

## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2026 9:00AM

Order of Worship

Worship For Life liturgy

(maroon Hymnal Supplement, located on shelf below the ELW large red hymnal)

Prelude- Gentle like Jesus/Amazing Grace Alan & Roxy Fauque- Sax & Piano Duo

Welcome

Opening Hymn- ELW #876 Let the Whole Creation Cry

Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole (Worship For Life folder)

Prayer of the Day-

**O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and, through our struggle and confusion, work to accomplish your purposes on earth; so that, in your good time, every people and nation may serve you in harmony; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Hymn of Praise- Rise Up With Him (Worship For Life folder)

Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

Psalm 69:16

Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind.

Anthem- How Great Thou Art Alan & Roxy Fauque- Sax & Piano Duo

Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39 NRSVUE

**24** “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; **25** it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the 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 up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. **27** What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. **28** Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell **29** Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. **30** And even the hairs of your head are all counted. **31** So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. **32** “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, **33** but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. **34** “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. **35** For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, **36** and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. **37** “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, **38** and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. **39** Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day- ELW #798 Will You Come and Follow Me

Prayers of the People- (response to 'Lord, in your Mercy' is 'Hear our prayer.')

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

Offertory Response- I Will Give Thanks to the Lord (Worship For Life folder)

P: Let us pray.

**All: Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them as what we have to offer today and please move us with mercy to continue sharing our gifts with love. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer: The words are here. Speak them silently, if you will, as we listen to Alan Fauque play the familiar melody on his saxophone. Or just listen...

**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.**

Distribution

Music during Distribution- This Do in Remembrance of Me (Worship For Life folder)

Communion Music- The Sweetest Name of All/Let Us Break Bread Together Alan & Roxy Fauque

Post Communion- You Are Lord (Worship For Life folder)

Announcements

Benediction

Closing Hymn- ELW #808 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Musicians:

Sherry Johnson, Director of Music, [sherry.johnson@explorepeace.org](mailto:sherry.johnson@explorepeace.org)

Bonnie Shucha- Song Leader Alan & Roxy Fauque- Sax & Piano Duo Sherry Johnson- Pianist

Greeters: Alan & Jan Rutkowski

Ushers: Tom Wilson, Curt Cooley, Dave Taylor, Leo & Walter Olson

Communion Assistants: JoAnn Hoffman, Judy Engebretson, Elaine Mischler

Bread Bakers: Carolyn Niehoff, Jackie Erlandson, Paulette Emberson

Audio/Visual Team: The Walkes

Communion Setup: Mike and Carolyn Niehoff

Sunday Morning Hospitality Time (Coffee & Donuts): JoAnn Hoffman

Pastoral Team:

Rev. Karen Locken, Lead Pastor [karen.locken@explorepeace.org](mailto:karen.locken@explorepeace.org)

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