

2nd Sunday after Pentecost  
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UNITED by Christ, God calls us to LOVE one another  
As we RECEIVE, DISCOVER and PROCLAIM God's Word.

*Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord’s day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God’s mercy for the world.*

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## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

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### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING REFLECTION**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity,† one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,

**we confess to you all our sins.**

**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**

**In your mercy, call us back to you.**

**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**

**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**

**In Christ’s name we pray,**

**Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me,  
all you who are weary  
and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest."  
In the name of God,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Rest in God's love.  
**Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

### **OPENING HYMN**

*Morning Has Broken* ELW #556

**(Vs. 1, 2 & 3)**

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### **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 (spoken)**

**ELW page 138**

### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name* ELW #414

**(Vs. 4)**

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### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray

**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.**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

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## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

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### **FIRST READING—Hosea 5:15—6:6**

*Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.*

<sup>15</sup> I will return again to my place  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.  
In their distress they will beg my favor:

<sup>6:1</sup> “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.

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

<sup>3</sup> 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.”

<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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**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 I 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

*Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.*

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

<sup>16</sup> 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, <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup> Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION—*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah***

**ELW page 172**

The Holy Gospel according to the ninth chapter of Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL—Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

*Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.*

<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 in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting 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."

<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.

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

## **MESSAGE**

**Rev. Sam Mailleue**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*We Come to You for Healing, Lord* ELW #617

**(Vs. 1, 2 & 3)**

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## **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**

## **THE PRAYERS**

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

God of mercy, you call us to a life filled with acts of mercy. Ground us in following Christ, that we might extend the mercy we receive.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, all you have made is yours especially the Minnesota River. Revive lands in need of healing and make us wise stewards of all you have given us to tend.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, you promise to deliver those who call on you. Bring an end to conflict, bigotry, and injustice in all their forms wherever they are found.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, you provide for those in need. Bring an end to addiction. Comfort people as they mourn. Provide tenderly for those in need especially those on our prayer list and in our hearts.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of blessings, you send the Holy Spirit to provide varieties of gifts in the body of Christ. Accompany those who travel this summer, make our gatherings joyous, and grant us a spirit of hospitality and togetherness.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, we give you thanks for saints whose lives revealed your faithfulness like Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, whom the church remembers today.

May remembering their faithfulness strengthen our own.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

**Amen.**

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## **OFFERING**

*Gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

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**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

*What Feast of Love* ELW #487

**(Vs. 1)**

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**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Loving God,  
**we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.**  
**Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,**  
**so that all creation can taste your abundance.**  
**We ask this in the name of Jesus,**  
**through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**ELW page 144**

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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*Holy, holy, holy* ELW page 144

## **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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Heaven has come near.  
Come, share in the feast!

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Compassionate God,  
through the gifts of bread and wine  
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.  
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,  
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.  
**Amen.**

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## SENDING

*The God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

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### BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,

✝ one God,

bles, heal, and hold you

today and always.

**Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN

*Will You Come and Follow Me* ELW #798

**(Vs. 1, 2 & 4)**

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### DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

### **Welcome to First Lutheran Church**

*Whether you are looking for a place of worship  
or are just passing through, we hope our service has blessed you  
on your journey as your presence has been a blessing to us.*





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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **June Ministry Focus: Inclusivity Awareness**

In the life and ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we are reminded that God's love is wide enough to embrace every person and every story. As followers of Christ, we are called to build communities rooted in grace, compassion, justice, and welcome. In a world that can often feel divided, the church is invited to be a place where all people are seen, valued, and loved as children of God. Together, we continue the work of listening deeply, serving faithfully, and walking alongside one another with humility and hope.

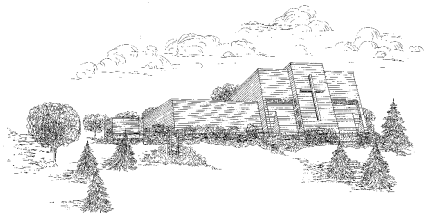
Our congregation is strongest when we reflect the love of Jesus in both word and action — opening our hearts to neighbors near and far, caring for creation, seeking peace, and honoring the dignity of every person. The Spirit continues to guide us into deeper understanding, greater kindness, and renewed purpose as we live out Christ's call to love one another. May we be a community where grace overcomes fear, where differences are met with curiosity and respect, and where all people can find belonging in God's abundant love.

**Blessing of the Wheels** will be on Sunday, June 14.

**VBS** will be held at Zion UCC June 15-18.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH**  
**THE SECOND ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC**  
Worship, donuts and coffee, games, visiting, indoor picnic lunch  
Back by popular demand the First Lutheran Baking Contest  
Four categories:  
Cookies and bars  
Cakes  
Pies  
Other desserts

Financial Update		
Week of	Amount Received	Amount Needed
5-31-26	\$3,870	\$4,523
YTD	\$101,261	\$104,027



## Weekly Schedule

Sunday, June 7	<b>9:00a</b> 10:00a	<b>Worship w/Holy Communion</b> Church Council Retreat
Monday, June 8	10:00a	Nursing Home Service
Wednesday, June 10	9:00a	Staff Meeting
Sunday, June 14	<b>9:00a</b>	<b>Worship</b> <b>Blessing of the Wheels</b>

### Worship Assistants

<b>June 7, 2026</b>		<b>June 14, 2026</b>	
Organist/Pianist:	Margo Bjork	Organist/Pianist:	Virginia Miller
First Choir Director:	Jennifer Weick	First Choir Director:	Jennifer Weick
Acolytes:	Malcolm Mailleue	Acolytes:	Lyndon Rassmussen
Reader:	Bonnie Keech	Reader:	Gene Dwyer
Usher:	Chuck Frauendienst	Usher:	John Miller
Greeters:	Bonnie Keech	Greeters:	Stefanie Eischens
Communion Asst:	Bonnie Keech	Council Member:	Andrew Montag
	Joan May	Fellowship:	Alinders
Council Member:	Sara Carrigan	Projection:	Tech Team
Fellowship:		Audio:	Tech Team
Projection:	Tech Team	Videographer:	Becky Pollack
Audio:	Tech Team	Offering Counters:	Bob Bartle
Videographer:	Becky Pollack		John Miller
Offering Counters:	Joanne Graff	Altar Guild:	Bonnie Keech
	Dave Johnson		
Altar Guild:	Bonnie Keech		