

June 27 - 28, 2026

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Readings

First Reading

A Reading from Jeremiah

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles.

But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people.

The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms.

As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

(pause)

Reader: Word of God, word of Life.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

Second Reading

A Reading from Romans

Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires.
No longer present yourselves to sin as instruments of unrighteousness,
but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to
life, and present yourselves to God as instruments of righteousness.
For sin will have no dominion over you,
since you are not under law but under grace.

When you were enslaved by sin, you had no righteousness.
So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed?
The end of those things is death.
But now that you have been freed from sin and are now chained to God,
the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life.
For the wages of sin is death,
but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(pause)

Reader: Word of God, word of Life.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel According to Matthew

Jesus said to the twelve:

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me,
and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.
Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet
will receive a prophet’s reward,
and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person
will receive the reward of the righteous,
and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones
in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.