

June 13 - 14, 2026

Third Sunday after Pentecost Readings

**First Reading**

A Reading from Exodus

The Israelites journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. The people all answered as one, “Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

(pause)

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

**Congregation:** Praise to you, O Christ.

## Second Reading

### A Reading from Romans

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand,  
and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.  
And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions,  
knowing that affliction produces endurance,  
and endurance produces character,  
and character produces hope,  
and hope does not put us to shame,  
because God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak,  
at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.  
Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—  
though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.  
But God proves his love for us  
in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

(pause)

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

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

## Gospel

### A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel According to Matthew

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness.

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

The twelve apostles Jesus sent out with the following instructions:

As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'

Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons.

You received without payment; give without payment.

Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food.

Whatever town or village you enter,

find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave.

As you enter the house, greet it.

If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it,

but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words,

shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town.

"I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves,

so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues,

and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles.

When they hand you over,

do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say,

for what you are to say will be given to you at that time,

for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

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

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.