

Offering Hymn:

Let the Whole Creation Cry

ELW #876

Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: 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. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

P: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made a covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join in this sacred meal.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion:

P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

Distribution of Holy Communion

Distribution Hymn:

What Feast of Love

ELW #487

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: 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.

Blessing:

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: (Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn:

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW #674

Dismissal:

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God

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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!

“If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to Become a member, contact any member, or the church office.”

Sunday, June 21st, 2026; 9:30 am

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Father's Day Recognition

Confession and Forgiveness

P: We come before our God under the sign of our baptism in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: 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 Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn:

Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW #781

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Call to Worship

Psalms 69

P: It is for your sake that I have borne reproach, that shame has covered my face.

C: I have become a stranger to my kindred, an alien to my mother's children.

P: It is zeal for your house that has consumed me; the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.

C: When I humbled my soul with fasting, they insulted me for doing so.

P: When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them.

C: I am the subject of gossip for those who sit in the gate, and the drunkards make songs about me.

P: But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me. With your faithful help

C: rescue me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.

P: Do not let the flood sweep over me or the deep swallow me up or the Pit close its mouth over me.

C: Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

P: Do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress--make haste to answer me.

C: Draw near to me; redeem me; set me free because of my enemies.

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray.

C: Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

First Reading:

Genesis 21:8-21

Kathy Reisenweber

(Sarah demands that Abraham send Hagar and her son, Ishmael, away. Abraham is distressed because he is Ishmael's father. Sarah wants to ensure that her son, Isaac, will be the one to inherit God's blessing. God, however, hears Hagar's cry and promises to also make of Ishmael a great nation.)

⁸ The child [Isaac] grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹ But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son, Isaac. ¹⁰ So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." ¹¹ The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹² But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³ As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." ¹⁴ So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-Sheba. ¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶ Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷ And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸ Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰ God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. ²¹ He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Second Reading:

Romans 6:1b-11

(In baptism, we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made

new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.)

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ 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.

⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation:

Change My Heart, O God

ELW #801

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

(After the reading is announced: C: Glory to you, O Lord.)

²⁴ "A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ 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!

²⁶ "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ 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. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² "Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

³⁵ 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, ³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷ "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, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

(After the reading, P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.)

Children's Message

Pastor Josh Schunk

Sermon

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Hymn of the Day:

On Eagles' Wings

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Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Offering