

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2026

9:30 a.m. Worship



Como Park Lutheran Church, ELCA, RIC

Reaching out in Christ to a changing world.

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We welcome all to worship here: those who are strong in faith and those who are seeking, those who are hurting and those who give comfort; all who are drawn to worship, community, and faith.

We acknowledge and celebrate the rich diversity within and around us. As a community rooted in the body of Christ, we commit ourselves to creating a space where people of all races, ages, ethnicities, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions are not only included but deeply valued and seen as essential to our shared journey.

Together, we value human diversity as a divine gift and blessing—a reflection of God’s boundless creativity and love. Because of this, we commit ourselves in ministry to fully embracing all people and advancing racial equity in our ministry.

We recognize that we hold a variety of beliefs, perspectives, and lived experiences; and yet we gather in Christ to worship God together. If you have questions, feedback, or needs for assistance, please ask. We seek to grow together in ministry, community and faith, and we are glad that you are here with us today.

~ The People of Como Park Lutheran Church

**Coffee hour will take place immediately after the service.
Join us in the Narthex for coffee and light snacks.**

Upcoming events and announcements can be found at the back of the bulletin.

This service is broadcast live on YouTube and recorded for later viewing:
www.youtube.com/c/ComoParkLutheranChurch



Regular - Liturgist
Bold - Congregation
✠ - Stand as able



ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Praeludium

Friedrich Micheelsen

Guest Organist, David Fienen

WELCOME, GREETING, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

~ Silence is kept for reflection. ~

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

✠OPENING HYMN

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

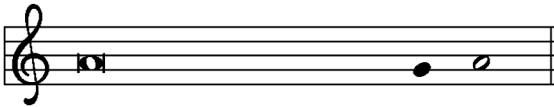
ELW 667

✠THE APOSTOLIC GREETING (2 Corinthians 13:14)

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

✠KYRIE

ELW pg. 147-148



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



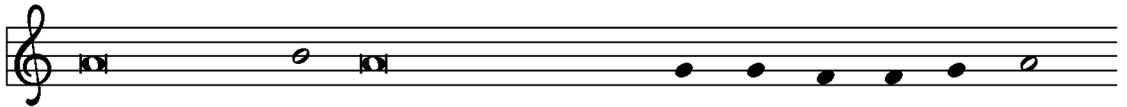
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

✠ THIS IS THE FEAST

ELW pg. 149-150

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain




This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

✠PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray...

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

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷ O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me.

⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must 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," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

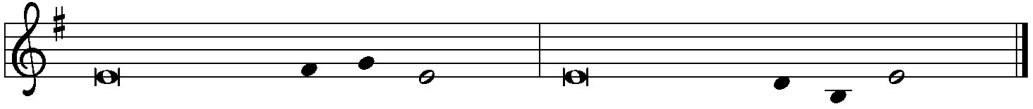
¹⁰ For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him."

¹¹ But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

¹² O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

PSALM 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18



⁷ Surely, for your sake I have suf- | fered reproach,
and shame has cov- | ered my face.

⁸ **I have become a stranger to | my own kindred,
an alien to my | mother's children.**

⁹ Zeal for your house has eat- | en me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fall- | en upon me.

¹⁰ **I humbled my- | self with fasting,
but that was turned to | my reproach.**

[¹¹ I put on | sackcloth also,
and became a by- | word among them.

¹² **Those who sit at the gate mur- | mur against me,
and the drunkards make | songs about me.**

¹³ 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 un- | failing
help.

¹⁴ **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.**

¹⁵ Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swal-
| low me up;
do not let the pit shut its | mouth upon me.]

¹⁶ **Answer me, O LORD, for your | love is kind;
in your great compassion, | turn to me.**

¹⁷ Hide not your face | from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.

¹⁸ **Draw near to me | and redeem me;
because of my enemies de- | liver me.**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

¹Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

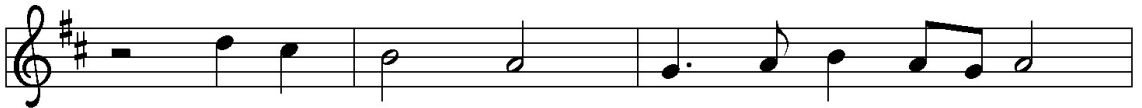
⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

✠ GOSPEL VERSE

ELW pg. 151



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

✠GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mathew the Tenth Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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 him 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rebecca Numainville

(Jesus Loves Me! ELW 595)

SERMON

Pastor Melinda Quivik

✠HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798

✠APOSTLES' CREED

Standing together, let us confess our faith...

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

✠PRAYERS

... Lord, in your mercy,
... **hear our prayer.**

✠THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(In sharing God's Peace we share with each other our hope for God's blessing by shaking hands, or turning to one another and nodding, or bumping fists and saying "God's peace be with you.")

THE MEAL

OFFERING

Passacaglia

Hans Friedrich Micheelsen

Guest Organist, David Fienen

Electronic offerings can be made using smart phones and tablet devices by going to www.ComoParkLutheran.org and clicking on the "donate" button. You may also use the giving kiosk in the narthex located by the staircase.



✠OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray...

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✠ WORDS OF INSTITUTION (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

In the night in which he was betrayed...
... Do this for the remembrance of me.

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13; Revelation 11:15)

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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

All who believe Christ is truly present in the sacrament are invited to receive communion. At the server, hold out the flat of your palm to receive the wafer. If you desire gluten-free wafers, simply say to the first server "gluten-free." Then, step to the second server and take the wine in the small cup. The cups hold red wine and grape juice. If you are allergic to grapes, you are free to receive only the bread, knowing that Christ is fully present within each element. Children who do not yet commune will receive a blessing from pastor or first server.

LAMB OF GOD (John 1:29)

ELW pg. 154



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

O God, My Faithful God

ELW 806

✠POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

✠POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE SENDING

✠BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

✠CLOSING HYMN

We Know that Christ Is Raised

ELW 449

✠DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Finale

Hans Friedrich Micheelsen

Guest Organist, David Fienen

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Anders N.	Tyler F. (brother-in-law of Ginger F.)
Kathy H.	J.J. K. (great grandson of Bill H.)
Ann L.	Joe (friend of Sandra H.)
Ruth R.	Cheryl & Jim (quilter & husband)
Gina K.	Nichole (friend of Como Connects)
Gary (friend of Deb S.)	Mary C.
Heidi G.	... and all in need of prayers

We welcome names of members, family, and friends on our prayer list.



Serving in the Military

Dane Beecham, Jonathan Lund, Kristian Nelson
... and all others who serve



**We pray regularly for all members and friends of our congregation.
This week in worship, we pray for:**

Lois Ann Smith
Carrie Sommerfeld
James & Mary Sommerfeld
Rose Sommerfeld
John & Beth Sausa, Carter Murawski
Tom & Deb Spivey, Charlie
Ryan & Laura Thilquist, Gavin, Isaac, Ava

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Pastor: Melinda Quivik

Guest Organist: David Fienen

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Date	June 21, 2026
Time	9:30 AM
Acolyte	Kyle Bergstrom
Communion Prep	Lynn Ketelsen
Assisting Minister	David Person
Communion Asst 1	Mary Hagerman
Communion Asst 2	David Harris
Greeter	Janet Pankonin
Coffee Servers	Lowell Lundy & Shirley
Children's Message	Rebecca Numainville
Reader	Shirley Dingman
Liturgist	Jeanette Maynard-
Ushers	Team 1
Welcome Desk	Mary Ann Schmidt
Bus Helper	Shirley Dingman
Bus Driver	Lowell Lundy
Video Tech	Ruth Pechauer

USHER TEAM

Family Team O'Brien: Sarah & Jeff, Imogen and Harper

IT TAKES MANY HANDS

Volunteer Roles That Help Worship Happen Each Sunday

A welcoming worship experience depends on many people serving in different ways. The map below shows where each volunteer role serves during worship.

Please contact Alex Leone at alex@leonesoftware.com if you would like to participate. Training is provided, no experience needed.

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1
WELCOME
DESK
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2
GREETERS
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3
USHERS
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4
READERS &
LITURGISTS
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5
CHILDREN'S
MESSAGE
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6
COMMUNION
PREPARATION
- 

7
COMMUNION
ASSISTANTS
- 

8
VIDEO TECH
- 

9
COFFEE
HOSTS
- 

10
BUS
MINISTRY



Member Visitation Ministry

We have members who are unable to attend worship regularly because of illness or mobility challenges. If you would like to help care for our church family through visits or companionship, please contact the church office.

INTERESTED IN HELPING?

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☎ 651-646-7127

Join the Community Action Como Grow a Row Today

- Sign up for the Grow a Row community it's easy just scan the QRcode
- Choose your Seeds
Grow them in your garden lot or Container
- Track your progress and Tell your Story!
- Donate your Harvest-We Can Help Coordinate with Donation collection and Delivery minimizing our collective carbon footprint



Help feed those in need

**Please visit the Welcome Desk in the narthex
if you have any questions about our facility or upcoming events.**

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