

THE LORD'S PRAYER (8:00)

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION (10:00) (Please see below to prepare.)

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PREPARATION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Because Holy Communion is an expression of our oneness in faith, we request that each person desiring to commune with us examine him/herself on the basis of these points of faith:

I believe that:

- + I am a sinner in need of God’s forgiveness.
- + Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan and death.
- + Jesus Christ is really present in the Sacrament, and
- + The bread and wine I receive are also the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.
- + All my sins are forgiven through this Sacrament.
- + As God enables me, I pledge to thank, praise, serve and obey Him.

Those who hold in common these teachings are invited to join us at the Lord’s Supper. If you are visiting us for the first time, or have questions or reservations about these points of faith, we invite you to speak with the Pastor before the service.

The lighter colored wine is non-alcoholic for those with special needs. Gluten-free wafers are also available on the small table as you approach the railing.

Hymns during Distribution — Please join in singing:

- “Just As I Am” #570
- Special Music
- “Thy Body Giv’n for Me, O Savior” #619

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THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING HYMN —

(8:00) “Amazing Grace”	#744
(10:00) “Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone”	on screen

THE POSTLUDE

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**The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 21, 2026**

WELCOME! God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. In the Old Testament reading, the prophet Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Then in the Holy Gospel reading 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. God’s grace and love make us new creations each day!

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THE PRESERVICE MUSIC AND PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELL AND PASTORAL GREETING

✘ THE PREPARATION ✘

THE OPENING HYMN –

(8:00) “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee” vs. 1, 4, 7	#750
(10:00) “Blessed Be Your Name”	on screen

THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (taken from D.S. V—p213)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✘ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **Who made heaven and earth.** *Psalm 124:8*

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalm 32:5*

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✘ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: **Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS—“All Glory Be to God on High”

#947

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

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.

All: **Amen.**

✠ THE WORD ✠

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING — Jeremiah 20:7-13, ESV Pew Bibles, page 770

In this reading Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that only brings him contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.

O 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. For 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. If 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. For 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."

But 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. O 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.

Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

LECTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING – Romans 6:12-23, ESV

Pew Bibles, p1120

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

[St. Paul wrote:] Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do 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. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do 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? But 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, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I 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 now present your members as

slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But 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. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

LECTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE VERSE OF DOXOLOGY– "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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THE HOLY GOSPEL READING — Matthew 10:5a, 21-33, ESV

Pew Bibles, page 968

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

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

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them... "Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When 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.

"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It 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.

"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And 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. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but 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.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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THE SERMON HYMN – "O God, My Faithful God" vs. 1-4

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THE SERMON

✠ THE RESPONSE ✠

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE – "O God, My Faithful God"

vs. 5-6

#696

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE AND TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

THE GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS-
(8:00) "Children of the Heavenly Father"
(10:00) "Carry the Light"

#725
Praise Team

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH