



## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

**Opening Hymn: The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns**

LSB 532

**Divine Service Setting Five**

LSB 213

**Confession and Absolution**

**Introit**

Psalm 56:3–4, 10–11; antiphon: v. 13



For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from | falling,\*  
that I may walk before God in the | light of life.

**When I | am afraid,\***

**I put my | trust in you.**

In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not | be afraid.\*  
What can flesh | do to me?

**In God, whose | word I praise,\***

**in the LORD, whose | word I praise,**

in God I trust; I shall not | be afraid.\*

What can man | do to me?

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from | falling,\*  
that I may walk before God in the | light of life.

**Kyrie**

LSB 944

**Hymn of Praise: All Glory Be to God Alone**

LSB 948 sts. 1,5

**Salutation and 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.

**C** **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

Jeremiah 20:7–13

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>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.  
<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>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."

<sup>11</sup>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.

<sup>12</sup>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.

<sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hand of evildoers.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading

Romans 6:12–23

<sup>12</sup>Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>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? <sup>17</sup>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, <sup>18</sup>and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>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.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:5a, 21–33

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

**G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .

<sup>21</sup>"Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>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.

<sup>24</sup>"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup>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.

<sup>26</sup>"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.

<sup>27</sup>What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup>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. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

<sup>30</sup>But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup>Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup>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.

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Children's Message

**Sermon Hymn: If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee**

LSB 750 sts. 1-4

## Sermon

**Response Hymn: If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee**

LSB 750 sts. 5-7

## Apostles' Creed

LSB 207

## Offering

## Prayer of the Church

## Lord's Prayer

## Collect for the Word

## Benedicamus and Benediction

LSB 218

## Closing Hymn: We Are Called to Stand Together

LSB 828

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June 21, 2026 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

## ***Delivered from Sin and Death, You Now Live before God in the Righteousness of Christ***

The outcome of sin is death, “*but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord*” (Rom. 6:23). He has set you free from the slavery of sin and has brought you “*from death to life*” (Rom. 6:13). No longer are you under the condemnation of the Law, but you live “*under grace*” (Rom. 6:14). Such is your courage in the face of “*those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul*” (Matt. 10:28). For though “*you will be hated by all*” and maligned by the world for the name of Christ (Matt. 10:22, 25), you abide in the care of your Father in heaven, who numbers “*even the hairs of your head*” and values you more “*than many sparrows*” (Matt. 10:30–31). By the Word of Christ, you have become like Him, your Teacher and Master in whom you endure to the end, and “*will be saved*” (Matt. 10:22, 25). For He is with you “*as a dread warrior,*” who has overcome your enemies (Jer. 20:11). By the righteousness of faith, He delivers your heart, mind, body and life “*from the hand of evildoers,*” and He brings you into the land of the living (Jer. 20:12–13).



**WE WELCOME ALL** who worship today, especially guests and visitors, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Guests are invited to sign our guest register. Please include your phone number and address in the guest book located in the Narthex. Thank you for visiting.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Today’s altar flowers are provided by Jeff and Sharon Snyder.

### **IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE:**

06/14/2026 Sunday Service

Attendance

87

Contributions

**MISSIONARIES:** Please remember JP and Aimee Cima, the missionaries that our congregation have adopted, asking God to protect them and use them to spread His gospel.

**CONGREGATIONAL SHUT-INS:** Lucy Brown, June Maw, and Dale Kletke

**CONGREGATIONAL SERVICE MEMBERS:** Jake Langley (United States Navy), Jerrico Leason (United States Customs and Border Protection), April Collins (Albuquerque Police Department, and Dietrich Kletke (Hartsel Fire Department)

**SITTING AND STANDING IN CHURCH:** It is customary to stand during the worship service when we address God directly (*Confession, Prayers, etc.*) or out of respect (*Gospel Reading, Creed, etc.*). These actions have purpose and meaning; but they are not meant to be painful or difficult. In contrast, Psalm 51:17 says, “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.” If at any time during the service, it is too difficult or painful to stand, please remain seated. Our Lord knows your heart.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS:** Please talk to the Pastor prior to the Sunday service for special prayers.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR: Sick and/or Recovering:**

Debbie Ledbetter	Elaine Emery (Snyders’ friend)
Zoey (Tangkawarow’s Family Member)	Mary Richardson
Cody Atkinson (Dawn’s son)	Toni Davidson
Pastor Dan Kletke	Sue Poehlein
Don Kirkegaard	Steve Tabb
Bonnie Yeatts (Yeatts’ Sister in law)	Jeff Snyder
Bob Kirkegaard	Sharon Martinson

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you have a prayer concern and would like to send it through a prayer chain, we have 2 options.

- To send the prayer through a phone prayer chain, please contact Mary Richardson at 719-269-1426.
- To send the prayer via email, please contact Sue Poehlein at her email address: [cspoehlein@gmail.com](mailto:cspoehlein@gmail.com).

If you would like to join either prayer chain, please contact Mary or Sue respectively. If you would like a Christian greeting card from St. John sent to your loved one listed on the above prayer list, please contact Mary Richardson with the address where it should be sent.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN – JUNE 21, 2026, 2026- JUNE 28, 2026**

Office Hours: Monday through Friday — 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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**Sunday, June 21, 2026**

9:00 a.m. Divine Worship  
10:15 a.m. Fellowship  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class



*HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY*

*Alana Holt*

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**Monday, June 22, 2026**

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

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**Tuesday, June 23, 2026**

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

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**Wednesday, June 24, 2026**

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

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**Thursday, June 25, 2026**

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

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**Friday, June 26, 2026**

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

*HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY*

*Lyle Stuehrenberg*

*HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY*

*Jerry & Donna Heldt*

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**Saturday, June 27, 2026**

*HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY*

*Ted & Nancy Schmidt*

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**Sunday, June 28, 2026**

9:00 a.m. Divine Worship with Holy Communion  
10:15 a.m. Fellowship  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

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