

First English Lutheran Church

1311 East 18th Street

Spencer, Iowa 51301

8:00 & 10:45 am Communion Service

Paul E. Kaldahl, Pastor

Pentecost 4

June 21, 2026

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Prelude, Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn – LSB # 901 “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

Welcome

Order of Worship – LSB Divine Service I pg. 151

Invocation; Confession of Sins

Introit

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,
that I may walk before God in the light of life.

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust;

I shall not be afraid.

What can flesh do to me?

In God, whose word I praise,

in the LORD, whose word I praise,

in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

What can man do to me?

Kyrie, This Is the Feast – pg. 155

Collect and Responses – pg. 156

P: O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us,
keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and
content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

C: Amen

Old Testament – Jeremiah 20:7-13

O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are
stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a
laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I
speak, I cry out, I shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of

the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.
⁹If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,”
there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones,
and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

¹⁰For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! “Denounce
him! Let us denounce him!” say all my close friends, watching
for my fall. “Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome
him and take our revenge on him.” ¹¹But the LORD is with me as a
dread warrior; therefore, my persecutors will stumble; they will not
overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, or they will not
succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²O LORD
of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed
my cause. ¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has
delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle – Romans 6:12-23

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body; to make you obey its
passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for
unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have
been brought from death to life, and your members to God as
instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over
you since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Are we to 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 once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart
to the standard of teaching to which you were committed,
¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of
righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your
natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members
as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more
lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to
righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to
righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from
the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those

things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please rise)

Alleluia – pg. 156

Holy Gospel - Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .

²¹“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his 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 that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

(Responses on pg. 157)

Sermon Hymn – LSB # 571 vs. 1-4 “God Loved the World”

Sermon

Nicene Creed – pg. 158 (Or inside back cover of hymnal)

Offering and Offertory - "What Shall I Render..." pg. 159

Prayers—responses

(P: Lord, in your mercy...**C: Hear our prayer.**)

Preface to Holy Communion - page 160

Proper Preface

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus – pg. 161

Prayer of Thanksgiving – pg. 161

Words of Institution – pg. 162 left column

Proclamation of Christ – pg. 162 left column

Lord’s Prayer – pg. 162 left column (Or inside back cover)

Pax Domini – pg. 163

Agnus Dei – pg. 163

(please be seated)

Distribution of Holy Communion

Hymns -

LSB # 619 “Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”

LSB # 627 “Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”

LSB # 537 “Beautiful Savior”

LSB # 643 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Thank the Lord – pg. 164

Post-Communion Collect – pg. 166

Benediction – pg. 166

Closing Hymn - LSB # 696 “O God, My Faithful God”

Announcements and Postlude

† † † **HOLY COMMUNION** † † †

Dear Visitors and Friends: Our practice of close communion is the historic practice of the church. Through it we practice love and fidelity to God's Word, prompting us to care for all of God's people in this unique way. Please understand that our communion practice does not deny that the members of other denominations are Christians! Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Romans 16:17). When we commune together, God unites all who commune, not only in saving faith, but also in truth, regarding what the scripture teaches about the Lord's Supper. In 1 Corinthians 11 Paul tells us that this expression of unity must be honest and truthful.

For this reason, the congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod have agreed to follow the Biblical and historical practice of "Close Communion." ***If you desire to receive the Lord's Supper and are not a communicant member of First English Lutheran Church or a sister congregation in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, we respectfully ask that you not commune this morning.*** Rather, we invite you to ask the pastor about how you might become a communicant member of our congregation.

It is our sincere prayer that our careful administration of the Lord's Supper will not be a hindrance to our fellowship with you this morning, but instead that it would lead you to appreciate the high regard we have for Christ and His Word concerning this precious gift. **Thank you for understanding, and God bless you!**

If you are a member of the LCMS, please follow the four steps of preparation for Holy Communion. You can find those preparation instructions on the white cards on the back of the pew in front of you. When you attend Holy Communion, please register by filling out one of the white cards and pass them to the inner aisle during the offering so that the ushers can collect it.

For those who prefer, the cup in the center of the communion tray is grape juice with a drop of wine. If you do not feel secure taking the individual cup from the tray, please hold out your hand to indicate your concern and the cup will be handed to you. We invite small children to accompany their parents, if they desire to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

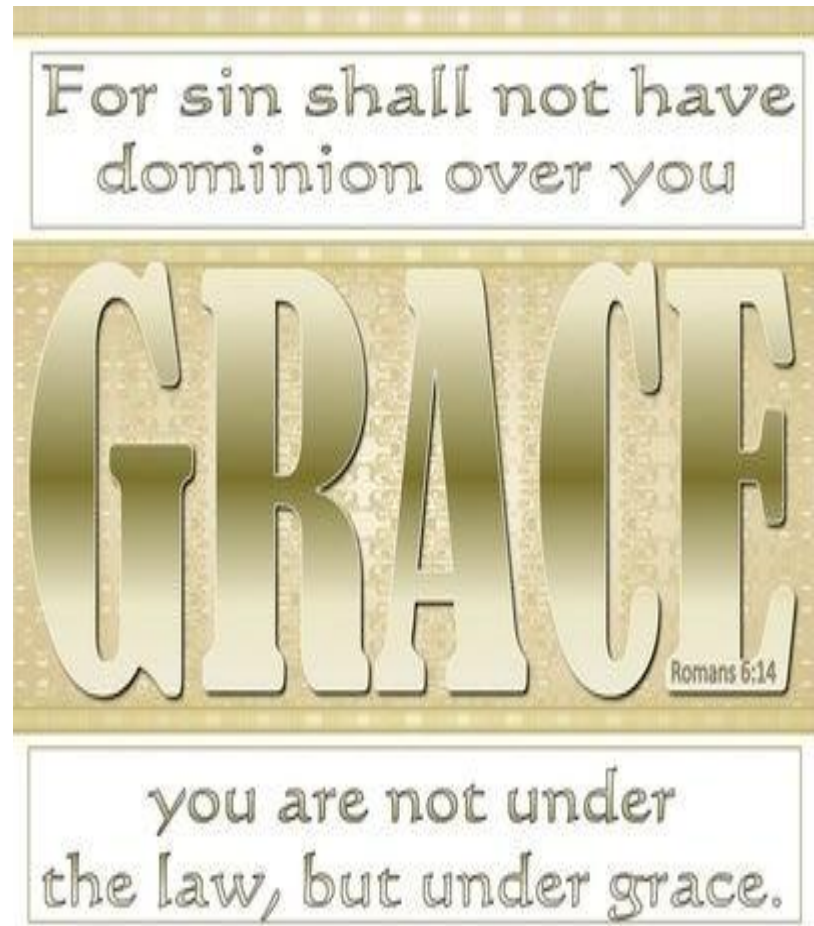
† † **VISITORS AND MEMBERS** † †

Sometime during the service, we ask that everyone fill out one of the cards found in the pew racks so that we might have a record of your worship with us today. For our visitors we ask that you please sign our Guest Register on the table next to the front door as you leave. We are pleased to have you join us this morning as we praise our great God and encourage you to visit us again when possible.

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