

**The THIRD SUNDAY after PENTECOST  
June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 9:30 AM**

**WELCOME**



Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

- ✠ Preacher – The Reverend Wes Smith
- ✠ Officiant – Pr. Rudy Schneider

**CONFESSION & 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.**

**OPENING HYMN: ELW#858 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

**Prayer of the Day** - God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord. **Amen.**

**GOD'S HOLY WORD**

**FIRST READING: Exodus 19: 2 – 8a**

<sup>2</sup>[The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.<sup>3</sup>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:

<sup>4</sup>'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>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, <sup>6</sup>but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

<sup>7</sup>So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8a</sup>The people all answered as one, "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

The Word of the Lord...**Thanks be to God!**



## Psalm 100

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands! <sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

<sup>3</sup> **Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

<sup>4</sup> Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.

<sup>5</sup> **Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26; **Glory to You, O Lord!**

<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, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## The RITE of CONFIRMATION

*The congregation is asked to join the confirmands in the profession of faith.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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 into hell. 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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 Confirmands are asked the following:-*

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

To live among God's faithful people,  
To hear the Word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
To serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
And to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Each confirmands responds:* I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

*The congregation is asked:*

People of God, do you promise to support these young believers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*The Confirmation Blessing is given by the laying on of hands. Congregants are invited to participate.*

## **SERMON – When Ridicule Comes... The Reverend Wes Smith**

### **HYMN: ELW#772 – O That the Lord would Guide My Ways**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

† *We recognize all joining us virtually and give voice to any greetings or prayer requests.*

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

*A brief silence.*

God of freedom, you ransomed Israel from slavery to be a holy people. Free us also to be a people who proclaim your liberating love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, you call all the earth to make a joyful noise to you. Let us join the chorus of the natural world in proclaiming your glory. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, you sent Jesus as peace for all of humankind. Bring an end to war and conflict, bring hope to places devastated by destruction, and sustain those who advocate for peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of grace, you pour hope and love into our hearts in times of shame and doubt. Protect those experiencing housing insecurity. Uplift anyone struggling with hopelessness, illness, or other worries. Grace those from our families and community that we now name silently in our hearts, or out loud, with our prayers and your blessings. *(Please name silently or out loud)*.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all, you call your children to serve in a plentiful harvest. Give us the wisdom to know how best to serve our local community and our neighbors. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of faith, we give thanks for the saints who earnestly seek you. Guide us as we seek to follow those who have led your church. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of divine wisdom and guidance, we seek Your guiding hand in our search for a shepherd that will lead us with humility, love, and grace. Lord, bless our search process, our call committee and open doors to reveal the right candidate to us.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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

### **OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, thank you for satisfying our every desire and need. Your word says that we should give honor to you with the first fruits of our wealth. Accept our tithes and offerings as a gift of worship to you. Multiply what we give for the effective growth of your kingdom. May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith so that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may have the strength to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. May we be filled with all the fullness of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, **Amen.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

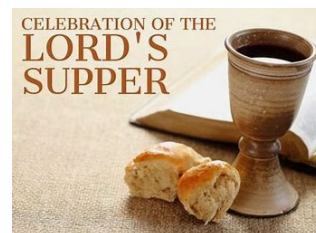
And on the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest and pray unto you the prayer he taught us to pray –**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**



**Invitation to Communion** – Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

**OUR TIME OF COMMUNION WITH THE LORD!**

**COMMUNION HYMNS:**

<b>1 - Create in Me</b>	<b>2 – Stir my Spirit</b>
Create in me a clean heart, Oh God, And renew a right Spirit within me. Create in me a clean heart, Oh God, And renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, Oh Lord, And take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, And renew a right Spirit within me. <small>© 1997 Mission Hills Music, CCLI License # 22085334</small>	Stir my spirit, O Lord, I pray Tune my ear that I might hear Your word. Take pleasure in, be glorified by every step I take, Build my life a temple for You, Lord.  By Darrell Dement c. 1986 ZionSong Music, CCLI license #22085334

**3: The Steadfast Love of the Lord**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
His mercies never come to an end.  
They are new every morning, new every morning,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord,  
Great is Thy faithfulness.

*Edith McNeill c. 1974, 1975 Celebration. CCLI # 541850*

**Closing Prayer** - 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.**

**Blessing** - Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: Your Name is Jesus**

Your name is Jesus, the Lord of all,  
You reign in majesty, at your feet we fall,  
We lift our hands to you, O Lord we worship you,  
Your name is Jesus, the Lord of all!  
King of kings and Lord of lords, creator of all things,  
King of kings and Lord of lords, let all the nations sing...

Your name is Jesus, the Lord of all,  
You reign in majesty, at your feet we fall,  
We lift our hands to you, O Lord we worship you,  
Your name is Jesus, your name is Jesus, your name is Jesus,  
The Lord of all, the Lord of all, the Lord of all.

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**Dismissal:** Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**