



**Sunday June 7, 2026**

**Second Sunday After Pentecost**

*As you enter, you are invited into a time  
to silently reflect and center for worship*

**Services are live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook  
each week. Welcome to all to view.**

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN **ELW 641** *"All Are Welcome"*

GREETING

P/ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**R/ And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. **By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

WORD

FIRST READING

**Hosea 6:4-6**

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;  
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

<sup>6</sup> For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

L/Word of God, Word of Life **R/Thanks Be to God**

## PSALM

## Psalm 50:7-15

- <sup>7</sup> “Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you;  
for I am God, your God.
- <sup>8</sup> **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.**
- <sup>9</sup> I will not accept a calf from your stalls, nor goats from your pens;
- <sup>10</sup> **for all the wild animals of the forest are mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**
- <sup>11</sup> I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the fields are mine.
- <sup>12</sup> **If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**
- <sup>13</sup> Do you think eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?
- <sup>14</sup> **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.**
- <sup>15</sup> Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

## SECOND READING Romans 4:13-25

- <sup>13-15</sup> That famous promise God gave Abraham—that he and his children would possess the earth—was not given because of something Abraham did or would do. It was based on God’s decision to put everything together for him, which Abraham then entered when he believed. If those who get what God gives them only get it by doing everything they are told to do and filling out all the right forms properly signed, that eliminates personal trust completely and turns the promise into an ironclad *contract*! That’s not a holy promise; that’s a business deal. A contract drawn up by a hard-nosed lawyer and with plenty of fine print only makes sure that you will never be able to collect. But if there is no contract in the first place, simply a *promise*—and God’s promise at that—you can’t break it.
- <sup>16</sup> This is why the fulfillment of God’s promise depends entirely on trusting God and his way, and then simply embracing him and what he does. God’s promise arrives as pure gift. That’s the only way everyone can be sure to get in on it, those who keep the religious traditions *and* those who have never heard of them. For Abraham is father of us all. He is not our racial father—that’s reading the story backward. He is our *faith* father.
- <sup>17-18</sup> We call Abraham “father” not because he got God’s attention by living like a saint, but because God made something out of Abraham when he was a nobody. Isn’t that what we’ve always read in Scripture, God saying to Abraham, “I set you up as father of many peoples”? Abraham was first named “father” and then *became* a father because he dared to trust God to do what only God could do: raise the dead to life, with a word make something out of nothing. When everything was hopeless, Abraham believed anyway, deciding to live not on the basis of what he saw he *couldn’t* do but on what God said he *would* do. And so he was made father of a multitude of peoples. God himself said to him, “You’re going to have a big family, Abraham!”
- <sup>19-25</sup> Abraham didn’t focus on his own impotence and say, “It’s hopeless. This hundred-year-old

body could never father a child.” Nor did he survey Sarah’s decades of infertility and give up. He didn’t tiptoe around God’s promise asking cautiously skeptical questions. He plunged into the promise and came up strong, ready for God, sure that God would make good on what he had said. That’s why it is said, “Abraham was declared fit before God by trusting God to set him right.” But it’s not just Abraham; it’s also us! The same thing gets said about us when we embrace and believe the One who brought Jesus to life when the conditions were equally hopeless. The sacrificed Jesus made us fit for God, set us *right with God*. (The Message)

L/Word of God, Word of Life **R/Thanks Be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW pg. 102



GOSPEL **Matthew 9:9-26**

P/ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 9th chapter. **R/Glory to you, O Lord.**

### The Call of Matthew

<sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> And as he sat at dinner<sup>[a]</sup> in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting<sup>[b]</sup> with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>12</sup> But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

### The Question about Fasting

<sup>14</sup> Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast often,<sup>[c]</sup> but your disciples do not fast?” <sup>15</sup> And Jesus said to them, “The wedding attendants cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. <sup>16</sup> No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made. <sup>17</sup> Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are ruined, but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.”

## **A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed**

<sup>18</sup> 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." <sup>19</sup> And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup> 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, <sup>21</sup> for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." <sup>22</sup> 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. <sup>23</sup> When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup> he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup> But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup> And the report of this spread through all of that district.

### SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY **ACS 1020** "*Let My Spirit Always Sing*"

### APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P/ Lord, in your mercy **R/ Hear our prayer.**

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

### MEAL

### OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: **ACS 943** "*As the Wind Song*"

### OFFERING PRAYER:

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. **Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING:

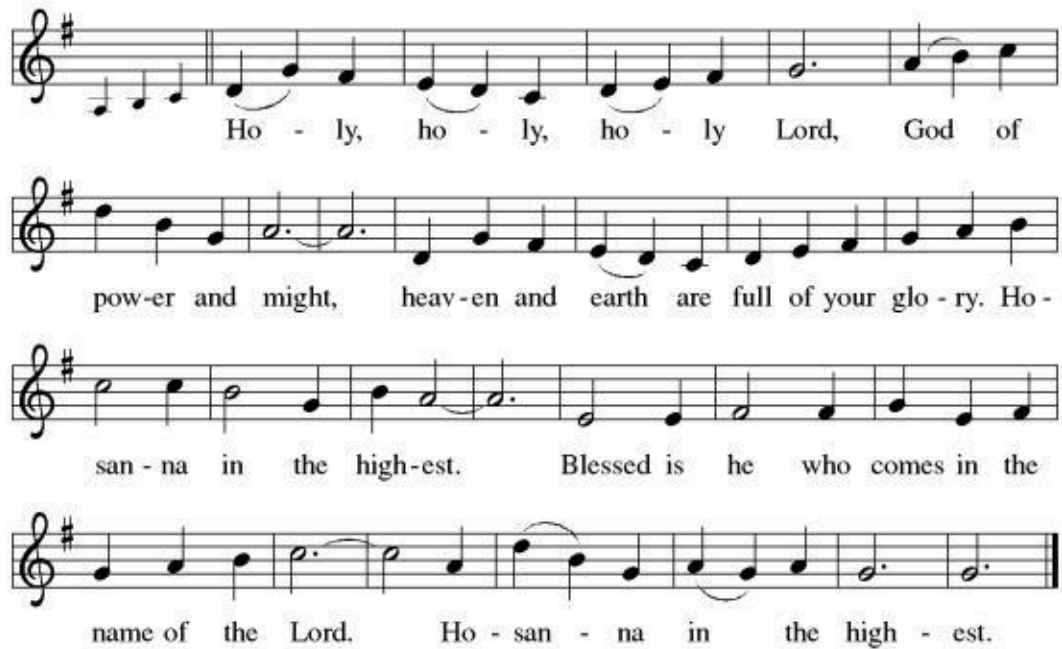
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to our God. **It is right to offer our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE & HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

P/..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD ELW pg. 112-113

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

**ELW 808** *“Lord Jesus, You Shall be My Song”*  
**ACS 1019** *“Lord Jesus Christ, Lover of All”*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER :

Lord God, **you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN **ELW 860** *“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”*

DISMISSAL

P/ Go in peace. Expect God's love to change you. **R/Thanks be to God.**

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**Special Congregational Meeting Today**

Church Council requests a Congregational meeting/vote to be held today, (June 7) right after worship, to obtain spending permission for Parish house improvements. This meeting will be specifically for window replacement. Please join us after worship to vote on this request.