June 14, 2026 ☩

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

We welcome you to First Lutheran Church!

"God's Work. Our Hands. To serve ALL people."

An asterisk * invites you to stand in body or in spirit, and you are invited to read aloud responses found in **bold.**

P: Indicates the Presider. AM: Indicates the Assisting Minister.

We Gather

Prelude - "Spirit , Spirit of Gentleness" arr. Jonathan Kohrs

Words of Welcome

***Gathering Hymn** – ACS 1003 (see back page) "For Such a Time as This"

***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.**

***Apostolic Greeting**

P: 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** – page 184, *ELW Setting Eight*

***Hymn of Praise** – page 185, *ELW Setting Eight*

***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.**

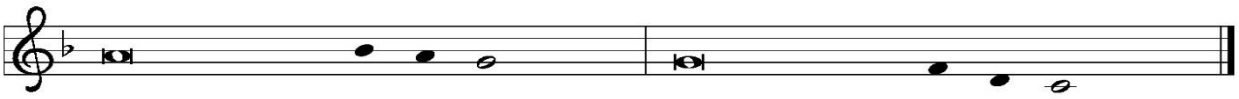
We Listen to God's Word

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a

2 [The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the
wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. 3 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: 4 'You 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 obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall
be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, 6 but you
shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak
to the Israelites."

7 So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words
that the LORD had commanded him. 8a The people all answered as one, "Everything that
the LORD has spoken we will do." Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: *the psalm will be sung today by whole verse* Psalm 100



1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all you lands!
2 Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence | with a song.
3 **Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom | we belong;**
we are God's people and the sheep | of God's pasture.
4 Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the | courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God's | holy name.
5 **Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is | everlasting,**
whose faithfulness endures from | age to age.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8

1 Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 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. 3 And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that
affliction produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces
hope, 5 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.

6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Indeed, rarely

will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. 8 But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation** – page 188, *ELW Setting Eight*

***Gospel:** Matthew 9:35-10:8-23

The Gospel of Mathew, the 9th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

35 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. 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 ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."
10:1 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. 2 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; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son
of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed
him.

5 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to
gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, 6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of
Israel. 7 As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' 8 Cure the
sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without
payment; give without payment. 9 Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, 10 no bag for
your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. 11 Whatever
town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. 12 As you
enter the house, greet it. 13 If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not
worthy, let your peace return to you. 14 If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words,
shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. 15 Truly I tell you, it will be
more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

16 "I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and
innocent as doves. 17 Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in
their synagogues, 18 and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a
testimony to them and the gentiles. 19 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, 20 for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. 21 Sibling
will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have
them put to death, 22 and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures
to the end will be saved. 23 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.”

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

Sermon – Pastor Chris Culuris

*__Hymn__ – no. 579 “Lord, You Give Great the Great Commission”

*__The Apostles’ Creed__ –
Together let us profess 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 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.

*__Prayers of Intercession__
AM: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.
After each petition: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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

*__Sign of Peace__ P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
Please offer one another some sign of Christ’s peace.

Offering – For electronic giving please scan the QR on acknowledgement page and ***Thank you!***

Offering music “He Leadeth Me” arr. Brad Olstad

*__Offering Prayer__

AM: 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.**

We Share God's Holy Meal

*__Great Thanksgiving and Preface__ – page 190, *ELW Setting Eight*

*__Holy, Holy, Holy__ – page 190, *ELW Setting Eight*

*__Words of Institution__ – page 108-109, *ELW Setting One*

*__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 the Table__ – P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

Distribution of Communion - *we will be serving communion continuously today.*
Hymn - no. 479 "We Come to the Hungry Feast"
Hymn – no. 485 "I Am the Bread of Life"

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. **Amen.**

We Go in Peace

Announcements

*__Sending Hymn__ – no. 661 "I Love to Tell the Story"

*__Blessing & Dismissal__

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

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

*__Postlude__ - "Abbot's Leigh" Taylor, setting, Aaron David Miller

In Worship Today
Pastor: Chris Culuris
Organist: Deacon Brenda Handel-Johnson
Assisting Minister: Larry Kiewel
Musician: Chap. Shari Howell

Ushers: Tom Thorkelson,
Communion Preparers: Kristy Laron
Communion Servers: Analise Rivas, Dave Kennedy

Tech: Brett Petersen
Bread Baker: Judy Fienen

Prayers: We pray for those on our long-term list: Joan Williams, Betty Gustafson, Paul Aasen, Shirley Storkson, Lenore Schnobrich, Gloria Kane, Harvey Kane, Karen Handel, Erika Schuldt, Ruth Edberg, Bob Lamb, Dorothy and Paul Lutz, Steve Erickson, Barbra Grabowski (Ted Kunze's sister), Garrett Paul, Mary Ann Scharf, David Ribar, Nate Tuener (family friend of Bob and Rhoda Stenson), Kay Moline, Kevin Nicholson (Betty T's nephew), Leah Crosby and baby (niece of Aileen Bipes), Hazel Adelman (niece of Mary Gaebler).

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Worship, Education and Service:

- **Fellowship** will be provided by Marilyn Miller and served by Carol Solberg and Betty Thompson.
- **First Forum:** Following worship, Chaplain Shari Howell will present "Holding on to Faith Through Our Lifespan" in the Dining Hall.
- **We are looking for a new Director of Choirs and Handbells**. If you are interested in applying for this position to lead Youth and Adult Choirs, or Handbells, please contact Kaari Bly, Pastor Chris, or Deacon Brenda.
- **Rental Assistance:** The need for emergency funds continues as many of our immigrant neighbors have not returned to work or are working part-time hours. All money collected will be dispersed through the Good Neighbor Diversity Council's Emergency Fund.
- **Personal care donation for SPAF:** FLC is collecting bar soap and laundry detergent during June and July. Place any donations in the grocery cart in the Gathering space. Thank you!

Events at FLC and around the area:

- **Adult BWCA Trip:** is slated for June 28 - July 2 if interested, call Mark Szybnski at 507-380-9180 or email him at markszybnski@gmail.com
- **Serve Boldly Trip:** 18 youth and 5 adults from First and Trinity Lutheran Churches, St. Peter will be heading to serve our neighbors in Milwaukee from June 28 – July 1. We will have a Blessing and Commissioning of those going from FLC during worship here next Sunday.
- **Public Discipleship training:** for anyone who wants to learn how faith connects to the challenges facing our world. In person training: June 30 and July 7 in St Peter. Other dates in Mankato. See flyer in the Gathering Space for info.

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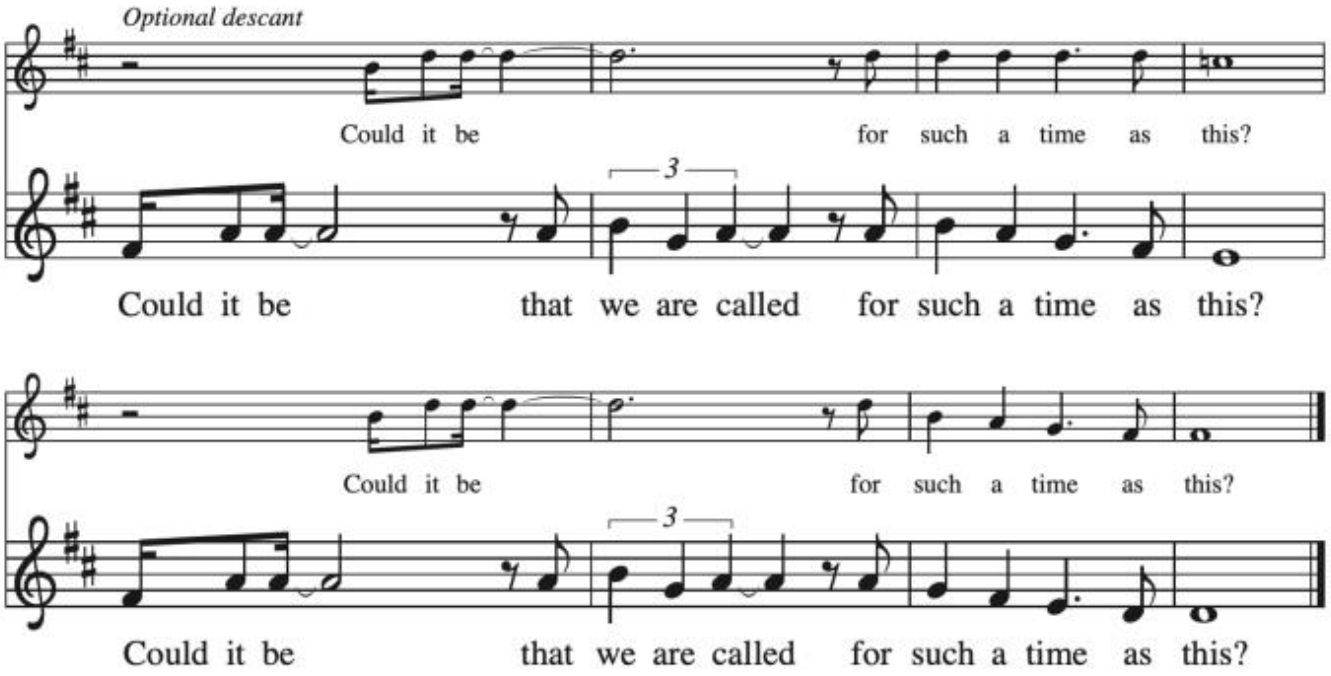

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