

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

21 June 2026



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and to not 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 knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20: 7-13

OT Pg 681

Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 69: 7-18

Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.

**I have become a stranger to my own kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.**

Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

**I humbled myself with fasting,
but that was turned to my reproach.**

I put on sackcloth also,
and became a byword among them.

**Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD:

“In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;

let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.

Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up;
do not let the pit shut its ¹ mouth upon me.

**Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;
in your great compassion, turn to me.**

Hide not your face from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

**Draw near to me and redeem me;
because of my enemies deliver me.**

SECOND READING

Romans 6: 1b-11

NT Pg 136

In baptism we are incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 10:24-39

NT Pg 9

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

STATEMENT OF FAITH (CREED) (from 'Dakota Road: Remembering the Promise' edition)

We believe God is our creator and has promised to love us always.

We believe Jesus Christ, fully God and fully human, is God's promise living among us. He experienced all the pain and joy and challenges of human life.

God's forgiving love was revealed to us when Jesus suffered death on the cross.

He came back to new life and has promised us new life in unity with God.

We believe the Holy Spirit is God's promise touching our spirits and animating our lives, guiding us – even through our most difficult moments. We believe

God is among us in community. Mysterious, yet very real, God promises to be with us always, even to the end of the age. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Modern Version

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.

COMMUNION HYMN(S)

"One Bread, One Body" ELW 496; "All Who Hunger" ELW 461

SENDING Response: Thanks be to God!

****Trinity at a Glance****

21 June 2026

- **Pastor Phil will be on Summer Break June 29th - July 5th.** In his absence, Pastor Bill Callister (St. Paul ELCA, Streator) will provide emergency pastoral care coverage. Please call the office if needed.
- **Sunday, July 5th Pastor Dave Hedlin will be coming from New Lenox, IL to preach and preside at Holy Communion.**
- **The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School is "River of Life."** In VBS, participants will learn about the importance of water and visit important "ports" during the week to hear Bible stories about water. They will also hear about communities working to restore watersheds, to protect rights to water and to ensure safe water for everyone. There will be fun, with games and other activities to celebrate God's gift of water and remind us of our important calling as God's children to be good stewards of creation. **VBS will run July 13th through July 17, 2026** at 717 Chambers St., Ottawa. Please contact the office during business hours (9-2, Mon - Thurs) to sign up!
- Speaking of water.....**Thrivant Members can obtain free clean water kits** that Vacation Bible School can use to help promote a stewardship of our environment. **Please order your kits at <https://servicing.apps.thrivent.com/cause-kits>** . Kits can be dropped off at the office during business hours or brought to service on Sundays.
- **Please support Mission's 2026 Growing Project.** The funds raised will help people (mostly women) increase their food production in Guatemala's Western Highlands. **Our goal is to raise \$25,000** to help. We're planning a number of activities to inform about the project and raise funds. All help is welcome! Last year's project raised almost \$29,000! Thank you for all of your support!
- Please use the North Parking Lot, Cloister Walk entrance if you feel comfortable. **Please keep in mind that if approached by a protester and you are feeling uncomfortable let staff or volunteers know.** Police will be contacted to ensure congregation safety.
- **Large print binders have arrived** - they look fantastic! **Special thanks to the Barnett family, in loving memory of Delores Barnett.** These binders have large print Bulletins and are located at the tables by each entrance to the Sanctuary.
- **The Trinity Lutheran Blood Drive is happening on Wednesday, July 22, 12-5 pm.** For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org. Appointments are preferred but not necessary. Contact Carol Wahlstrom for more information carolwahlstrom@gmail.com, and to volunteer.
- **TRINITY OFFERING QR CODE**



● **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- May Income = \$16,961.66 (Income YTD = \$101,957.38)
- May Expense = \$20,127.44 (Expense YTD = \$102,561.09)
- Income Less Expense = -\$3,165.78 (Income Less Expense YTD = -\$603.71)

● **THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:**

- **Monday (6/22):** 9a Tai Chi (Fellowship Hall)
10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
10a Staff Meeting (Education Building)
- **Tuesday (6/23):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
- **Wednesday (6/24)** 1p Bible Study (Community Room)
- **Thursday (6/25):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
1p Trinity Stitchers (Fellowship Hall)
- **Friday (6/26):** 7a Sunrise Rotary
- **Saturday (6/27):** *National PTSD Awareness Day*
- **Sunday (6/28)** 10a Holy Communion

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -

Please sign up using the binder at the back of the aisle.

<u>Sunday, June 21, 2026</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Altar Guild: <i>Anne Lauterjung, Linda Scott</i> Video Tech: <i>Keith Goetz</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers:	<u>Sunday, June 28, 2026</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Jackie Smith</i> Communion Assistants: Altar Guild: <i>Cindy Komater, Jay Komater</i> Video Tech: <i>Keith Goetz</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers: