

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 7A)
21 June 2026

Collect of the Day

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.

Prayer of the Church — Responsive Form

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Merciful God, in Christ You have removed the wages of sin and given the free gift of eternal life. Cultivate that life within us, that we may conform our lives to Your holy teaching and bear fruit that befits repentance. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of our salvation, Your Son warned that Your people would face opposition from the world. Give courage and fortitude to Your pastors and people, that they would boldly sing Your praises, gladly endure suffering for the name of Jesus, speak Your Word to the ends of the earth, and continue by Your grace to the end. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, from whom all fatherhood is named, we give You thanks for earthly fathers. Give them confidence in their station and zeal for their task to care for their families faithfully. Make them examples to their children of godly life and love of Your Word. Bless their work of bringing up children in the fear and instruction of the Lord, and give them the comfort of Your absolution over all their shortcomings. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of Creation, even the winds and waters obey you. We thank You for protecting Your people in Central Illinois who lived through tornadoes this week. May your people, also in obedience to Your command, extend Your mercy and show love to our neighbors who have suffered the loss of property or health, as we offer help in their time of physical and spiritual need. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Ruler and Lord of all, guide our nation and all the nations of the world by giving us pious and faithful leaders who will provide good government. Fill the world with industrious citizens who will work for the good of their neighbors, and bring all who are enemies to live together in peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Father, not one of the sparrows falls to the ground apart from You. Look with favor upon all who are sick, weary, grieving or lonely, especially Linda, Ellen, Ann, Ralph, Marty, Paula, Cindy, Joyce, John, Betty, Chad, Marcia, Jessica, Rosalie, Larry, Linda, Jodi, Ken, Mary Jayne, Joline, Aaron, Justin, Drew, David, Jeff, Lyall, Carolyn, Carolyn, Denise, and Marilyn. Grant that they know how You value Your children and graciously care for them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, remember Drew and Cathy Schillinger. Bless them in body and soul with all things needful for this life and eternity. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of life, grant that all who partake of the Holy Communion today would present themselves as those brought out of death into life, repenting of their transgressions and gratefully receiving Your Son's body and blood for the forgiveness of their sins and the power to live a godly life in the hope of the resurrection to life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You deliver our feet from falling and our souls from death. Receive our thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Preserve us in Your grace, that we may walk before You in the light of life forever. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

Presentation of the Offering

Gracious Lord, You provide all that we need and so much more. As our trust in Your provision decreases and as our love for others fades, we find ourselves focusing and spending more on ourselves. Yet, ultimately, we lose what we spend on ourselves in such a way, for our hearts are wrong. For if we cannot trust in Your giving us our daily bread, how can we trust in Your giving eternal, heavenly gifts which are far greater? Forgive us our doubts and selfishness and increase in us faith and love so that we might be generous in our charity and our offerings and, by such, so prove our trust in You for both this life and the next. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.