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2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2026

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+ *Those who are able please stand.*
(Congregation responses are printed in bold type)

LBW = Green book
WOV = Blue book

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

+ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS - SUMMER

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have neglected to nurture the new growth you cause to sprout among us. We have failed to protect those tender and vulnerable in faith from the choking weeds of our indifference and inflexibility. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, rededicate us, and compel us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

+ GATHERING HYMN

“We Come to You for Healing, Lord”



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

+ GREETING

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


And also with you

+ KYRIE

Cantor



We pray for peace, O Lord, make plow - shares of our swords, make



plow - shares of our swords: hear us when we cry to you.

Assembly



Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have



mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

Cantor



Christ, make us grow in grace un - til we see your face, un -



til we see your face: hear us when we cry to you.

Assembly



Christ, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Christ, have




mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

Cantor



De - fend your church, O Lord, and root it in your word, and



root it in your word: hear us when we cry to you.

Assembly

Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have
mer-cy on us: hear our cry. A - men.

+ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

1 A - bove the hills the an - gel hosts
2 In heav'n, on earth reigns God Most High,
3 Sing jus - tice, mer - cy, joy, and peace, sing
4 We wor - ship you, our thanks we bring,
5 To Je - sus Christ, God's Son, our Lord,
glo - ry! Glo - ry! Glo - ry! God's love is come to
Yet ten - der - ly God grants
God's own good will
We bow be - fore you
The Lamb of God, e -
seek the lost.
hears our cry.
sin's re - lease. Give glo - ry to God in the high - est!
as we sing.
ter - nal Word.

+ SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together ...

Nurturing God, like a good shepherd you provide for the needs of your flock. When we grow tired in our labors, sustain us; when we grow complacent in our caring for others, restore our commitment to nurture and protect your faithful among us, especially those whose faith is new and tender; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: HOSEA 5:15-6:6

¹¹⁵ I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.

In their distress they will beg my favor:

^{6:1} “Come, let us return to the LORD, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

² After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.

³ Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.”

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

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

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:7-15

⁷ “Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

⁸ **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.**

⁹ I will not accept a calf from your stalls, nor goats from your pens;

¹⁰ **for all the wild animals of the forest are mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**

¹¹ I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the fields are mine.

¹² **If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

¹³ Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

⁴ **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.**

¹⁵ Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 4:13-25

¹³ 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. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as 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.

¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³ Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



1 O God, whose word well-plant - ed yields fruit a hun - dred - fold,
 2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,
 3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient field



we praise your grac - es grant - ed to those who sowed of old,
 at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant - ing be in vain.
 will test with truth the proud - est that hu - man work can yield.



who by their wit - ness scat - tered good seed up - on the soil
 Send show - ers of your Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace,
 Op - pres - sion's blight will van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease;



where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.
 that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.
 and love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

1+ GOSPEL: MATTHEW 9:9-13, 18-26

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹ 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.

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

¹⁸ 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.”

¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ 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, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.”

²² 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. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

WOV#780



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

+ APOSTLE'S 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 INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

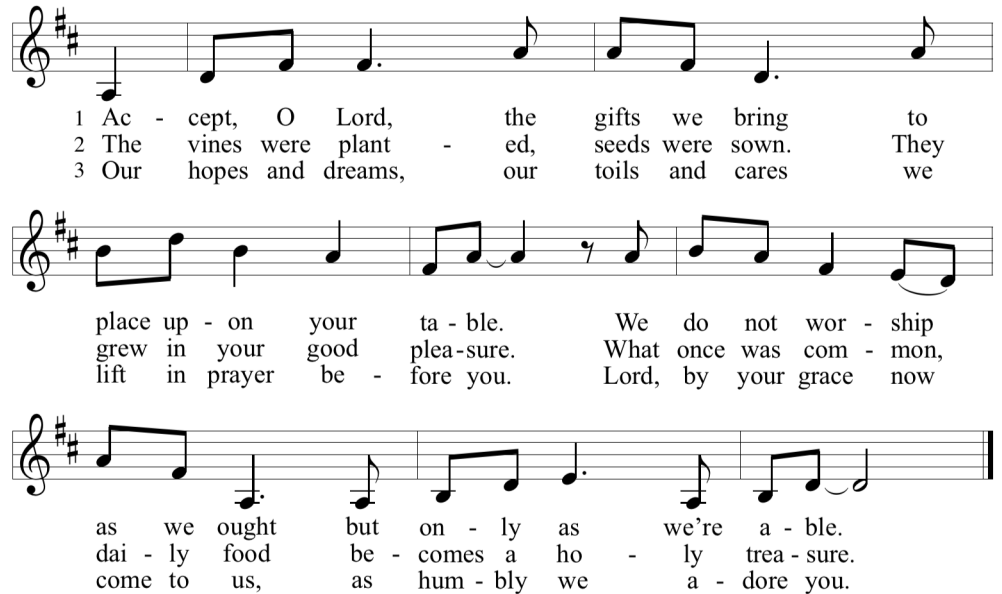
+ SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

+ OFFERTORY SONG



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we

place up - on your ta - ble. We do not wor - ship
grew in your good plea - sure. What once was com - mon,
lift in prayer be - fore you. Lord, by your grace now

as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
dai - ly food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

+ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together ...

Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 the Lord our God.

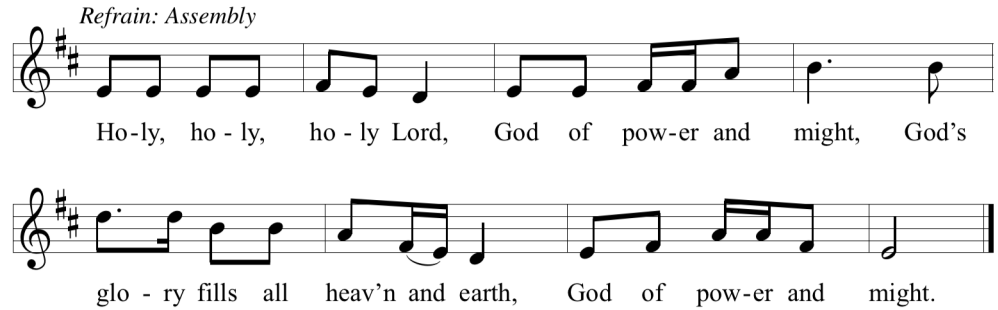
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+ PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You sent your Son to reveal your never-failing love for creation. Through your Holy Spirit you provide for our nurture and protection, that we might have all things necessary for growth in grace and humble service to your people. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in adoring song.

Pastor sings the 3 verses, congregation joins in on the refrain

Refrain: Assembly



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, God's
glo - ry fills all heav'n and earth, God of pow-er and might.

+ **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

+ **LORD'S PRAYER**

+ **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Taste and see that the Lord is Good.

Thanks be to God.

O LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, to earth you came to
2 O Lamb of God, the on - ly Son, to
save us all from grief and shame. Shorn of your life, up -
us show mer - cy, Ho - ly One. You save the world from
on the tree you hung in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
all its sin. Lord, give to us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION – All of God's children are welcome at the table for communion. Come forward in two lines to receive the bread from the pastor and wine/grape juice from a communion assistant.

+ **TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in his grace.

Amen.

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together....

Gracious God, we give thanks for your pruning, planting, and nurture. We rejoice that you have used the harvest of field and vineyard to renew and sustain us. Lead us as we go from this life-giving meal into lives of grateful service to you and your cherished creation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

+ BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

+SENDING HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

<u>Serving 6/7/2026</u>		<u>Serving 6/14/2026</u>	
Organist	Teresa Yost	Organist	Becky Lippard
Children's Sermon	Alex Storey	Children's Sermon	Randy Basinger
Lector	Alex Storey	Lector	Chris Sloop
Communion Assistant	Duane Nolan, S. Tim Sloop	Communion Assistant	Duane Nolan, Shelly Hunter
Acolyte	JoJo Crossen	Acolyte	Cruz Beers
Security Team	Michael Miller, Matt Sechler	Security Team	Jeremy Parris, Cody Ritchie
Sound System	Carson Hurst	Sound System	Finn Basinger
Teller Team	Brent Yost, Sheila Basinger, Patsy Parnell	Teller Team	Brent Yost, Sheila Basinger, Patsy Parnell
Ushers	Jeff & Sharon Ritchie, Patsy Parnell, Karen Reynolds	Ushers	Jeff & Sharon Ritchie, Patsy Parnell, Karen Reynolds

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God and in memory of Wayne Wright and Myrtle Yost, Carol and Paul Yost, Everette & Daisy Yost, Paul and Irene Ritchie, Walter & Ilene Wise, Tillman Freeze, L.M. Carter, Jeffrey Carter, Scott Winecoff, Nell Yost Winecoff and Phil & Carol Yost Dwigginns by the Yost Family

MILES POPE MEMORIAL 5K will be held June 13. This is to raise funds for swim lessons for children. Please see Morgan or Sonny Pope for more details.

VBS will be held June 19 and 20th. VBS Celebration will be held during the worship service in the FLC on Sunday June 21st.

BISHOP EMILY HARTNER will be our guest next Sunday. There will be a covered dish lunch following the service.

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This Week's Giving 05/31/2026		Needed Weekly	
Category	Amount	Per Spending Plan	Difference
Attendance 166			
Current	\$ 6,675.00		
Sunday School (Attendance 58)	\$ 41.00		
Property Fund	\$ 150.00		
Director of Youth and Family Ministries	\$ 75.00		
Benevolence	\$ 60.00		
World Hunger	\$ 50.00		
Total Current	\$ 7,051.00	\$ 8,251.00	\$ (1,200.00)
Laura Reynolds Love Offering	\$ 25.00		
Myles for Mission 5k	\$ 175.00		
Organ Fund (In Honor of Rebekah Safriet and in Memory of Cory Safriet)	\$ 50.00		
Boy Scouts	\$ 50.00		
Scholarship Fund	\$ 50.00		
Building Fund	\$ 100.00		
Facility Rental (Capital Improvement Fund)	\$ 120.00		
Kids of Grace	\$ 300.00		
Total Deposit	\$ 7,921.00		

Scan here for online giving.



May 2026	Electronic Giving Amount
Current	\$4,344.71
Benevolence	\$160.00
Building Fund	\$150.00
Fish Fry	\$5.00
Kids of Grace	\$30.00
Youth of Grace	\$5.00
Lutheran Disaster Response Organ	\$5.00
Scholarship	\$260.00
	\$20.00
Total	\$4,979.71

Prayer List

Immediate needs:

Shirley Stiller, Debbie Parris, Nancy Shue, Judy Copeland

Community Concerns:

Lily Gariepy (*Fish Fry Recipient*), Kassana Alexander, Sandy Whitaker, Christine Whitaker (*Pastor Josh*), Pastor David Drysdale (*Pastor Josh*), Lynn Potter (*Emily Copeland*), Tim & Judy Shue (*Mary Austin*), David Stirewalt (*Gene Stirewalt*), Kristie Thomas (*Jackie Hurlbut*), Brenda Cole (*Barbara Collins*)

Comfort:

Ongoing Needs:

John Miller, Bobby & Barbara Sloop, Mary Miller, Kari Overcash, Janice Gray, Janis Eury, Allen & Lynn Sloop, Sophie Hooks, Louise Vaughn, Judy Copeland, Diane Bouk, Arlene Wise, Hazel Miller, Ronnie Gorman, Earl Thomas, Jesse Martin, Alice & Michael Baglio, Laura Reynolds, Irene Miller, Ray Baker, Emily Weddington, Monica Crossen, Lynn Aldridge, Mike Stout

Those who serve others

Active Duty Military personnel and families; First Responders and families; teachers, staff and administrators