

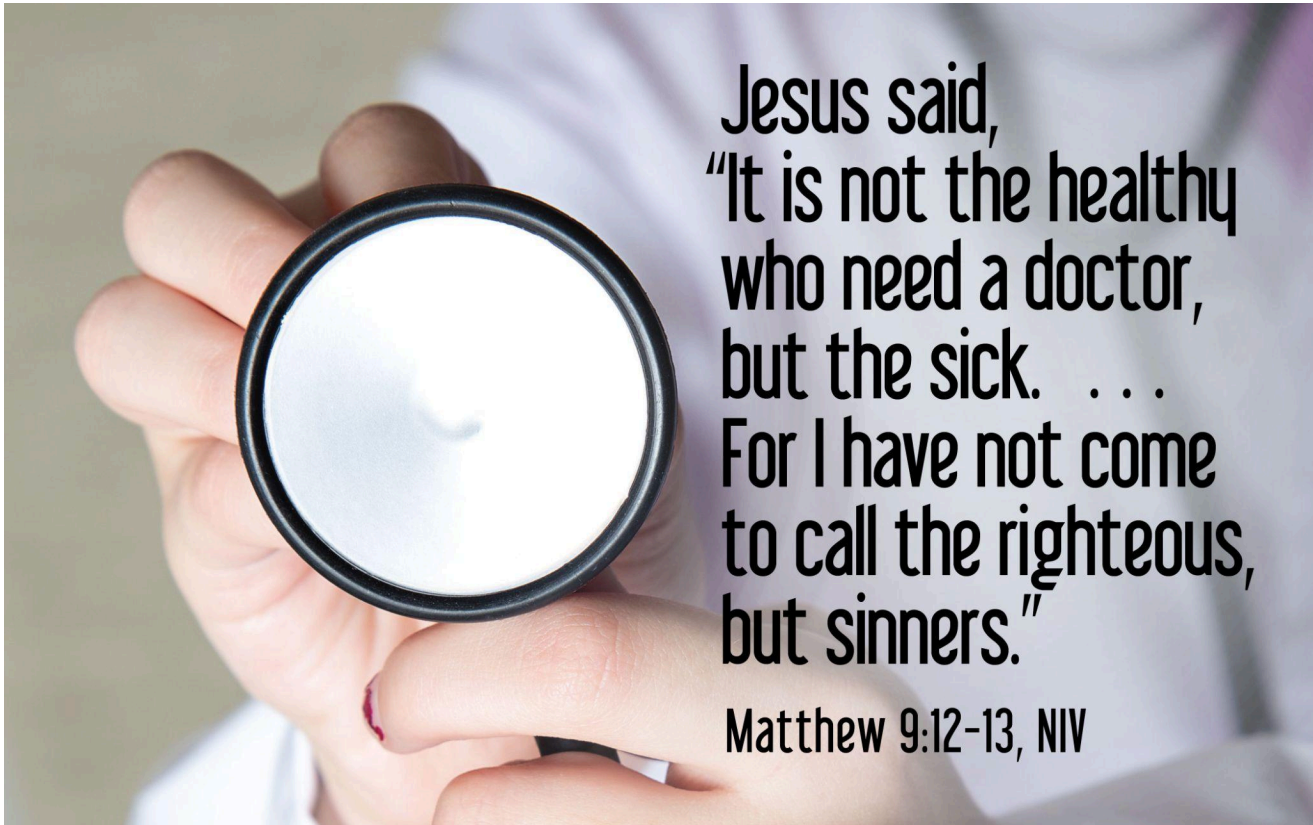
6.7.2026

10:00 am



2nd Sunday after Pentecost

*Sharing God's love so that all
are served and supported.*



Jesus said,
"It is not the healthy
who need a doctor,
but the sick. . . .
For I have not come
to call the righteous,
but sinners."

Matthew 9:12-13, NIV

Today's Worship Theme

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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Greeter: Susan McKay
Ushers: Bob & Joan Streightiff
Altar Guild: Carolyn Witt
Coffee Host: Elaine Testerman

If you are visiting, please review the Welcome Pew Card in the hymnal holder.

✠ GATHER ✠

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

For up-to-date info, see the "Grace Happenings" Thursday e-newsletter and our website's monthly calendar (also displayed in the Narthex & Fellowship Hall).



PRELUDE

HOLY BAPTISM ELW p. 227

Please join us in thanksgiving and celebration of the baptism of Miller Young, son of Erin & Taylor Young.

BAPTISMAL HYMN

"Welcome Child of God"

Rain-drops oceans, lakes and rivers Wel-come child of God. Mothers, fathers,
6
bro - thers, sis - ters Wel - come child of God. When the world feels wide a-round you
11
When the dark of night sur-rounds you We are here to
14
tend and guide you Wel - come child of God.

We rise.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
Please share a sign of Christ's peace.

GREETING

Assisting Minister: Jan Burgess

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.**

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.**

KYRIE

Refrain

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Be seated.

✠ **WORD** ✠

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children may come forward for the Children's Message, then go upstairs for Children's Church & Music, and return for communion.

A READING FROM Hosea 5:15–6:6

Lector: Dana Holden

God desires steadfast love.

¹⁵ 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 *Read responsively.*

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?

¹⁴ 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.

A READING FROM Romans 4:13-25

The promise to those who share Abraham's faith

¹³The 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. 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, neither is there transgression.

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

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



We rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Christ heals a woman and raises a synagogue leader's daughter.

The Holy Gospel according to 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.

(CONT.)

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.**

Be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Steve Troisi

We rise.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

ELW 588

We kneel.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayer ends with these words:
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be seated.

✠ **MEAL** ✠

OFFERING SONG

*"O Bread of Heaven" Cesar Franck, arr. Susan Palo Cherwien
Soloist: Gabriel Esperanza, Choir Scholar*

*O Bread of heaven to mortals given,
heavenly bread of angels held in earthly fare.
O how miraculous God's order generous,
Lowly, lowly serving and meek and rare,
lowly, lowly, serving meek and rare.*

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We rise.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. 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.**

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 ... and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -



est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In 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."

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us: **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.**

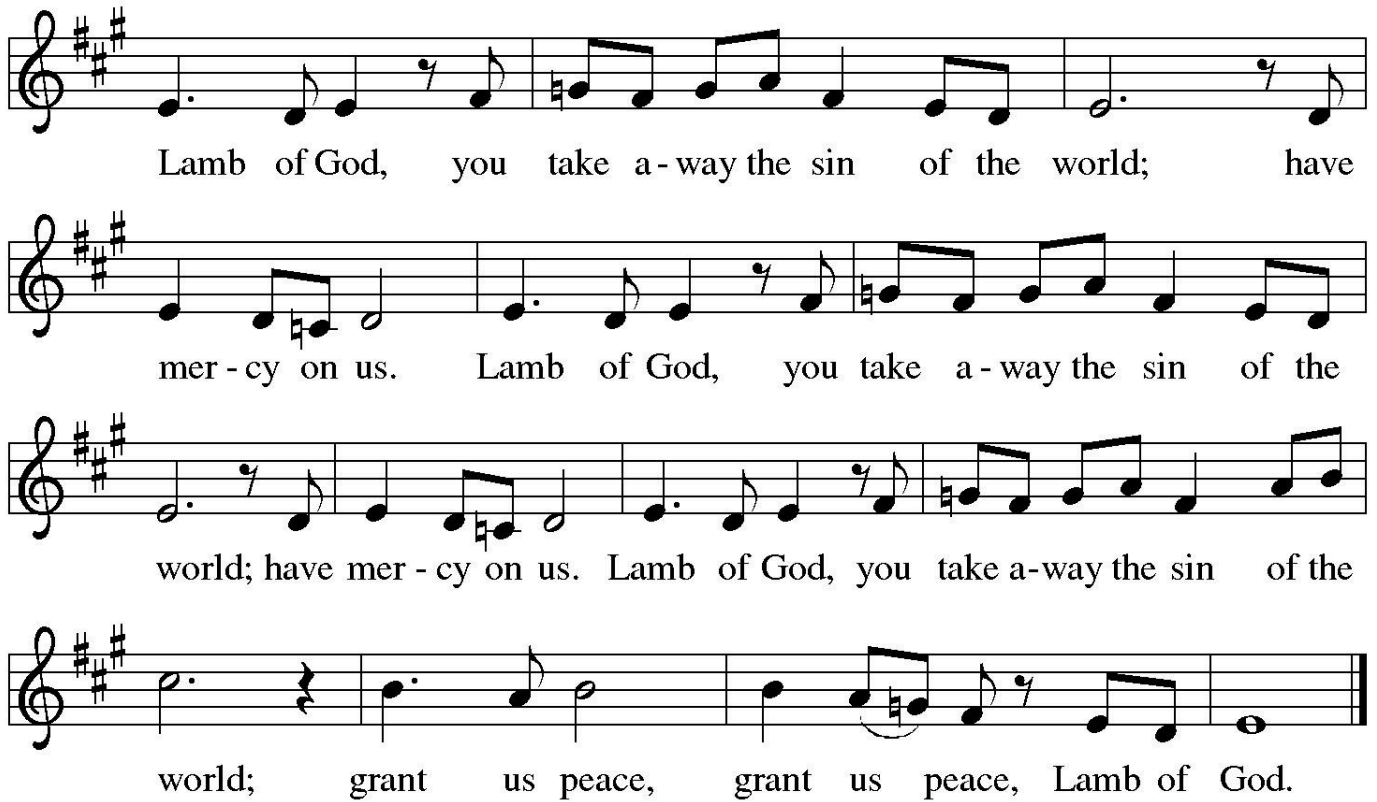
INVITATION TO COMMUNION *Communion Assistant: Kristie Evans*

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast! **Thanks be to God!**

Please be seated. This is the Lord's Table; all who seek Christ's true presence promised through this bread and wine are welcome and invited to partake in communion at the head of the aisle. You'll receive bread first (gluten-, nut-, soy- & dairy-free) and then wine (grape juice is available). Please alert an usher if you require the sacrament to be brought to you. On the first and third Sundays, healing prayers are offered in the Chapel.



COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

ELW 470

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

ELW 764

We rise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. 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.**

✠ **SENDING** ✠

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

ELW 836

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

<p><u>CHANCEL FLOWERS</u> Are given to the glory of God and in memory of my husband Roy Weaver and my nephew Josh Moretz by Pat Weaver.</p>	<p><u>SANCTUARY LAMP</u> Is burning to the glory of God and in honor of Heather Boyle's and Justin Wilson's birthdays this month by Kristie & Scott Evans.</p>
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READINGS FOR JUNE 14

Exodus 19:2-8a | Psalm 100 | Romans 5:1-8 | Matt. 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

GIVING REPORT

Giving September 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026

April Giving	April Budgeted Giving	Year to Date Giving	Year to Date Budgeted Giving
\$18,252.00	\$33,333.33	\$256,891.84	\$266,666.64