

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary 12

Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA

June 21, 2026



## Welcome

**And thank you for worshipping with us today.**

**If you are a visitor**, we are so glad you came! We hope that you will fill out a yellow or green card in your pew and either drop it in the offering plate or leave it at the *Welcome Place* as you leave today. We hope to see you again soon!

**Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service** and will learn to participate at a young age if present. If your child needs to leave for all or part of the service, a fully staffed nursery is available at both services for infants through age five. The nursery is located in the lower level of the church. Please ask an usher if you need help locating it.

**Children Worship and Wonder** is a ministry designed to help our youngest members experience worship in a way that is meaningful to them. Using a storytelling format, children hear the stories of God, wonder together about their meaning, and respond through hands-on activities. The worship space is set up to encourage reverence, quiet listening, and creativity, helping children grow in faith as they learn to worship God in their own way. Children are dismissed for CWW after the Gathering Hymn at the 11:00 service. Note: CWW runs from September through May and will resume in the fall.

If you have a **prayer request** or would like a **pastoral visit**, please fill out a green card in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

Adults and children who receive **Holy Communion** in their home church are invited to receive the sacrament with us. All others are invited to the table to receive a blessing. We use **grape wine** and **wheat bread**. Gluten free wafers are available (please let Pastor know when you come forward if you need one). The fullness of the sacrament is available in either form: if for reasons of health or conscience, you can only receive the bread or the wine, please let Pastor know. After each morning service we invite you to join us for **refreshments and conversation** in the gathering area adjacent to the worship area.

In order to **prepare for worship**, please: keep **silence** for 10 minutes prior to worship for prayer and meditation; **silence** all electronic devices; **refrain from talking** during the **prelude**, which is the beginning of our worship service.

## Our Mission

*As followers of Jesus Christ, we embrace, reflect and proclaim God's unconditional love.*

## Our Vision

To provide an active and visible Lutheran presence in the Lexington area by:

- maintaining our doctrinal, spiritual, and liturgical heritage;
- creating a community of disciples committed to growing in their spiritual lives;
- engaging in a vigorous lifestyle of evangelism;
- working to preserve the dignity of all God's people.

**Prelude**

*Prelude in Classic Style*

Gordon Young

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,

**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.**

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 Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**



**Gathering Hymn**

ELW 876 *Let the Whole Creation Cry*

**Greeting**

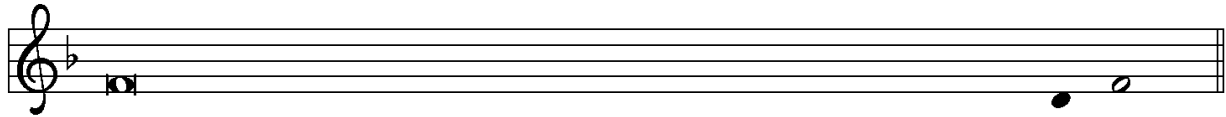
*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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.**

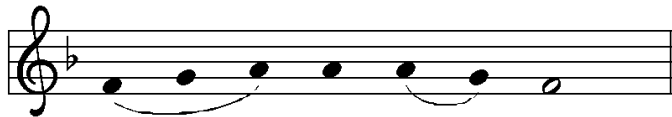
**Kyrie**



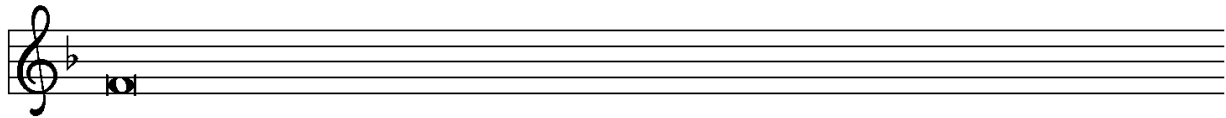
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



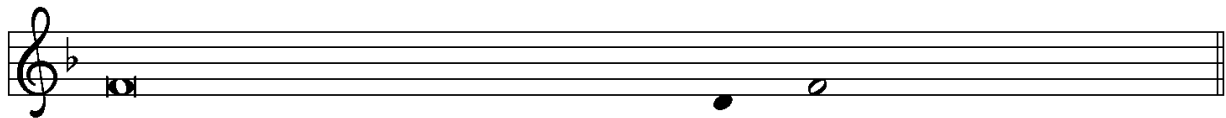
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



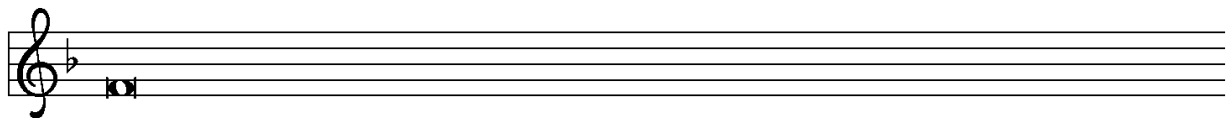
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



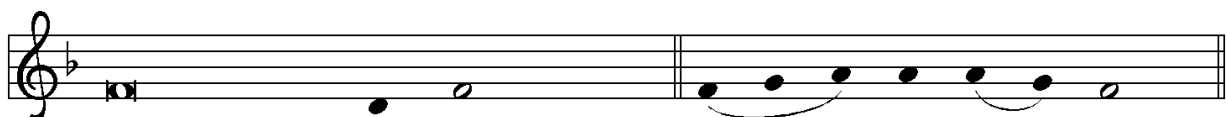
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



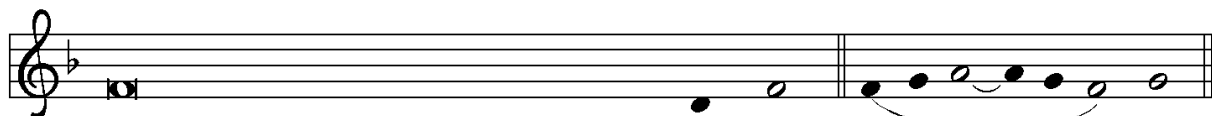
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - - men.

## Hymn of Praise



1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;  
2 “Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be ex - alt - ed thus!”  
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow’r di - vine;  
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.  
“Wor - thy the Lamb,”our lips re - ply, “for he was slain for us!”  
and bless-ings,more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.  
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

## Prayer of the Day

*We sit.*

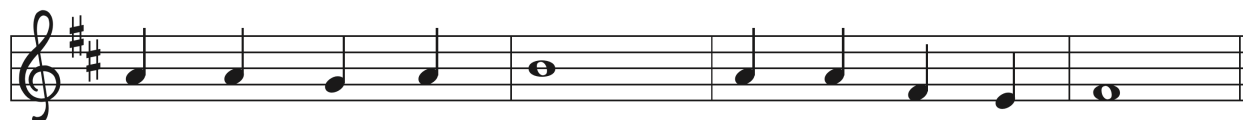
**First Reading** Jeremiah 20:7-13 *The prophet must speak*

<sup>7</sup> O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must 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,” then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering: “Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. “Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him and take our revenge on him.” <sup>11</sup> But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind;

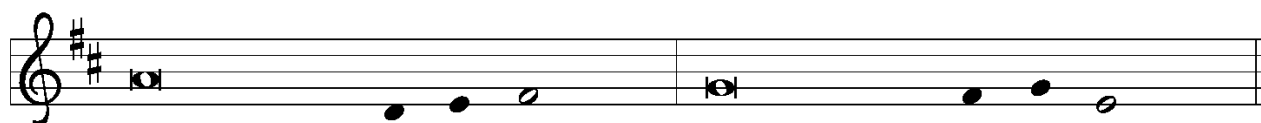
let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. <sup>13</sup> Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

The word of the Lord or Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalmody** Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18



An - swer me, O LORD, for your love is kind.



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Surely, for your sake I have suf-<sup>l</sup>fered reproach,  
and shame has cov-<sup>l</sup>ered my face.

<sup>8</sup> **I have become a stranger to<sup>l</sup> my own kindred,  
an alien to my<sup>l</sup> mother's children.**

<sup>9</sup> Zeal for your house has eat-<sup>l</sup>en me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fall-<sup>l</sup>en upon me.

<sup>10</sup> **I humbled my-<sup>l</sup>self with fasting,  
but that was turned to<sup>l</sup> my reproach. R**

<sup>16</sup> **Answer me, O LORD, for your<sup>l</sup> love is kind;  
in your great compassion,<sup>l</sup> turn to me.**

<sup>17</sup> Hide not your face<sup>l</sup> from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am<sup>l</sup> in distress.

<sup>18</sup> **Draw near to me<sup>l</sup> and redeem me;  
because of my enemies de-<sup>l</sup>liver me. R**

**Second Reading** Romans 6:1b-11 *Buried and raised with Christ by baptism*

<sup>1b</sup> Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once

for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord or Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand with the presiding minister to greet the reading of the gospel.*

## Gospel Acclamation

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

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*(cantor) The kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. (repeat alleluia)*

## Gospel Matthew 10:24-39 *The cost of discipleship*

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup> "A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the 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 up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> "Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will

acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. <sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, <sup>36</sup> and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. <sup>37</sup> “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

*We sing the acclamation; then we sit.*

## Sermon

Pastor Dana Lockhart

*We stand to proclaim the word of God in song.*

## Hymn of the Day

ELW 781

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

## Apostles Creed

**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.**

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

**Peace** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*We share the peace of Christ with one another and then sit.*

## VCS Dedication

## Welcome and Announcements

## Offertory

*Oblation*

setting by David N. Johnson

*We stand.*

## Offering Hymn

ELW 689

*Praise and Thanksgiving*

## Offering Prayer

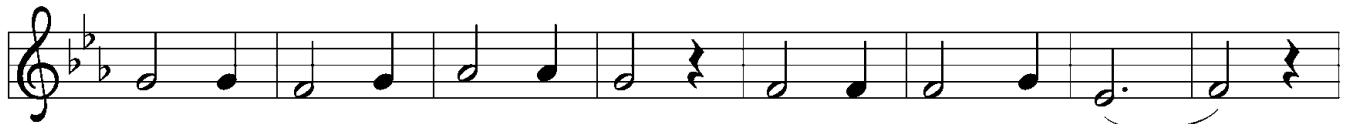
## Great Thanksgiving

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 indeed right...join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797–1828; adapt. Richard Proulx, b. 1937  
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## Eucharistic Prayer

### Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*We sit.*

**Music During Communion**

*Thee We Adore*

setting by Healey Willan

*After all have communed, we stand.*

**Post Communion Prayer**

**Blessing**

**Sending Hymn**

ELW 881

*Let All Things Now Living*

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*The Ash Grove*

setting by Walter L. Pelz

# THIS WEEK <sup>at</sup> GLANCE

## Sunday, June 21

10:00am In-Person/Livestream Worship

11:00am New Members Class

## Monday, June 22

9:00am-Noon Vacation Church School Starts

10:00am Walker's

2:45pm Greensource- FLLC

6:15pm AA

7:00pm Sophia Group

## Wednesday, June 24

9:00am-Noon Vacation Church School

## Wednesday, June 24 Continued..

2:45pm Greensource- FLLC

6:00pm AA Faith House

## Thursday, June 25

7:15am Men's Group

9:00am-Noon Vacation Church School

10:00am Walker's

## Friday, June 26

9:00am-Noon Vacation Church School

ENDS

## Serving Today

Assisting Minister

Organist/Pianist

Cantor

Sacristan

Ushers

Greeter

Counters

Livestream Operator

Richard Michel

Kathy Egner

Leslie Hughes

Phyllis Hasbrouck

Dave Nikolajczyk & Carolyn Carden

Val Dutcher

Teri Applegate / Penni Black

Helen Born

Ministers

Pastor

Pastor Emeritus

Parish Administrator

Director of Music

Youth Assistant

Learning Center Director

Facilities Manager

All Members of Faith

The Reverend Dana Lockhart

The Reverend Ron Luckey

Victoria Rusk

Kathy Egner

Paige Barricklow

Courtney Herald

Parker Taul

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## Worship Servants for Next Sunday ( June 28 )

10:00

Assisting Minister

Organist/Pianist

Cantor

Sacristan

Ushers

Greeter

Counters

Livestream Operator

Barb Nikolajczyk

Kathy Egner

Phyllis Hasbrouck

Phyllis Hasbrouck & Richard Michel

Dave & Judy McGrew

Penni Black / Sharon Fegley

Debbie Rosenberg

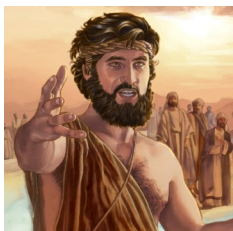
## COMMEMORATIONS

### Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, died 1931 | June 21, 2026

Onesimos was born in Ethiopia. Captured, enslaved, and taken to Eritrea, he was there freed by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into his native Oromo and returned to preach there.



### John the Baptist | June 24, 2026



John said, "[Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease." And so his birth is celebrated half a year before Jesus', just as the daylight in the northern hemisphere begins to wane. Jesus honored John as being the greatest prophet.

### Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church, died 1560 | June 25, 2026



Though he died on April 19, Philipp Melanchthon is commemorated today because of his connection with the Augsburg Confession. Colleague and co-reformer with Martin Luther, Melanchthon was a brilliant scholar, known as "the teacher of Germany."

## KEEP IN MIND:

~When you or a family member are ill, have a crisis of faith, or have a personal concern of which you wish to make the pastor aware, please contact him directly by church office telephone (859-266-7621) email ([pastordana@faithlutheranchurch.com](mailto:pastordana@faithlutheranchurch.com)) or his cell phone (859-489-6409). Do not assume the pastor will know of your need any other way.

~ When you or a loved one has a change of address, email, or telephone number, please contact the church office at [office@faithlutheranchurch.com](mailto:office@faithlutheranchurch.com) or 859-266-7621. Please direct your intentions whether or not to share this information with our church family, so that it may be included in the online directory.



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

**WANT TO EXPLORE WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A LUTHERAN CHRISTIAN?** Adults wishing to unite with Faith Lutheran Church membership are invited to contact PASTOR DANA at (859) 266-7621 or email [pastordana@faithlutheranchurch.com](mailto:pastordana@faithlutheranchurch.com).

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**Upcoming New Member class: June 21 after 10a.m. service.**