

June 21, 2026

First Reading

Psalm 69:7-18

A reading from the 69th Psalm.

Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.

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

Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

I humbled myself with fasting,
but that was turned to my reproach.

I put on sackcloth also,
and became a byword among them.

Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,
and the drunkards make songs about me.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

Draw near to me and redeem me;
because of my enemies deliver me.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading

Romans 6:1b-11

A reading from the 6th Chapter of Romans.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase?

By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it?

Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

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.

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.

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.

For whoever has died is freed from sin.

But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**