



June 14, 2026 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER

In our Old Testament reading, God proclaims that His people have seen what He did, how He “bore [them] on eagles’ wings and brought [them] to [himself]” (Exodus 19:4). Now, as He has rescued them from Egypt, He calls them “my treasured possession among all peoples ... and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation” (Exodus 19:5-6). St. Peter picks up on this language, and says, “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9). God has called *you*, dear reader, to be a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s treasured possession. This is who you are. And He has called you, as His holy priests, to proclaim His excellencies among the nations – that Jesus has called you out of darkness into His light; and that this good news is for your neighbor, too.

WELCOME

HYMN *LSB 790, “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

OPENING VERSICLES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: This is the day which the Lord has made;

People: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Pastor: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

People: **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

Pastor: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

People: **Teach me Your paths.**

Pastor: Sanctify us in Your truth.

People: **Your Word is truth.**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

People: **to God my exceeding joy.**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: When we examine our hearts and consciences,
People: **we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves.**

Pastor: Therefore, let us confess our sins to God our Father, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. We take a moment of silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,
People: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?
People: **Yes.**

Pastor: Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE *(Music in hymnal: LSB 261)*

All: *Refrain:* **The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.**

With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted." *Refrain*

Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. *Refrain*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

CATECHISM *The First Commandment (Exodus 20:3; LSB 321)*

Pastor: What is the first commandment?

People: You shall have no other gods.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 19:2–8*

² They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³ while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴ ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶ and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.” ⁷ So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. ⁸ All the people answered together and said, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalms 100:1–5*

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Pastor: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

Pastor: For the Lord is good;

People: his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

EPISTLE READING *Romans 5:6–15*

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. ¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 9:35–10:20*

Pastor: The holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the ninth and tenth chapters.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” ¹ And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ² The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. ⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. ⁹ Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. ¹¹ And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. ¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town. ¹⁶ “Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹ When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰ For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

RESPONSORY

Pastor: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

People: **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Pastor: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

People: **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

People: **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

HYMN *LSB 646, “Church of God, Elect and Glorious”*

SERMON *“A Treasured Possession” (Exodus 19:2-8)*

APOSTLE’S CREED

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

HYMN *LSB 791, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"*

PRAYER

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For ... let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

All: **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.**

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

Pastor: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

Pastor: We pray together:

People: **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

BLESSING

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN LSB 918, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

CLOSING

Pastor: Go in peace and serve your neighbor.

People: Thanks be to God!

Next Week's Readings: June 21, 2026 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 20:7-13 Psalm 91:1-10 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

Service adapted from Prayer and Preaching (LSB 260-267) and Corporate Confession and Absolution (LSB 290-291).



ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of June 14, 2026

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Family for the Week: Carol Rolufs
Good Shepherd, Carthage-Rev. Silas Mehl

Prayers of Peace and Comfort:

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Health and Healing:

Gladys Bauer – (health and healing from procedure)

Rick Bauer – (Gladys' son – health and healing)

Complete Prayer List:

Temporary

Ardella – (health and healing)
Tammy Ardrey – (cousin of Kathy Holle – health and healing)
Bruce Banks – (friend of Teri Ediger)
Gladys Bauer – (health and healing from procedure)
Becky – (daughter of Diane and Bill Thompson)
Jeannie Bennett – (relative of Teri Ediger – health and healing)
Rev. Johannes Brann – (health and healing/peace and comfort)
Rev. Brian and Jessica Chisamore – (health and healing for Jessica)
Treaa Bussey – (friend of Pam Bowling – (health and healing)
Joyce Campbell – (friend of Wanda Thompson–health and healing)
Chasity–(Bernie and Rick's daughter – health and healing)
Teri Ediger – (health and healing from surgery)
Kyle and family – (grandson to Cathy Munden, son to Teri)
McGee family – (health and healing)
Glenda – (Teri Ediger's step mother – health and healing)

Long Term

Doug Bernard – (Cathy Munden's cousin – health and healing)
Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health & healing, cancer)
Pat Bricco – (friend of Grace – health and healing)
Kathy Browne – (friend of Kathy Holle – health and healing)
Mary Ann Campbell – (friend of Harold Lampe – peace and comfort)
Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman's friend – healing from a broken–hip)
Dorthea Dennis – (health and healing)
Glenda Enlow – (health and healing)
Lois Gaddy – (friend of Gwen Lampe – health and healing)
Gary Gardner – (health and healing)
Betty Gordon – (health and healing)
Pastor Gary Griffin – (health & healing from cancer)

Bonny Gray – (sister of Cynthia Swoyer–Wolf)
Tessie Holle – (cousin of Kathy Holle)
Blazi & Jamie –(friends of Jaycee & Ty – health and healing cancer)
Janet – (Darlene Lampe's son–in–law's mother)
Donnie Munden – (brother–in–law of Cathy Munden)
Bill Parsons – (Joanne Michel's brother – health and healing)
Suzanne Parsons – (friend of Sue Doss – health and healing)
Joe Pennington – (brother–in–law of Bill Michel – health and healing)
Rebecca – (Kathy Holle's relative – health and healing from cancer)
Rob Springer – (Health and healing from surgery)
Madison Swoyer – (Cindy Swoyer's granddaughter)
Tim Tucek– (relative of Gladys Bauer – peace and comfort)
Baby Vada – (Cathy Munden's great grandchild – health and healing)
Dayton Wheeler – (grandson of Wanda Thompson – surgery)

Pastor Hagen – (health and healing)
Zana Haley and baby Veda – (Cathy Munden's granddaughter)
Marybeth Lamp – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)
Mitzie Lorenz – (friend of Harold Lampe – peace and comfort)
Jeeper Meyer – (health and healing from cancer)
Pat Michel – (Bill Michel's sister–In–Law – health & healing)
Margaret Seburn – (cousin of Joanne Michel – health and healing)
LC Stalcup – (relative of Gladys Bauer – health and healing)
Ruth Stoddard – (health & healing)
Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing from cancer)
Bill Thompson – (health and healing)
June Winger – (Sharon Barlow's mother – health & healing)

WEEK

Sunday	June 14 th	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour, Bible Study 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service
Monday	June 15 th	NO Braille
Thursday	June 18 th	Elders - 10:00 am Council - 11:00 am Confirmation - 5:30 pm
Friday	June 19 th	Pastor's Day Off
Saturday	June 20 th	Game Night-6:00 pm - Pizza followed by games
Sunday	June 21 st	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour, Bible Study 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service with Communion
Monday	June 22 nd	NO Braille



Birthdays: 6/14-Tara Martin; 6/19-Larry Wright

Anniversaries: 6/14-Rick & Bernie Thomas; 6/19-Jeeper & Teg Meyer

June

Greeters

14: Charlie & Edee Chambers

21: Bill & Joanne Michel

28: Emily Ernest & Sue Doss

Ushers

14: David Lampe

21: Charlie Chambers

28: Matthew Springer



Transportation Help Needed: One of our shut-ins is in need of transportation help to and from her doctors' appointments. We would like to have a list of people who are willing to help. You would **not** be signing up to be a driver for every appointment. You would only be signing up to be on the list of individuals willing to be contacted, if needed. Please contact Pastor Heitshusen if you are willing to put your name in the list and/or if you have any questions.



Joint Service with Trinity - Mark your calendars! On Sunday, August 16, we will worship at Trinity Lutheran Church in Freistatt, MO. More information to come.

Thank you for the donations to the yard sale, thank you for our helpers at the yard sale who set up, put items out for sale, helped to sell, and clean up. Pam