

*You are of  
more value  
than many  
sparrows*

**MATTHEW 10:31**



**JUNE 21, 2026**



**EPIPHANY**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.*

PRELUDE

**How Deep the Fathers Love for Us**

Words and Music by Stuart Townend / Arr. James Koerts

## THE GATHERING

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

**This is Amazing Grace**

Jeremy Riddle | Josh Farro | Phil Wickham

**Verse 1**

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory the King above all kings  
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

**Chorus**

**Verse 2**

Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory the King of Glory  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

**Chorus / Bridge / Chorus**

**Ending**

All that You've done for me.

ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

A: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

A: Let us confess our sin to God.

**Chorus**

(Yeah) (Oh) This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

**Bridge**

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy worthy worthy

*Silence For Reflection*

A: 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.**

A: 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.**

## THE PEACE

*We receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace. You may greet one another and say "peace be with you" or similar words.*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O 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.**



## THE WORD

### I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy

#### Verse 1:

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,  
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;  
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,  
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

#### Refrain

And I'm so happy, so very happy;  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart!  
Oh I'm so happy, so very happy.  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart!

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## CHILDREN'S SERMON

A RESPONSIVE READING      **PSALM 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18**

*Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind. (Ps. 69:16)*

L: Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.

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

L: Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

**C: I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.**

[L: I put on sackcloth also, and became a byword among them.

**C: Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, and the drunkards make songs about me.**

L: But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O Lord: "In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

**C: Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.**

L: Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.]

**C: Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.**

L: Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

**C: Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.**

A READING FROM                      **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.*

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

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

L: This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the One who is



close at hand; lis - ten to the voice that be - gan cre - a - tion;



lis - ten e - ven if you don't un - der - stand.

## THE GOSPEL READING

**MATTHEW 10:24-39**

*(Congregation standing)*

L: The Holy Gospel of St. Matthew, beginning in the tenth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus [Jesus said to the twelve:] “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; 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!

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

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

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

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,  
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

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

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

PREACHING OF THE GOOD NEWS

MOMENT OF REFLECTION ON THE GOOD NEWS

HYMN OF THE DAY

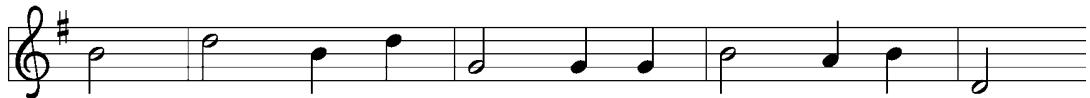
**How Firm a Foundation (ELW 796)**



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 “Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 “When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 “Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.”  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.”  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne.”



## 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 into hell. 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

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

*Each petition shall conclude with:*

A: God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*The Prayers conclude:*

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

**C: Amen.**

## VBS COMMISSIONING



## THE MEAL

### THE OFFERING

### MUSICAL OFFERING

**The River Flows in You**  
Yiruma | Arrangement: Kyle Landry

We lift our voice - es, — we lift our hands, we lift our  
 lives up to You, we are an of-fer - ing. — Lord, use our voice - es, — Lord, use our  
 hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are an of-fer-ing. — All that we have,  
 all that we are, — all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You. —  
 — We lift our voi - ces, — we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an  
 of - fer - ing, — we are an of - fer - ing. —

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray together.

**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.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise!**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## HOLY COMMUNION

*We practice "Open Communion," acknowledging that Jesus welcomes all persons, sinners and saints alike, to the table. All means ALL. Please come forward by the center aisle and receive the Sacrament in a continuous line, exiting by the side aisles. **Communion is by intinction.** We offer a chalice of wine and a chalice of white grape juice in which you may dip the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask for them at the altar, if needed. The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen.*

*Infants who are not yet ready to receive food will receive a blessing. Parents who have questions about the practice of open communion may instruct their children to receive just a blessing.*

*Communion can be served to those who are not physically able to join us for worship. Please speak with an usher if you know of someone who would desire communion from Sunday's table brought to them.*

## COMMUNION SONG

**Come As You Are**  
(Slides Only)

## COMMUNION BLESSING

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace until life everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

# THE SENDING

## THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son  $\text{✠}$ , and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

## I Will Follow

### Intro

Where You go I'll go

Where You stay I'll stay

When You move I'll move

I will follow

Ah. Ah. Ah.

### Verse 1

All Your ways are good

All Your ways are sure

I will trust in You alone

Higher than my sight

High above my life

I will trust in You alone

### Chorus / Interlude

### Verse 2

Light into the world

Light into my life

I will live for You alone

You're the One I seek

Knowing I will find

All I need in You alone

In You alone

### Chorus / Interlude

### Bridge / Chorus 2X / Ending

### Chorus

Where You go I'll go

Where You stay I'll stay

When You move I'll move

I will follow You

Who You love I'll love

How You serve I'll serve

If this life I lose

I will follow (You)

### Interlude

Yeah I will follow You yeah

### Bridge

In You there's life everlasting

In You there's freedom for my soul

In You there's joy unending joy

And I will follow

### Ending

Yeah I will follow You yeah

I will follow You yeah

I will follow You yeah

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSED AND SENT TO SERVE

A: This little light of mine...

**C: I'm gonna let it shine!**

A: Sometimes, following Jesus isn't easy. Telling the story of God's radical love can create friction in our lives and relationships. But we gain something more than what the world can provide by being authentic and honest disciples. We get to experience God's grace for us and the world through the Spirit and our faith community. We want others to have what we have in Jesus, so we will continue to proclaim God's Good News until...

**C: Everyone knows that God loves them!**

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

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE



*If you are worshipping with us at 9:00 am we kindly ask that you leave your bulletin on the back table on your way out for those that are worshipping at 11:00 am if you did not make notes. We wish to be good stewards of our environment and resources.*

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# EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am & 11:00 am (in-person and online)

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**Minister of Youth:** Kris Perkola

**Director of Worship and Music:** Steve Belfield, Interim

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