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The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. June 21, 2026

OUR THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS LOVE AND ZEAL: A GOOD MIX FOR 2026!

"Never be lacking in zeal, but maintain your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." ~ Romans 12:11

We welcome you to Our Shepherd. It is a joy to have you with us today! We pray that you will be strengthened and uplifted through our worship.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude: Canzona . . . D Buxtehude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 784 – Take My Life and Let it Be

Invocation

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

C: *Amen.*

Exhortation

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.*

Confession of Sins

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 neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, 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.*

Absolution

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise: LSB 950 – Splendor and Honor (vs. 1-3)

Splendor and honor, majesty and power
Are Yours, O Lord God, fount of ev'ry blessing,
For by Your bidding was the whole creation
Called into being.

Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our redemption,
By whose self-off'ring we are made God's people:
A priestly kingdom, from all tongues and nations,
Called to God's service.

To the Almighty, throned in heav'nly splendor,
And to the Savior, Christ our Lamb and Shepherd,
Be adoration, praise, and glory given,
Now and forever.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: *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. Amen.*

Scripture Readings (Back of Bulletin)

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 20: 7-13

Anthem: The Gift of Love . . . H. Hopson

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,*

*and have not love my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be giv'n by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.*

Epistle: Romans 6: 12-23

Gospel: Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day: 863 Our Father, by Whose Name



1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name All fa - ther-hood is known,
2 O Christ, Thy - self a child With - in an earth - ly home,
3 O Spir - it, who dost bind Our hearts in u - ni - ty,



Who dost in love pro - claim Each fam - i - ly Thine own,
With heart still un - de - filed, Thou didst to man-hood come;
Who teach - est us to find The love from self set free,



Bless Thou all par - ents, guard - ing well, With con - stant love as
Our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place That they may all be -
In all our hearts such love in - crease That ev - 'ry home by



sen - ti - nel, The homes in which Thy peo - ple dwell.
hold Thy face, And know - ing Thee may grow in grace.
this re - lease May be the dwell - ing place of peace.

Children's Message

Video: Faith of a Father . . . Hyper Pixels Media

Message from the Word:

Sermon Theme: Hearts Turned Toward Home

Sermon Text: Malachi 4: 5-6

Nicene Creed: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

Responsive Prayer

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?*

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.*

Prayers/Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution/The Lord’s Supper (10:30 a.m.)

The Bible is specific about who should attend the Lord’s Supper (1 Corinthians 10: 16-17; 11: 27-30). We invite those who wish to confess their sins and believe they receive Christ’s body and blood in this sacrament, for their forgiveness, to join us at the Lord’s Table for their spiritual strengthening.

Communion Hymn: Agnus Dei (LSB p. 180)

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: LSB 744 – Amazing Grace (vs. 1-5)

Post-Communion Canticle (10:30): Thank the Lord

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has done.
Let ev’ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Closing Hymn: LSB 750 – If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

Benediction

Postlude: If Thou But Trust in God To Guide Thee . . . J. S. Bach

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY: Our earthly fathers attempt to show the kindness and strength of God, our Heavenly Father. Our dad sets the course for the family's welfare. We thank the Lord for the guidance and love of our father. May Christian dads continue to find favor in the eyes of God! Happy Father’s Day!

NEW TEEN YOUTH GROUP: Announcing a new teen youth group for ages 13-17, led by Morgan Zeige and Aleksia Poellet. The group will meet for Bible study on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. beginning June 21st, in the Fish Building conference room. Gatherings and events will be announced as they are scheduled.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY/VOW RENEWAL: This weekend we are celebrating those couples with an anniversary in a multiple of 5 in 2026 with a vow renewal and rose presentation:

- 25 Years:** Jason and Rhiannon Blawat, Mike and Kelly Farley, Gene and Pat Olstad
- 30 Years:** Steve and Lori Tilley
- 55 Years:** Don and Lorna Becker, Joe and Chris Purpero

God’s blessings to these couples as they renew their wedding vows today and celebrate years of Christian marriage!

GRADUATES: Congratulations to our high school and college graduates! Please keep the church office updated on your future plans, including your address, email, and phone number. May God bless you in your future endeavors!

FIRST-TIME VISITORS: Welcome, guests and visitors! Please take home an Our Shepherd gift bag located on the table in the narthex as a “thank you” for being here!

CELEBRATION: Please sign up and join us for a catered meal following the 10:30 service on Sunday, June 28, as we acknowledge and celebrate *50 years of ministry for Pastor Mark Allen Mueller!*

GREENDALE 4th OF JULY PARADE: Please sign up if you can join us to march and pass out candy and flyers to share Our Shepherd with the community! The parade starts at 9:30 a.m.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Please sign up if you can join us for an ice cream social following the 6:00 p.m. service on July 11.

CHURCH PICNIC: Join us for food, games, bounce house, and fellowship at our annual church picnic following the 10:30 service on Sunday, July 12. Please bring a dish to pass!

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Tuesday	Share Our Strengths (S.O.S.)	6:00 PM
Saturday	Worship Service	6:00 PM
Sunday	Worship Service	8:00 & 10:30 AM
Sunday	Teen Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 AM

The Word Today is aired locally on Sunday mornings at 7:45 on WJYI 1340 AM and at 8:30 on WRJN 1400 AM

NOTES

Listener Responses to The Word Today – Nzebi (Republic of Congo)

In my family, people often talk about generational curses and premature deaths. Nothing was working: our businesses failed, and our children were often sick without any clear reason. While listening to TWT Programs specially Restored, I understood through his teaching on the believer's victory that Jesus had already redeemed us from every curse. I began to pray with faith while following his teachings. Today, peace has returned to our home, our businesses are prospering, and my children are doing well. Yes, this program is truly a source of blessing.

I was not a Christian when I first began listening to TWT Nzebi. I usually tune in for the morning music program. But one day, before the music started, I left the station on and heard the TWT Nzebi program. The message touched me deeply. For a long time, I had been heartbroken and had lost all joy. As the producer spoke about joy and peace we must have in Jesus Christ, no matter the circumstances, I felt a deep peace within me. I understood that it was the presence of the Holy Spirit in my heart. I was healed from inner wounds that had been breaking my heart for a long time because of my family and my children. I once again bless the Lord for the salvation I have received in Jesus Christ.

My family was going through a difficult period. Arguments had become normal in our home. I was living under stress, and my children were beginning to drift away from me. While listening to TWT Nzebi programs, I heard teachings about forgiveness and love in the family. I decided to change my attitude. Today, peace has returned to our home, and we pray together every evening. God has restored our family.

For many years, alcohol has controlled my life. I was losing my money, my work was suffering, and my family was hurting. Through TWT Nzebi, I understood that God could give me a new life. I started praying and following the teachings. Today, I am free from this addiction, and my life has regained meaning.

I had abandoned my faith for a long time. I thought God no longer cared about me. One morning, while listening to TWT Nzebi, I heard a message saying that God always calls His children back to Him. Those words touched my heart. Today, I have restored my relationship with God, and my spiritual life has been renewed.