

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**June 14th, 2026 – Third Sunday of Pentecost**  
**Pastor Stephanie Newman**

**Welcome / Announcements**

**Prelude**

**John Joanette**

**GATHERING**

*(Please Stand)*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us confess our sin to God.

**P:** Compassionate God,

**C: 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.**

**P:** 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.

**C: Amen.**

**The Peace**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**Gathering Hymn**      ***"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"***

**The Greeting**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**P:** 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.

**C: Amen**

## Cross-Generation Message

WORD

## First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a

*At Sinai God assured Israel, "You shall be my treasured possession," and commissioned them to serve as mediating priests for the nations. The people commit themselves completely to God's will.*

The Israelites journeyed into the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. 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: 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. 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, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one, "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 100**

*The Psalm will be read responsively*

A: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

**C: Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

A: Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.

**C: Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

## Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8

*We are no longer God's enemies but have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death.*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation will please stand as able & comfortable*

**Gospel Verse**

***Halle, Halle, Hallelujah***  
*(Lights off after Gospel Verse)*

**ELW 172**

**The Gospel**

P: The Holy Gospel according to: **Matthew 9:35 – 10:8, 10:16 – 10:23**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.*

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James

son of Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

"I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."]

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The Congregation will please be seated*

**The Sermon**

**Pastor Stephanie Newman**

*The Congregation will please stand as able  
(Lights on after Sermon)*

**Hymn of the Day**

**"Here I Am Lord"**

**ELW 574 (Vs.1-4)**

*\* Pass Info Slips to Side Aisle and Prayer cards to the inside aisle*

**Apostles Creed**

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 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.**

**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 the People**

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

*A brief silence.*

A God of freedom, you ransomed Israel from slavery to be a holy people. As we observe Juneteenth this coming week, free us also to be a people who proclaim your liberating love. God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: 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,

**C; receive our prayer.**

A: 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,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: 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 (especially). God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: 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,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: We bring now the prayers sitting quietly in our hearts, and the ones we need to speak aloud.

*pause*

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: 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,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

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

**C: Amen.**

## Offering

**Special Music**  
**Offertory**

***“God Bless To Us Our Bread”***

**Chancel Choir**  
**ACS1056**

## Offering Prayer

P: Loving God,

**C: 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.**

## Communion

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.**

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; who on this day overcame death and grave, by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way to everlasting life. And so, with the church on earth, the hosts of heaven, and all creation that sings of your glory, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, you so loved the world that you gave your Son, that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life. 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. Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P: Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O God, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

**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**

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

*(Please be seated)*

### **Communion Distribution**

## Communion Hymns

*“For Everyone Born”*  
*“One bread, one body”*  
*“Amazing Grace”*  
*“Bread of Life from Heaven”*

W&R (1-3)  
ELW 496 (1-3)  
ELW 779 (1-4)  
ELW 474 (1-3)

## Prayer after Communion

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

*(The Congregation will please stand as able and comfortable)*

## Pastor’s Blessing

### Blessing

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

**C: Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

*“Rise Up O Souls”*

ELW 669 (1-4)

## Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God.**