

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2026



It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.

People never really forget their past. The labels we give ourselves and each other have a way of sticking. God knows our records, too. He is not a God who looks the other way or labels us on the basis of what we resolve to do. He deals with us on the basis of his forgiveness in Christ.

Christians are sinners who God has mercifully called. Only mercy explains why Jesus brings people to faith and promises salvation. Only grace explains how Jesus calls sinners to serve. God loves sinners.

We welcome the Project Timothy students from Luther Preparatory School today. They will be supporting portions of the music during the service.

Hymn #575

By Grace I'm Saved

Please stand for the last verse.



- 1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; my soul, be -
2 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, came down to
Choir 3 By grace! O mark this word of prom - ise when you are
4 By grace to tim - id hearts that trem - ble, in trib - u -
5 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing; in Je - sus'



lieve and doubt it not. Why wa - ver at this word of
earth to bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own
by your sins op - pressed, when Sa - tan plagues your trou - bled
la - tion's fur - nace tried, by grace, de - spite all fear and
prom - ise I re - joice, for though I know my heart's con -



prom - ise? Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? So then this
mer - it that Je - sus died, your soul to win? No, it was
con - science, and when your heart is seek - ing rest. What rea - son
trou - ble, the Fa - ther's heart is o - pen wide. Where could I
di - tion, I al - so know my Sav - ior's voice. My heart is



word must true re - main: by grace you, too, shall heav'n ob - tain.
grace, and grace a - lone, that brought him from his heav'n - ly throne.
can - not com - pre - hend God by his grace to you did send.
help and strength se - cure if grace were not my an - chor sure?
glad, all grief has flown since I am saved by grace a - lone.

In the name of the Father and + of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession & Absolution

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let
us pray to the Lord.



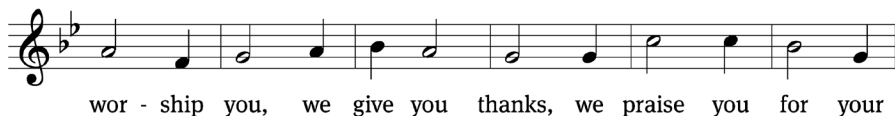
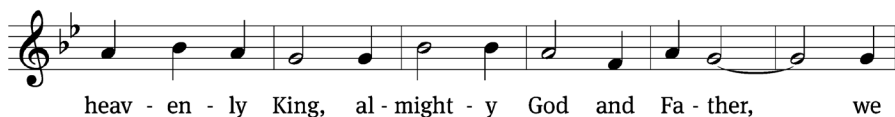
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



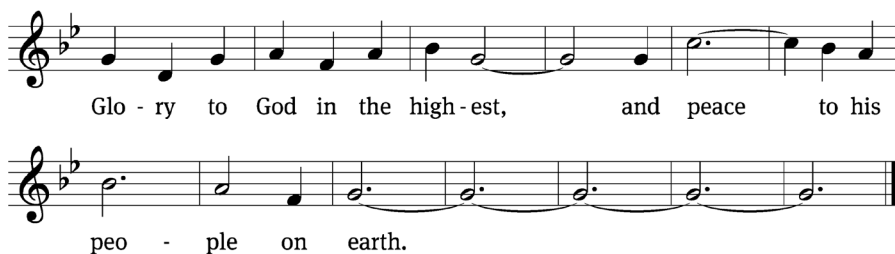
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Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis



peace to his peo - ple on earth.
 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth. For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
 with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.



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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear his call and follow him by faith that we may feast with him forever in his kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading

Exodus 3:1–15

In his grace, the LORD chooses Moses to lead the Israelites.

¹Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”

⁴When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!”

And Moses said, “Here I am.”

⁵“Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

⁷The LORD said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

¹²And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”

¹³Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”

¹⁴God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ”

¹⁵God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’

“This is my name forever,
the name you shall call me
from generation to generation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

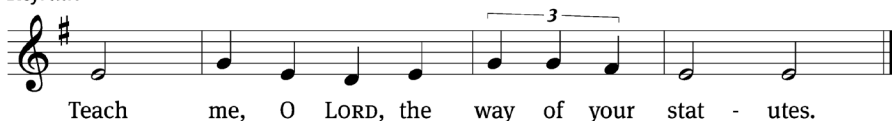
Psalm 119C

Teach Me, O LORD

Psalm 119 is the longest of all the Psalms, meditating on a variety of truths. The stanzas below highlight God's ability to bless and teach through suffering.

The congregation sings each Refrain and the verses in bold print.

Refrain



Do good to your / servant
according to your / word, LORD.
Teach me knowledge and good / judgment,
for I trust / your commands.
Before I was afflicted I / went astray,
but now I o- / bey your word.

Refrain

**You are good, and what you / do is good;
teach me / your decrees.**
**It was good for me to be af- / flicted
so that I might learn / your decrees.**
**The law from your mouth is more pre- / cious to me
than thousands of pieces of sil- / ver and gold.**
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.**

Refrain

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Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:12–17

God demonstrates mercy and patience by calling a sinner like Paul into his ministry.

¹²I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. ¹³Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶But for that

very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. ¹⁷Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 9:12-13

Refrain



All Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

Refrain

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Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13

Tax collectors were considered the worst of sinners in Jesus' day. To demonstrate grace, Jesus called one to be his disciple.

⁹As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

¹⁰While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹²On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

Hymn #578

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

The hymn is based on the words of God recorded in today's Second Reading.



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, high - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part com - fort to a
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
5 Strength - en me, O gra - cious Lord, by your Spir - it



blood for me, died that I might live on high,
heav'n's a - bove, deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; all my wants to him are known,
and your Word. When my way - ward heart would stray,



lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty, love that found me—
joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, faith and hope to
all my sor - rows are his own. Safe with him in
keep me in the nar - row way; grace in time of



to the vine, I am his and he is mine!
won - drous thought— found me when I sought him not.
walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.
earth - ly strife, I a - wait the heav'n - ly life.
need sup - ply while I live and when I die.

Text: William McComb, 1793–1873, alt.
Tune: Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

Sermon

Matthew 9:9-13

The label you are most ashamed of is exactly what Jesus came for

After the sermon, please stand for the creed.

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there 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.

Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Living Hope is transitioning to a new giving platform. Online offerings may now be given at subsplash.com/u/-MV95PX/give. Offerings are one way that our members support our gospel ministry. Visitors should feel no obligation to contribute.



Offering Prayer

Heavenly Father, you have declared us your children through baptism, and through your Spirit you equip us with everything we need to serve in your kingdom. Accept our offerings as tokens of our thanks and give us confidence to employ them to the glory of your name.

Amen.

Hymn #654

Jesus Sinners Does Receive

Jesus receives sinners because there is no one else for Jesus to live for. With Jesus, we receive sin's only cure.



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; oh, may all this
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, yet his words, rich
 4 I, a sin - ner, come to you with a pen - i -
 6 Now my con - science is at peace, from the law I
 7 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive, e - ven I have



say - ing pon - der who in sin's de - lu - sions live
 grace re - veal - ing, par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;
 stand ac - quit - ted. Christ has pur - chased my re - lease
 been for - giv - en. And when I this earth must leave,



and from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope for
 here their ills have per - fect heal - ing who with hum - ble
 grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my
 and my ev - 'ry sin re - mit - ted. Naught re - mains my
 I shall find an o - pen heav - en. Dy - ing, still to



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 hearts be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 soul to grieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 him I cleave: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756, abr.; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.
 Tune: Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch, Darmstadt, 1699

Please stand

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.

Prayer

Lord God, we rejoice in your great love for us. In your mercy, hasten to our aid when we cry to you for help. Turn away those who would see us fail, and grant us confidence in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor + and give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn #816

I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus



1 I am trust-ing you, Lord Je - sus, trust-ing on - ly you;

Choir 2 I am trust-ing you for par - don; at your feet I bow,

3 I am trust-ing you for cleans-ing in the crim - son flood;

4 I am trust-ing you to guide me; you a - lone shall lead,



trust - ing you for full sal - va - tion, free and true.

for your grace and ten - der mer - cy trust - ing now.

trust - ing you to make me ho - ly by your blood.

ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing all my need.

5 I am trusting you for power;
you can never fail.

Words which you yourself shall give me
must prevail.

Choir

6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;
never let me fall.

I am trusting you forever
and for all.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Tune: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877

Silent Prayer

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Setting Two from Christian Worship

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This week at Living Hope

Today

10am Refreshments
10:30am Congregational Information Meeting

Monday-Friday

9-11:30 am *Fine Arts Camp: Elijah*

Tuesday

1:30pm Assisted-living Service at Brandermill Woods

Next Sunday

9am Worship w/ Communion
10am Refreshments
10:30am Project Timothy presentation+ Camp recap
3pm Project Timothy farewell @ the Saur's

Looking Ahead

June 14 **Information Meeting**, guided by reports from the church council—
10:30 am, open to all

June 21 Fine Arts Camp recap and Luther Prep update from our 7-person
Project Timothy team

June 28 **Voters Meeting**, including the election of Council members—
10:30 am

Announcements

Congregational Meetings begin today



Our semi-annual congregational meetings begin **today**. The Informational Meeting is this morning at 10:30 am. A report packet has been distributed and can be found by scanning the QR code — please read it before the meeting. Reports will not be re-presented orally; today is for questions and discussion.

The Voters' Meeting follows on June 28 at 10:30 am. That is the formal assembly where members will act on items discussed today.

Everyone is invited to participate in today's Information Meeting. All male members 18 and older are voting members. Both meetings matter — and so does your participation!

Serving in worship today & next Sunday

Musicians

Sarah Seifert
Morris Hayes

Ushers

Brian Lacey & Bob Harrison
Greg Six & Mike Saur

Acolyte

Ella Lacey
Lauren Nawrocki

Church Cleaning

Olson
Still needed

After-worship Snacks

Still needed
Women of Hope

Livestream

Saur
Seifert

Offering Caretakers

Beverly Henley & Barbara Byrd
Donna Bosma & Morris Hayes

Mowing

Pastor Lindemann & Scott Swoboda
Pastor Seifert & Dave MacDonald

Assisted-living Leader

Phil Nawrocki
Livestreamed

Please join us for refreshments after the service. We would love to get to know you better!

To our guests: Thank you for worshiping with us! We would appreciate the opportunity to connect with you. Please share your contact information with us by scanning the code with your phone or speaking with an usher in the back.



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God has given us new birth into a *Living Hope*.

- 1 Peter 1:3

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