

**Lector - Prior to the service please check the service bulletin to confirm the readings and to determine if both the Old Testament lesson and the New Testament lesson will be read. Please ask the celebrant if you have any questions concerning the readings. Thank you.**

7:30 am SMC; 9 am Church; 11 am Contemporary Church;  
11:00 am SMC; 5:30 pm SMC

**June 21, 2026**

**The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**A Reading from the prophet Jeremiah**

*[Jeremiah 20:7-13]*

**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. 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. 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. 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.” 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. 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. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.**

**The Word of the Lord**

**7:30 am SMC**

The psalm/canticle is read by the lector.

**9 am Church & 11:00 am SMC**

The Psalm is chanted by the choir. Please step from the lectern and wait to the side by the seated priest during the psalm and then return to the lectern for the reading of the second lesson.

**11 am Church**

No psalm will be read at this service.

**5:30 pm SMC**

The psalm/canticle is read by the lector.

*The portion of the Psalter appointed for today is taken from **Psalm 69***

*Let us read aloud and together:*

*[Psalm 69: 8-11, 18-20]*

**Surely, for your sake have I 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.**

**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.”**

## **A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans**

*[Romans 6:1b-11]*

**Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore 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. 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, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have 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**