

# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2026

## WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Out of respect and in the spirit of truth, we acknowledge that we gather in community on land which is Treaty 7 territory and the traditional territory of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains. We honour the Blackfoot people past, present and future, and the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III. May our actions and choices demonstrate open hearts, kindness, and compassion towards all who call this place home.

## COMMUNITY LIFE

**Soup Kitchen this Thursday from 8:30 am to around 10 am . . .** Volunteers are always welcome!

**Drumheller "Passion Play" – July 17 –** with travel by bus - sign up sheet in our Place of Welcome

## INTRODUCTION

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. 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.

We take a moment to center our hearts and minds for worship.

*The congregation is invited to stand.*

## GATHERING

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  
✝ one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG: "God is Here Today" ACS 993 (sing twice)**



*Dios es - tá a - quí, tan*  
God is here to - day; as

*cier-to co-mo el ai - re que res - pi - ro, tan*  
cer - tain as the air I breathe, as

*cier-to co-mo la ma - ña - na se le - van - ta, tan*  
cer - tain as the morn - ing sun that ris - es, as

*cier-to co-mo que le can - to\_y me pue-de o - ír.*  
cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.

**PSALM 86:1-10**

Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me,  
for I am poor and in misery.

**Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful;  
save your servant who trusts in you.**

Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God;  
I call upon you all the day long.

**Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.**

For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving,  
and abundant in mercy toward all who call upon you.

**Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer,  
and attend to the voice of my supplications.**

In the time of my trouble I will call upon you,  
for you will answer me.

**Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD,  
nor anything like your works.**

All the nations you have made will come and worship you, O LORD,  
and glorify your name.

**For you are great; you do wondrous things;  
and you alone are God.**

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE "Glory" JTH

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Glo-ry to God\_, Glo-ry to God\_, Glo-ry to God\_\_\_ on

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high! Glo-ry to God\_ and hope for all peo - ple on earth\_ Glo-ry to God\_,

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Glo-ry to God\_, Glo-ry to God\_\_\_ on high! Glo-ry to God\_ and peace to all peo - ple on

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earth. Your grace sanc - ti - fies us, Your love calls\_ us

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in, Your word and Your Spi - rit\_\_\_ trans - form\_ Glo-ry to God\_,

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Glo-ry to God\_, Glo-ry to God\_\_\_ on high! Glo-ry to God\_ and hope for all peo - ple on

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earth.

## **GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

It is our delight to pray. 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.**

## **FIRST READING: Genesis 21:8-21**

*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, also hears Hagar's cry and promises to also make of Ishmael a great nation.*

A reading from Genesis.

The child [Isaac] grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. 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." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. 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. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." 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.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. 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. 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. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." 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.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

For the word of God in scripture,  
for the word of God among us,  
for the word of God within us,

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – JTH – *piano, bass, guitar, cajon*

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You are the way\_ You are the truth. You are the light\_ of my life\_

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You are the word, speak to my heart\_ and my soul. soul.

Today's gospel reading and sermon have been prepared and shared by Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the National Bishop, Justice and Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations.

### GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

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

[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.”

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

**SERMON**

*Silence for reflection*

**HYMN OF THE DAY “How Firm a Foundation: ELW 796 – piano only**



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.”

## A NEW CREED

We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.

We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.

## SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you,**

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

Life-giving God, you have called your people to lose their lives for Jesus' sake. Strengthen your church to follow you in the face of difficulty. Open our hearts and minds to see what you see, to love as you love and to give as you have given so that your promised justice would become reality in our world. Transforming God, **breathe in us we pray.**

Creator God, you know every sparrow that falls to the ground. Protect migrating birds, endangered species, and their natural habitats. Empower us to care for your creation. Transforming God, **breathe in us we pray.**

Sovereign God, you call us to act justly and love mercy. Protect those who have been forced to flee their homes because of war and oppression. Enable us to show them the abounding love of Jesus. We give thanks for the work of Canadian Lutheran World Relief on our behalf. Bring an end to oppression and bigotry in all forms. Transforming God, **breathe in us we pray.**

Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Help those living with disability. Comfort those experiencing any sort of illness or suffering especially Don and Carol, Arne, Kate, Janet D, Dave, Austin, Tiffany, Patrick, Linda H, Carol, Murray, Shirley J., Isobel, Clayton P, Marlene and Darcy, Doreen, Clayton and Margaret, Sheila, Ray, Nancy, Alan T, and those we name silently now . . . [*silence*]. Transforming God, **breathe in us we pray.**

Empowering God, strengthen us to live out our diverse callings. We pray especially for fathers and father figures, that they show your compassion and care. We pray for all for whom this day is difficult or painful. Transforming God, **breathe in us we pray.**

Faithful God, we give you thanks for this community of faith and for your faithfulness to us. We are indeed blessed beyond measure. Thank you for all who serve on Church Council and we ask that you will continue to guide them. Hold in your care Dan and Anita Ryder and Clayton and Margaret Sailer, and Pastor Joel, Vanesa and Hans. May we see the face of your Son in the faces of all whom we are called to love and serve, through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. Transforming God, **breathe in us we pray.**

Faithful God, we give thanks for saints who have claimed their baptismal promises. May we follow their example of faith and service. Transforming God, **breathe in us we pray.**

In your mercy, O God, we lift up the longings of our hearts and the needs of our world. Renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

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

SENDING SONG "Guide My Feet" ACS 987 – piano, bass, guitar, cajon



1 Guide my feet  
 2 Hold my hand  
 3 Stand by me while I run this race.  
 4 I'm your child  
 5 Search my heart



Guide my feet  
 Hold my hand  
 Stand by me while I run this race.  
 I'm your child  
 Search my heart



Guide my feet  
 Hold my hand  
 Stand by me while I run this race,  
 I'm your child  
 Search my heart



for I don't want to run this race in vain.

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Go in peace, for Christ is with you.

**Amen. Thanks be to God!**

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