

Pastor's Bible Class

June 7, 2026

The Second Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 5)

Hymn 915 "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

Read Hosea 5:15-6:6

1. In the first verse of today's text, God says, "I will return again to my place." What action of God does this "return" follow and what response does God desire from His people?
2. For what does the prophet plead in 6:1?

3. In verse 2, Hosea puts a timeline to God's healing work. What is the significance of the phrases, "After two days..." and, "on the third day"?

4. In verses 4 and 5, we see a description of Ephraim (the Northern Kingdom) and Judah (the Southern Kingdom). To what does Hosea compare the love of God's people? And how has God dealt with this lack of love?

5. Verse 6 summarizes God's heart for His people. What does God desire?

Read Matthew 9:9-13

6. What strikes you about the call of Matthew in verse 9?

7. In whose house is Jesus reclining at table? What does this mean?

8. What does the guest list for this special meal tell us about Jesus?

9. What does the question of the Pharisees tell us about them?

10. The statements Jesus makes in verses 12 and 13 tell us everything we need to know about the mission and work of Jesus. For whom are these words Gospel? For whom are they Law?

Devotional Thought (The Lutheran Study Bible)

"That Jesus at the tax collectors and sinners may not shock readers today. We think of Him as the friend of sinners. But it was shocking to many first-century Jews that Jesus would practice table fellowship with such people. Jesus is unlike any other Jewish rabbi. This festive banquet is His opportunity to call to faith people who are conscious of their unrighteousness. Jesus sits with them, not because they are worthy, but because He is merciful. He wants sinners included in His kingdom" (TLSB, 1597).

Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank you for inviting me, a sinner, to your marriage supper.
Amen.