

**Sunday Worship Service – June 28, 2026**  
**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**ELWB (red book) – Holy Communion – Setting 8 (p.184-192)**

**Welcome by the Pastor**

**Land Acknowledgement Statement & Welcome Statement**

p.94 **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

Gracious God,

**Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

**#526 Gathering Song “God Is Here! (v.1-3)**

- 1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.**

Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

2. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.
3. Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

p. 184 **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**#152 Kyrie**

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
 Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

p.185 **Canticle of Praise "Glory to God"**

*Refrain:*

Glory to God in the highest, the highest,  
 and peace to God's people on earth.

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
 we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
 Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
 you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

*Refrain:*

Glory to God in the highest, the highest,  
 and peace to God's people on earth.

**3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

*Final Refrain:*

**Glory to God in the highest, the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Glory to God in the highest, the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**God of grace, you have brought us from slavery to freedom, from despair to hope, from death to life! Holy is Your name! We gather together in Your presence with gratitude and praise for all that You have done for us. May the presence of Your Holy Spirit inspire our worship. May our words and music, our thoughts and prayers, even our very lives, bring honour and glory to You. Amen.**

### **Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9**

*In this reading from the prophet Jeremiah, Jeremiah had previously insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon. Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true.*

A reading from Jeremiah, chapter 28:

Then the prophet Jeremiah responded to Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the LORD's temple. The prophet Jeremiah said: "Indeed. May the LORD do just as you have said! May the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back from Babylon the equipment of the LORD's temple and all the exiles to this place. However, listen closely to what I have to say to you and all the people: The prophets who came before you and me long ago prophesied war, disaster, and disease against many lands and great kingdoms. So the prophet who prophesies peace is recognized as one who is actually sent by the LORD only when that prophet's message is fulfilled."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**New Testament Reading: Romans 6:12-23**

*In this reading from the book of Romans, we hear that 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.*

A reading from Romans, chapter 6:

So then, don't let sin rule your body, so that you do what it wants. Don't offer parts of your body to sin, to be used as weapons to do wrong. Instead, present yourselves to God as people who have been brought back to life from the dead, and offer all the parts of your body to God to be used as weapons to do right. Sin will have no power over you, because you aren't under Law but under grace.

So what? Should we sin because we aren't under Law but under grace? Absolutely not! Don't you know that if you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, that you are slaves of the one whom you obey? That's true whether you serve as slaves of sin, which leads to death, or as slaves of the kind of obedience that leads to righteousness. But thank God that although you used to be slaves of sin, you gave wholehearted obedience to the teaching that was handed down to you, which provides a pattern. Now that you have been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. (I'm speaking with ordinary metaphors because of your limitations.) Once, you offered the parts of your body to be used as slaves to impurity and to lawless behavior that leads to still more lawless behavior. Now, you should present the parts of your body as slaves to righteousness, which makes your lives holy. When you were slaves of sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What consequences did you get from doing things that you are now ashamed of? The outcome of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and become slaves to God, you have the consequence of a holy life, and the outcome is eternal life. The wages that sin pays are death, but God's gift is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

p. 188 **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:40-42**

*In the gospel reading, Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries and he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Those who receive you are also receiving me, and those who receive me are receiving the one who sent me. Those who receive a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward. Those who receive a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. I assure you that everybody who gives even a cup of cold water to these little ones because they are my disciples will certainly be rewarded.”

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**#719 Hymn of the Day “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” (v.1-4)**

1. **Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
where sound the cries of race and clan,  
above the noise of selfish strife,  
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.**
2. **In haunts of wretchedness and need,  
on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,  
from paths where hide the lures of greed,  
we catch the vision of your tears.**

3. From tender childhood's helplessness,  
from human grief and burdened toil,  
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,  
your heart has never known recoil.
4. The cup of water giv'n for you  
still holds the freshness of your grace;  
yet long these multitudes to view  
the strong compassion in your face.

p.105 **Apostles' Creed** (*inside back cover of red hymn book*)

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 and 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 the People<sup>1</sup>

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

*A brief silence.*

Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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<sup>1</sup> <https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/DayTexts/2026-6-28/0>

Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division (*places experiencing division may be named*). Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Bless caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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

## Sharing of the Peace

### Offering

**We offer our gifts to you, as well as our lives, loving God, so they might find their way to those who need your grace, your hope, your joy, and your peace in their lives. Amen.**

### p.190 Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is a right, good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you.

As you gave our ancestors in faith food and water in the desert, even when they turned away from you, you have promised to free us from all divisions and to give us eternal life. And so with your creatures on earth and all the heavenly chorus, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

p.190 **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.  
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and holy is Jesus, your anointed one,  
 who invites us to place our trust in you, rather than in earthly treasures.

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.

Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup,  
 Gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the covenant in my blood,  
 Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
 May they remind us that we are one in Christ,  
 no longer divided by race or country or any other earthly sign.  
 For all these gifts, we give our thanks and praise. Amen.

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## Communion Distribution

p.191 *Lamb of God*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

**#592 Communion Hymn “Just As I Am, without One Plea”**

1. Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd’st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
2. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
3. Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
4. Just as I am; thy love unknown has broken ev’ry barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

## Communion Blessing

May the love and forgiveness of God, that is present in this meal of bread and wine, strengthen you and nourish you in your journey of faith, confident in God’s unconditional love for you.

## Prayer after communion<sup>2</sup>

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Announcements

## Benediction<sup>3</sup>

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God,

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<sup>2</sup> <https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/DayTexts/2026-6-28/0>

<sup>3</sup> Ibid

bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

**#547 Sending Hymn “*Sent Forth by God’s Blessing*”**

1. **Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ’s teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us  
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.**
2. **With praise and thanksgiving to God everliving,  
the tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face –  
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God’s children, the whole human race.  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

**Sending**

Go in peace, to love and serve God through word and deed.  
**Thanks be to God!**