



DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Two

Standing in the Shadow of the Cross

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday June 21, 2026



Processional Hymn: LSB # 545 “Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

1. Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heaven descending
Touch our hearts and bring to birth, faith and hope and love unending
Word almighty we revere You, Word made flesh, we long to hear You
2. Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation
Word that came from heaven to die, crucified for our salvation,
Saving World, the world restoring, speak to us, Your love outpouring
3. Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our mortal blindness
Deaf we are, our healer be; loose out tongues to tell Your kindness
be our Word in pity spoken, heal the world by sin now broken
4. Word that speaks God’s tender love, One with God beyond all telling
Word that sends us from above, God the Spirit with us dwelling
Word of truth to all truth lead us, Word of life with one bread feed us

Greeting and Announcement

Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Kneel/Stand, Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done**

and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Hymn of Praise: AAHH # 330 “Father, I Adore You”

1. Father, I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love You
2. Jesus, I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love You
3. Spirit, I adore You, lay my life before You, How I love You

The Sunday school students are released to their teachers.

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 56:3-4, 10-11; antiphon: 56:13

P For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,

C that I may walk before God in the light of life.

P When I am afraid,

C I put my trust in you.

P In God whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

C What can flesh do to me?

P In God, whose word I praise,

C in the Lord, whose word I praise.

P in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

C What can man do to me?

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

P For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,

C that I may walk before God in the light of life.

This is the Feast

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.

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.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷ 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. ⁸ For 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. ⁹ If 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. ¹⁰ For 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." ¹¹ But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹² O 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. ¹³ Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 145:3, 5b, 6b

G Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

On your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare your greatness.

Epistle Reading

Romans 6:12-23

¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies; to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do 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. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do 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? ¹⁷ But 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, ¹⁸ and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I 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. ²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ But 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. ²² But 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. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Special Music -SOTC Praise Choir "I Call You Faithful"

Please Stand

Alleluia and Verse - LSB # 205

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. These things are written so that you may believe That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

⁵ These 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, ²² and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When 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. ²⁵ It 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. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸ And 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. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Please be seated

Hymn: TFBF # 527 “O Savior, Precious Savior”

1. O Savior, precious Savior, Whom, yet unseen, we love;

O Name of might and favor, All other names above.

We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;

We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our holy Lord and King.

2. O Bringer of salvation, Who wondrously has wrought

Thyself the revelation Of love beyond our thought,

We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;

We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our gracious Lord and King.

3. In Thee all fulness dwelleth, All grace and power divine;

The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is Thine.

We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;

We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our glorious Lord and King.

4. Oh, grant the consummation Of this our song above

In endless adoration And everlasting love!

We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;

We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our Savior and our King.

Sermon: “Hated for His Name’s Sake”

Sermon Text: Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

Special Music - SOTC Praise Choir “Center of My Joy”

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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.
The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Offering (Please Remember to sign the pew register!)

Please stand.

Offertory

LSB 192

☞ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

☞ Feel free to remain standing, be seated, or come to the altar to pray
(The congregation sings the following before and after the prayers:)

Hymn: TFBF # 247 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

**☞ Lord, listen to Your children praying; Lord, send Your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to Your children praying; send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

☞ You may return to your seats, the Lord has heard your prayers