

## **Our Prayer Concerns**

PeeWee Kincaid, Duane Forslund,  
Ron & Gloria Siemers, Dan Haeder's family, Marilyn Heeren,  
Penny Britt, and Dylan Haverhals

## **Offering & Attendance**

Sunday, June 29  
Attendance: 26 / Offering \$695

*We are grateful for your continued offerings and support!*

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Union Creek Lutheran Church  
July 6, 2025

Pastor April Peterson



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July 6, 2025 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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*God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus’ invitation to “take and eat...take and drink” is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.*

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\* Indicates congregation stands as you are able

*Italics = Pastor*

**Bold = Congregation**

*Prelude*

*Announcements*

*Birthday Wishes*

Raiden Ericson-6; PeeWee Kincaid-7; Karson Kenefick-7;  
Heywood Johnson-7; Tyler Vruегдаnhil-8; Vanessa Van De Wiele-10

*(Sung to the tune of Happy Birthday)*

**God bless you today, God bless you always,  
God bless you and keep you, another year through.**

*Lighting of the Candles*

*Ringling of the Bell*

<p><b>07.06.25</b> <b>Greeters:</b> Dene/Jean <b>Usher/Bell:</b> Dene <b>Lector:</b> Heather <b>Communion:</b> Sherri <b>Fellowship:</b> Dene/Jean</p>	<p><b>07.13.25</b> <b>Greeters:</b> Rob/Deb <b>Usher/Bell:</b> Rob <b>Lector:</b> Deb H <b>Fellowship:</b> Rob/Deb</p>
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**Calendar of Events**

**Sunday, July 6**

9:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion with Pastor April  
Baptism of Aspen Audrey, daughter of Brady and Holly Jo Wielenga  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship

**Wednesday, July 9**

6:30 p.m. Joint Call Committee Meeting at Union Creek  
7:00 p.m. Youth Meeting

**Sunday, July 13**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Todd Hakl  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship

**Call Process Update**

Pastor Renee has not sent us any Rostered Minister Profiles for review. Last Wednesday’s Call Committee meeting was cancelled. We will meet again this week and hopefully have candidates’ paperwork to review.

**Items for Sale**

**Youth Country Meats Fundraiser** (2 for \$3)  
*We will not be restocking, so get your supply now!*

**T-Shirt Sales** (New Spring Colors! \$20 each)

**150th Anniversary History Books and Cookbooks**

\* *Post Communion Prayer*

*Mothering God,*

**You gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.**

**Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.  
Amen.**

\* *Blessing*

*The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit*

*✠ bless you and give you peace.*

**Amen.**

\* *Closing Hymn #888*

*"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"*

\* *Dismissal*

*Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.*

**Thanks be to God.**

\* *Postlude*

*Join us for fellowship following the service*

\* *Confession & Forgiveness*

*In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

*Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.*

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*Merciful God,*

**You free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,  
but we grow weary in doing what is right.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.**

**Do not give up on us.**

**Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life.**

*You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.*

*In the cross of ✠ Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.*

*Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.*

**Amen.**

\* *Opening Hymn #863* "My God, How Wonderful Thou Art"

\* *Pastoral Greeting*

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**And also with you.**

## *Prayer of the Day*

*O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus,*

**You are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## *Sacrament of Holy Baptism*

*Aspen Audrey Wielenga (see insert)*

## *A Time for the Young Church with Pastor April*

### *First Lesson: Isaiah 66:10-14*

*(Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.)*

<sup>10</sup> Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,  
all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,  
all you who mourn over her—

<sup>11</sup> that you may nurse and be satisfied  
from her consoling breast,  
that you may drink deeply with delight  
from her glorious bosom.

<sup>12</sup> For thus says the LORD:  
I will extend prosperity to her like a river  
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream,  
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm  
and bounced on her knees.

<sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child,  
so I will comfort you;  
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

## *\* Presentation of our Offerings*

### *\* Offertory Response #707*

“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” verse 2

**Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you  
gladly, freely, of your own.**

**With the sunshine of your goodness  
melt our thankless hearts of stone;  
Till our cold and selfish natures,  
warmed by you, at length believe;  
that more happy and more blessed  
‘tis to give than to receive.**

### *\* Offertory Prayer*

*Creator God,*

**In your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.**

**Strengthen us at your table  
with these gifts of the earth and our labor,  
that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

### *\* Words of Institution*

### *\* Our Lord's Prayer*

### *\* Invitation to Communion*

*Come to the table of grace.*

*Receive the gift of new life.*

## *Holy Communion*

## \* *Prayers of Intercession*

*Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.*

*You send your church into the world with a message of peace. Center the whole church in this peace, and strengthen our faith by the example of all those who creatively and faithfully proclaim your good news.*

*God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

*All the earth sings out your name. Inspire your people to drink deeply from the beauty of all your creation. When ecosystems are wounded, bring your healing. When our actions endanger the survival of other species, curb our greed and waste. God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

*You call us to work for the good of all. Give resolve to those who lead, that they do not grow weary in doing what is right. Guide them to seek peace between nations and freedom for all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

*As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. Bring this comfort to those in any pain. We pray especially for PeeWee Kincaid, Duane Forslund, Dan Haeder's Family, Ron & Gloria Siemers, Marilyn Heeren, Penny Britt, and Dylan Haverhals. Carry your people when grief is heavy, and lift burdens of shame and self-doubt. God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

*Your harvest is plentiful, O God. Make us laborers and companions with one another in this assembly. Send your peace to rest upon us, heal divisions among us, and open our hearts to receive one another as gifts from you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

*You have written our names in heaven, O God, and we rejoice. We thank you for those who have lived and died in your love. Accompany us on our life's journey and draw us at last to life forever in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

*Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.***

<sup>14</sup> You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;  
your bodies<sup>[a]</sup> shall flourish like the grass,  
and it shall be known that the power of the LORD is with his servants,  
and his indignation is against his enemies.

## *Responsive Reading: Psalm 66:1-9*

- <sup>1</sup> *Be joyful in God, all you lands;  
by joyful all the earth.*
- <sup>2</sup> **Sing the glory of God's name;  
sing the glory of God's praise.**
- <sup>3</sup> *Say to God,  
"How awesome are your deeds!  
Because of your great strength  
your enemies cringe before you.*
- <sup>4</sup> **All the earth bows down before you,  
sings to you, sings out your name."**
- <sup>5</sup> *Come now and see the works of God,  
how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.*
- <sup>6</sup> **God turned the sea into dry land,  
so that they went through the water on foot,  
and there we rejoiced in God.**
- <sup>7</sup> *Ruling forever in might,  
God keeps watch over the nations;  
let no rebels exalt themselves.*
- <sup>8</sup> **Bless our God, you peoples;  
let the sound of praise be heard.**
- <sup>9</sup> *Our God has kept us among the living  
and has not allowed our feet to slip.*

## *Second Lesson: Galatians 6:7-16*

*(In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one another in "the family of faith.")*

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup> If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup> See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup> It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup> May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which<sup>[a]</sup> the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> For<sup>[b]</sup> neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup> As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

*\* Gospel Acclamation #864*

*“Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”*

**Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;  
joyfully your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore God’s praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praises everlasting ring!**

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20*

*(Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.)*

*Spoken response after the announcement:*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

<sup>3</sup> Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’

<sup>6</sup> And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ <sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’

<sup>16</sup> “Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

<sup>17</sup> The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” <sup>18</sup> He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup> Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

*Spoken response after the conclusion:*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The Message*

*Hymn of the Day #659*

*“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”*