

Time after Pentecost

June 28, 2026

Radio ministry is given in honor of Wayne & Connie Williamson's 58th wedding anniversary on June 29th.

Sunday 6/28	9:00am	Worship & on Radio & Video
Tuesday 6/30	4:00pm	AA Meeting (Fireside Rm)
Wednesday 7/01	8:00am	Bible Study
Friday 7/03 & Saturday 7/04		<i>Building Closed – Happy Independence Day!</i>
Sunday 7/05	8:30am 9:00am	Senior Choir Rehearsal Worship w/Holy Communion & on Radio & Video

Acolytes: Emma Trom, Gavin Masching

Lector: Becky Noble

Ushers: Wayde Bishop, Doug Hillson, Tammy Bordeaux

Children's Offering for summer is a noisy offering. We will have adults participating during the month of July, so have your change ready next month! The kids will vote on where it will go once Sunday School resumes in the fall.

The American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Flower Show, Raffle, and Luncheon, Thursday, July 16, BP Servicemen's Club. Luncheon tickets on sale at Prairie Home or Servicemen's Club for \$15.00. Enjoy a salad luncheon with friends and enjoy the beautiful flowers.

Interested in Sponsoring a Radio Broadcast (full or partial)? – summer and early fall dates are available. To reserve, stop by or call the main office or email firstluthoffice@yahoo.com.

Need some soul-rest? Stop by our church courtyard to listen to the birds, see the vibrant flowers, and feel the sunshine and breeze. It's an oasis! You might spot a pair of nesting cardinals, too.

Our mission as The Welcome Place grows deeper each day. Thank you for your prayers, participation, offerings and tithes to keep our ministry strong.

Online Giving



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WHOEVER WELCOMES YOU WELCOMES ME

MATTHEW 10:40



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Mission Statement - As God's people gathering for worship, study and service, we seek to be a "Welcome Place" for all people. This we do out of love for and obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ.		

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, †one God, who 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** *Christ, Be Our Light* **#715**

***Apostolic Greeting** page 138

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Special Music *O God in Heaven* Karla Iacovino

WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalm: Psalm 89:1-4,15-18

Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23

Children's Message

***Gospel Acclamation** *Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go?* page 142

P. The Gospel according to Matthew. C. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***Gospel Reading:** Matthew 10:40-42

P. The Gospel of the Lord. C. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *We Are Called* **#720**

RESPONDING

***Apostles' Creed** page 127

***Prayers of Intercession** (Lord, in your mercy/Hear our prayer)

***Sharing of the Peace**

***Offering**

***Offertory Music** *Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am* **#814**

***Offertory Prayer**

***Lord's Prayer** page 145

SENDING

***Blessing**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, †bless you now and forever. Amen.

***Sending Song** ***Lift High the Cross* **#660**

Member comments – "It is inspiration knowing God is always there no matter how bad it gets."

***Dismissal** Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

***Members' Favorite*

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Organist	Karla Iacovino
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Today's Readings

Sunday, June 28, 2026
5th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

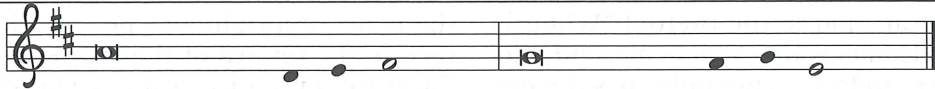
Jeremiah 28:5-9

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, ⁶and 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. ⁷But listen now to this word

that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As 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."

Psalm

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; tone 10



Your love, O LORD, forever | will I sing;
from age to age my mouth
will pro- | claim your faithfulness.

²**For I am persuaded**
that your steadfast love
is estab- | lished forever;
you have set your faithfulness
firmly | in the heavens.

³"I have made a covenant
with my | chosen one;
I have sworn an oath
to Da- | vid my servant:

⁴**I will establish your | line forever,**
and preserve your throne for all
| generations."

¹⁵Happy are the people
who know the | festal shout!

They walk, O LORD,
in the light | of your presence.

¹⁶**They rejoice daily | in your name;**
they are jubilant
| in your righteousness.

¹⁷For you are the glory | of their
strength,
and by your favor
our might | is exalted.

¹⁸**Truly, our shield belongs**
| to the LORD;
our king to the Holy | One
of Israel.

Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which

you were entrusted ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 10:40-42

[Jesus said to the twelve:] “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever 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, ⁴²and 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.”