ's death and resurrection. Day by day, the Spirit continues to renew us for lives of faith and love. Because we belong to Christ, we are freed from fear and empowered to live in gratitude and service. *O Lord, remain with me as I learn to live as one who is forgiven. Strengthen my faith and guide me to live each day in the new life You have given through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 92 Rejoicing in God's Merciful Works

This psalm was written for the gathered worship of God's people. Why do God's people gather in praise? Because of all that God has done. Even when evil seems to prosper and the world feels uncertain, we trust that our lives are rooted in God's promises. We are planted in the household of God and nourished by grace. In Christ, we belong to the Lord of Life, who will raise us up on the Last Day. What greater reason could there be to rejoice and gather in worship?! *Merciful Lord, Your steadfast love brings comfort and joy to our lives. Draw us again and again into the fellowship of Your people, that we may worship You with glad hearts through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*