

**Sunday, June 28:** ALL ARE WELCOME to Martin Luther Lutheran Church's celebration of their 125th anniversary. Worship is at 10:00 am, with Bishop Tessa as guest pastor. A German meal will be served for lunch, followed by a program at 2:00 pm.

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**Wednesday, JULY 1: BLOCK PARTY ON KULM MAIN STREET TO CELEBRATE OUR NATION'S 250 YEARS OF FREEDOM:**

Beginning at 5pm—Food and Fun on Main Street!  
6pm—Program at Pavillion—City Band plays—Give honor to Law Enforcement and Veterans!  
8pm—Bingo to raise money for Windfest Rodeo  
10:30pm—PyroMusical Fireworks by Tom Nitschke

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**Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

**June 21, 2026, at 9am**  
**Zion Lutheran Church, Kulm ND**



**Introduction:**

**God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.**

**GATHERING**

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements

***Summer Call to Worship "God of the Sparrow" v. 1***  
**# 740**

## Confession and Forgiveness

(L) Blessed be the holy Trinity,† one God, whose compassion endures forever. **(All) Amen.**

(L) Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

(L) Compassionate God,

**(All) we confess to you all our sins.**

**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**

**In your mercy, call us back to you.**

**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**

**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**

**In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

(L) Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **(All) Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn      "How Firm A Foundation"**

**# 796**

**Greeting**

**Hymn of Praise      "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"**

**# 742**

**Prayer of the Day**

**(ALL) 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.**

## WORD

**Jeremiah 20:7-13** *The prophet must speak despite opposition*

**Psalm 69:7-18** *Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind. (Ps. 69:16)*

**Romans 6:1b-11** *Buried and raised with Christ by baptism*

**Gospel Acclamation "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Refrain only #733**

**Matthew 10:24-39** *The cost of discipleship*

Message

Mary

Jo Kinzler

**Hymn      "Children of the Heavenly Father"**  
**# 781**

**Apostles Creed: 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 of Intercession (L) God of grace, (C) hear our prayer.**

## MEAL

**Offering Song      "God Whose Farm is All Creation"**  
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Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving (Responsively)

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**"Holy, Holy, Holy" (Sing)**

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Words of Institution

**Lord's Prayer**

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**Distribution of Holy Communion**

***Communion Hymn***                      ***"Here Is Bread"***

**# 483**

Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

**SENDING**

Blessing of Fathers

Blessing (L) Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,† one God,  
bless, heal, and hold us today and always. Amen.

***Sending Hymn***                      ***"Faith Of Our Fathers"***

**# 812**

**Dismissal (L)** Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord!

**(C ) Thanks be to God!**