

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

HOSEA 5:15-6:6

¹I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me.

¹“Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. ²After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. ³Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.”

⁴What 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 early away. ⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. ⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

PSALM 145:3, 5B, 6B

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. On your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare your greatness.

¹³The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 9:9-13

P The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him. ¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were

reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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HYMN OF THE DAY “LET ME BE THINE FOREVER”

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SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in your Mercy, **C** Hear our Prayer.

In Our Prayers:

+ Sonya Clausen	+ Associate Pastor to be Kyle Bliss
+ Scott Christenson	+ Angela Litzau
+ Andy Birkholz	+ Mark Barlau
+ Dan Gueningsman	+ Anna Tracy
+ Maya Radtke	+ Hillard Klaustermeier
+ Bonnie Mueller	+ Dave Wroge

OFFERING

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠ P. 208-210

The Sacrament is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His true body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation, to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Our Lord Jesus invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us (Matt. 26:26-28; 1Cor. 11:23-29; Matt.6:15).

We practice closed communion. Why? (1 Cor. 10:16-17). Because our Lord says those who eat and drink His body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm. If not yet instructed, in doubt, or holding a confession differing from that of the LCMS, you are lovingly asked not to commune at this time. Pastor is happy to make an appointment to discuss adult catechesis or questions you have regarding the Sacrament of the Altar.

Examination Questions: Please prepare by asking yourself — Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior from sin? Do I believe that I am receiving the body and blood of Christ along with the bread and wine? Will I try, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live a more God-pleasing life?

Prayers for “Before communing” and “Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament” are printed on the front cover of the hymnal.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“I COME, O SAVIOR, TO THY TABLE”	618
“COME, FOLLOW ME, THE SAVIOR SPAKE”	688
“JESUS SINNERS DOTH RECEIVE”	609
“NOT WHAT THESE HANDS HAVE DONE”	567

NUNC DIMITTIS P. 211

BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION P. 212

CLOSING HYMN “MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE” 702

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

<p><u>Attendance Last Week</u> Sunday: 141</p>

<p><u>Organist:</u> Jane Holasek</p>

<p>CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>

- 1. ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICE** for Rev. Kyle Bliss will be held on Sunday, June 21 at 1:00 p.m. A light reception will follow the service in our church fellowship hall.
- 2. YOUTH NIGHT- TONIGHT** June 7th for grades 6-12. We will have supper, bible study and game night. Bring your favorite board or card game. This will be held from 6:00- 8:00 PM.
- 3. MUSIC IN THE PARK ACT/KFC FUNDRAISER-** We need help from the youth at St. Paul’s at Music in the Park is THIS TUESDAY, JUNE 9th. We will be serving shredded hot beef sandwiches. ACT/KFC kids in grades 6 and up should meet at the picnic shelter by 4:30 to help set up and we should be done 7. Money raised from this event will support youth activities, including the National Youth Gathering Trip in summer of 2028.

4. SANDWICH MINISTRY- Join us for our monthly sandwich making event on Thursday, June 18th at 8:30 a.m.

5. ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP applications are available on the wall pocket file by the church offices. These scholarships are for Christian Education for individuals attending a LCMS Christian pre-school, K-8, high school, Concordia University, or Concordia Seminary. Deadline to apply is July 1st.

6. BAHR/STREI SCHOLARSHIP applications are available on the wall pocket file by the church offices. The Bahr/Strei scholarship is for church work fields of study at a LCMS Concordia University or Seminary. Please return all applications by July 1st, 2026.

7. POLKA SERVICE AND HOG ROAST will be held on Sunday, June 28th. Service will be at 10:00 AM, with meal to follow. See the June Lamplighter for more information.

8. SCHEDULE- June 14~ (One Service only) Ushers: Brad Ernst, John Lange, Doug Hecksel, Nate Ide; Acolytes: A. Lind, L. Dressler; Greeters- Nick & Karissa Rasset; Flowers: Audrey Litzau; Altar Guild: Katelin Kinneman, Patty Dietel; Worship Bags: Elaine Peterson

Acknowledgement:

+ A memorial for Darian Litzau was received in the amount of \$200.00 for the Windows of Faith Campaign.

Calendar of Events

Sun. June 7	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	WORSHIP SERVICE WITH COMMUNION Youth Night
Mon. June 8	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Elder Meeting Council Meeting
Tues. June 9	5:30-7:00 p.m.	ACT Serve food at Music in the Park
Wed. June 10	Noon	Deadline for Bulletin
Sun. June 14	9:00 a.m.	WORSHIP WITH CONT. LINE COMM. Basement Rental

+ + + KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE + + +

What is the “Collect”?

The word “collect” (pronounced COLL-ect) comes from the Latin word “collectus” which means “gathered together.” A Collect is a prayer to God which **gathers together** the thoughts of the congregation into one prayer for the day.

Why do we use a Collect in the Divine Service?

We use the Collect in the Divine Service because it focuses the congregation’s prayers and attention on the readings from God’s Word, which will be read shortly after the Collect. The Collect highlights the theme of the Sunday throughout the Church Year.



Parents: Before the Collect is prayed in the service, remind your children to pray in their minds along with the pastor. Encourage them to pay close attention to his words. Encourage them to listen for the theme in the collect and in the Gospel reading.



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