

June 6 - 7, 2026

Second Sunday after Pentecost Readings

First Reading

A Reading from Hosea

Thus says the Divine One: I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.

In their distress they will say to themselves:

“Come, let us return to God,
for God has torn us down, and on; will heal us;
Yahweh has struck down, and Yahweh will bind us up.
After two days we will be revived;
on the third day we will be raised us up,
that we may live again before God.
Let us know, let us press on to know Yahweh;
who will appear as sure as the dawn;
and will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

And then I the Holy One will answer them:

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?

What shall I do with you, O Judah?

Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.

Hear this -

I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of Love and justice rather than burnt offerings.

(pause)

Reader: **Word of God, word of Life.**

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

Second Reading

A Reading from Romans

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all the descendants of Abraham (who is the father of all of us). Abraham had faith. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations. He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what God had promised. Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” And so it will also be reckoned to us if we only believe in the One who raised Jesus from the dead and was raised for our justification.

(pause)

Reader: **Word of God, word of Life.**

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel According to Matthew

As Jesus was walking along,
he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station,
and he said to him, "Follow me."
And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came
and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples.
When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples,
"Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"
But when he heard this, he said,
"Those who are well have no need of a physician,
but those who are sick.
Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.'
For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them,
suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying,
"My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live."
And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.
Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve
years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak,
for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well."
Jesus turned, and seeing her he said,
"Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well."
And the woman was made well from that moment.
When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players
and the crowd making a commotion, he said,
"Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping."
And they laughed at him.
But when the crowd had been put outside,
he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up.
And the report of this spread through all of that district.

Pastor: **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Congregation: Thanks be to God.