



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, June 21, 2026  
Esther Lutheran Church, ELCA  
Making Christ Known Through Faith, Hope, and Love

### **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.*

**PRELUDE**  
**BELL**  
**WELCOME**

### **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

*Please stand as you are able*

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

P: We lift up our souls to God,  
C: **Who listens when we cry out.**  
P: God is good and forgiving!  
C: **And full of love for all.**  
P: There is no one like you, God.  
C: **You do the most wonderful things.**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose compassion endures forever.  
C: **Amen.**

#### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Compassionate God,

**C: 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.**

P: 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, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

**C: Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN:**

***"Ten Thousand Reasons/Bless the Lord, O My Soul" (ACS 1097)***  
**(Purple Hymnal)**

*Refrain*

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul, worship His holy Name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy Name.**

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.**

*Refrain*

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul, worship His holy Name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy Name.**

**You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,  
Your Name is great and Your heart is kind;  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.**

*Refrain*

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul, worship His holy Name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy Name.**

**And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come;  
Still my soul sings Your praise unending,  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.**

*Refrain*

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul, worship His holy Name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.**

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**\*GREETING:**

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

**\*KYRIE: Congregation sings response (ELW pg. 138)**

**P:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**P:** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**P:** 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.  
**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**P:** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**P:** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C:** **Amen.**

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE: “*This is the Feast*” (ELW pg. 140)**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

- 1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

- 2 Power, riches, wisdom and strength,  
and honor, blessing and glory are his.  
This is the feast of vict'ry for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

- 3 Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

- 4 For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

**P: Holy God,**

**C: You ask a lot of your disciples. Strengthen us to stand up for your truth,  
even when it is difficult or uncomfortable. Encourage us by the example  
of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

### FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 20:7-13

*Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.*

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>But the Lord is with me like a terrifying 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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers. Here ends the first reading.

**PSALM: 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18~** *Congregation reads the bold*  
*Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind. (Ps. 69:16)*

<sup>7</sup>Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.

**<sup>8</sup>I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother's children.**

<sup>9</sup>Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

**<sup>10</sup>I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.**

<sup>11</sup>I put on sackcloth also, and became a by-word among them.

**<sup>12</sup> Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, and the drunkards make songs about me.**

<sup>13</sup>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 unfailing help.

**<sup>14</sup>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.**

<sup>15</sup>Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

**<sup>16</sup>Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.**

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

**<sup>18</sup>Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.**

#### **SECOND READING: ROMANS 6:1b-11**

*In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ’s death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.*

<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we were 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 also might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Here ends the second reading.

*Please stand as you are able*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *sung* (ELW pg. 142)**

**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia**

**GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 10:24-39**

*Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>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! <sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>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. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>“Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. <sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. <sup>35</sup>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, <sup>36</sup>and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. <sup>37</sup>“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, <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.” The Gospel of the Lord... **Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated*

**CHILDREN’S TIME & SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: “Borning Cry” (ELW 732)**

**1 "I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.**

**I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold.**

**I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell."**

**2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word  
I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living Lord,  
to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk till rising sun."**

**3 "In the middle ages of your life,  
not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in  
and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been,  
with just one more surprise."**

**4 "I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold."**

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937

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### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

**Last petition sing: "*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*" (ELW 752)**

**L:** Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

**L:** Loving God, on this Father's Day, we give thanks for the gift of family in all

its forms. We pray for loving and nurturing bonds between parents and children, that they may grow in trust, understanding, and grace. Strengthen marriages with love, mutual respect, patience, and faithful care for one another. God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Loving God, bless co-parents as they work together to guide and support their children with wisdom and compassion. Nurture loving and respectful relationships between step-parents and stepchildren, helping them to build trust and create a sense of belonging. We thank you for foster families and all who open their hearts and homes to children in need, reflecting your boundless love and care. God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Loving God, bring healing and reconciliation where relationships have been strained or broken. Comfort those who grieve the absence of a parent or child and those who carry the ache of separation. Surround with your peace all who are missing loved ones who have gone home to you, and strengthen them with the hope of your eternal promises. May all families know your presence, your guidance, and your unfailing love, today and always. God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Loving God, you promise to provide for us. Help those living with disability. Comfort those experiencing any sort of illness or suffering especially Jerry, Bruce, Cheryl, Chris, Kristy, Ricky, Larry, Joan, Dennis, Lois, Dale, Bev, Gary, Shirley, Joyce, Allison, Becky, Kim, Cadence, Sara, Marg, Leroy, Karen, Pete, Margaret, and Lynnsy. God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

**C: Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace. Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able*

**\*APOSTLES' CREED: (ELW pg. 105)**

**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.**

**\*PEACE:**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

*Please be seated*

**OFFERING**

*We thank you for our gifts of time, talent, and treasure that help this congregation,  
to continue our ministry together, and to make Christ known in our  
communities and the world.*

**OFFERING HYMN: "Beautiful Savior" vs.2 (ELW 838)**

**2 Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;**

**Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

*Please stand as you are able*

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

P: Dear God,

C: **Accept these gifts we bring, O God, as tributes to the work of your kingdom on earth. Turn our hearts and lives toward justice and bringing about your will in the places where you have planted us. Use us and these gifts to your greater purpose, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING: *sung* (ELW pg. 107)**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift our hearts to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

**\*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION: *sung* “Remember Now My Children”**

**The night of His betrayal, our Lord took bread.  
He broke it and he blessed it, and then he said,  
“My body given for you is what this means,  
remember now my children what you have seen.”**

**And then He took the chalice, and raised it high.  
“My body broken for you, a full supply...  
a covenant, a promise, a cleansing stream.  
Remember now, my children, what you have seen.”**

**We share this food together, remembering Christ;  
we share a common treasure and know the price**

**we share it without measure, a gift of love;  
we share our life forever, with God above.**

**\* THE LORD'S PRAYER:** *spoken*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**\*EUCHARISTIC INVITATION:**

P: As Christ was raised from the dead, so do we walk in newness of life. Renew and refresh us with this meal of life in the gift of your body and blood. Unite us across the divisions we've created and bring all of your children together. Come to the feast!

*Please be seated*

### **COMMUNION**

*The acolytes, ushers, organist and those assisting with communion should come forward at this time and receive around the rail. Following the assistants, we celebrate Holy Communion around the altar. The ushers will direct you. We welcome all to the Lord's Table where we experience the unity that God intends for all people. Gluten-free wafers and apple juice is available.*

**COMMUNION HYMN: "For All the Saints" (ELW 422)**

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

- 3** Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4** And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5** The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6** But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7** From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

**COMMUNION HYMN: “O Jesus, I Have Promised” (ELW 810)**

- 1** O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
remain forever near me,  
my master and my friend.  
I shall not fear the battle  
if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if you will be my guide.
- 2** Oh, let me feel you near me;  
the world is ever near.

**I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, then draw nearer  
to shield my soul from sin.**

**3 Oh, let me hear you speaking  
in accents clear and still  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will.  
Now speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
now speak and make me listen,  
O Guardian of my soul.**

**4 O Jesus, you have promised  
to all who follow you  
that where you are in glory  
your servant shall be too.  
And Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
oh, give me grace to follow,  
my master and my friend.**

Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.

*Please stand as you are able*

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

**P:** Compassionate God,

**C:** **Through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

**\*BLESSING:**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,

✠ one God,

bless, heal, and hold you

today and always.

**THREE-FOLD AMEN**

**\*SENDING SONG: “*How Firm a Foundation*” (ELW 796)**

**1     How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

**2     "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."**

**3     "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.  
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."**

**4     "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove  
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."**

Text: J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt.

**\*DISMISSAL:**

**P:**     Lord, thank you for this time together. Go with us as we leave and guide us  
in your ways.

**C:**     **Thanks be to God!**

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

Jerry Anderson

Larry Sather

Dennis Rosenquist

Kristy Fyhrie

Joan Burquest

Lois Rosenquist



**Organists:** Marcia Guenther & Brad Lambrecht  
**Altar Care:** Bev Arvidson  
**Usher:** NEED VOLUNTEER  
**Acolyte:** NEED VOLUNTEER  
**Lay Reader:** Chris Carter  
**Communion Assistant:** Chris Carter  
**Birthday Card Sender:** Elaine Fyhrie

**Thank you to all who attended and helped in any way with VBS. We have 33 kids in attendance and 30+ adult and youth helpers that have helped when they can to make each night a success!**

*Celebrating the  
Strength, Love, and  
Guidance You Give*

Happy Father's Day! Today we honor you for the wisdom you share, the support you give, and the steady love that never wavers. Thank you for the sacrifices you make and the joy you bring into the lives of those who look up to you. Wishing you a day filled with appreciation, relaxation, and all the happiness you truly deserve.

**\*NEWS AND NOTES\***

**Everything in the Sanctuary and entry will need to be moved out on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> so the new flooring and carpet can be installed. ANY HELP IS APPRECIATED as the pews will need to be moved to the basement.**

**The Pork Chop Feed** is Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm at Faith in Miliona. Sign-up is on the Narthex table for workers and for making pans of bars for the event. There are also flyers available - please take a few and hang up around the community when you are out and about.

**Ice Cream Social Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>!** Worship will be at 10 am with the Ice Cream Social and Country Store from 11-3pm. Please help spread the word by sharing posts about the Ice Cream Social on Facebook.

- **Naomi Circle will make ice cream**
- **Martha Circle will serve**
- **Ruth Circle will do the advertising**



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Mobile Faith Engagement. Any questions please ask Mandy Arvidson.

**We welcome you to join us for Worship by the Water on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>** at 10 am at the home of Rodney Peterson. Please be sure to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on during worship. We invite you to stay for a potluck after worship for a time of food and fellowship. Also, bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Rodney's address is 13335 County Road 42, Parkers Prairie, MN.

**TURN HUNGER INTO HOPE WITH YOUR OWN TWO HANDS.** Join us for a Feed My Starving Children MobilePack™ event to provide life changing meals where they're needed most. We welcome volunteers of all abilities, ages 5 and up to help us pack 101,088 meals!

WHAT: FMSC MobilePack™ events offer volunteers a one-of-a-kind experience. You'll hand-pack rice, soy, dried vegetables and a nutritionally complete blend of vitamins and minerals into bags which are then sealed, boxed, placed on pallets and shipped to incredible partners who distribute the food to children who need it around the world.

DATE: June 28-29, 2026

LOCATION: Calvary Church | 605 Douglas St., Alexandria, MN

VOLUNTEER: It's fun to serve alongside people you know! Sign up with your family, coworkers, teammates, or friends. Volunteers of all abilities (ages 5 and up) are welcome, and you do not need to be connected to Calvary to participate. Shifts are 2 hours each.

DONATE: Your generosity makes a huge difference in the lives of thousands of children in need around the world! The total cost for this MobilePack™ event is \$30k. Thanks to a generous donor, the next \$7,500 donated will be matched.

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**Check out the Esther Calendar on our website to stay up to date on everything happening! Go to [estherlutheran.com](http://estherlutheran.com) and click on “Esther Calendar.”**

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