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Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2026

Setting 3 with Holy Communion

*Congregation please stand as you are able.

Introduction

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

Prelude: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* **Barbara B. Masters**

Welcome & Announcements: Joys and Concerns

Signing of the Pew Register by all present.

***Opening Hymn:** *In Christ Called to Baptize* **ELW 575**

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

***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.**

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

*Canticle of Praise

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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.



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.

***Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

C: 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.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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.

R: A reading from Exodus, the 19th chapter.

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.”

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading:

Psalms 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

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.

R: A reading from Romans, the fifth chapter.

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.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***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.

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.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th and 10th chapters.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: 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.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

***Sermon Hymn:** *Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word* **ELW 663**

***Apostles’ Creed**

**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**

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

A brief silence.

R: 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: hear our prayer.

R: 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: hear our prayer.

R: 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: hear our prayer.

R: 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 those we name at this time. (Pause for 10 seconds for people to be named)*. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

R: 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: hear our prayer.

R: God of faith, we give thanks for all the saints who earnestly seek you. Guide us as we seek to follow those who have led your church. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

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

C: Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*Offertory: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offering Prayer

P: 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.

C: Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: 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 the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection

opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

***Thanksgiving at the Table**

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
 who preached good news to the poor,
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

P: 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.

P: Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
 we await his coming in glory.

P: Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
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.

*Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: **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!

Lamb of God



Distribution of Communion

Communion will be continuous. The ushers will invite you to come forward by the center aisle. You will be handed the bread with the words, "The Body of Christ given for you." You may respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God!". Step to the Communion Assistant and take the cup. They will speak the words, "The Blood of Christ shed for you." You may respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God!" Empty cups may be placed in the basket as you return to your seat by the side aisle.

If you prefer gluten- free bread, please let the Pastor know. If you prefer grape juice, please let the Communion Assistant know. If you prefer not to receive or have children who have not yet received, please let the Pastor know and he will offer a blessing.

Communion Hymns:

ELW 659 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

ELW 638 *Blessed Assurance*

ELW 576 *We All Are One in Mission*

***Post Communion Blessing**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

***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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***Blessing**

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

C: Amen.

***Dismissal**

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***Postlude:**

Jesus Shall Reign

Allan Mahnke

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WELCOME, FRIENDS. We're here today because God has searched for and found us, as he did Adam and Eve, hiding in the Garden of Eden. Our Maker loves us and offers us lavish forgiveness. Lord, rest your Spirit upon us, we pray, so we may go from this worship to share your goodness and love with others. Amen.

THE WOMEN OF FAITH HAVE ANOTHER FUN DAY PLANNED for Saturday,

July 18, 2026. We will be traveling to Tru Luv Jewelers in Port Clinton to learn how they grow their own settings for exclusive designs sold only at Tru Luv. Afterwards, we will eat at Dianna's Deli & Restaurant. We will meet at church at 9:45 and leave by 10:00. A sign-up sheet is on the women's bulletin board.

10TH ANNUAL 2026 BBQ - Rivers of Living Water Cathedral, 604 Howland Street, Fremont, will hold a BBQ with BBQ Chicken & Ribs plus Pulled Pork on **Friday, June 26**, from 11-6 p.m. or until sold out and on **Saturday, June 27**, from 11-2 p.m. or until sold out. A Half Chicken Dinner is \$16, BBQ Rib Dinner is \$18, and Pulled Pork Sandwich is \$8. Dinners include Choice of 2 Sides (Baked Beans, Green Beans, or Cole Slaw), Bread, Dessert and Water. Sandwich Combo for \$10 includes choice of 1 Side, Dessert and Water. Additional Sides for \$1. Open for Drive-thru only. Place order ahead by calling the church and leaving a message if no answer at 419-334-7389. Calls will be returned to get order.

I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU to the Women of the Church for the beautiful flowers. Randy Brown for the home visit. To those that sent a card, said encouraging words, said a prayer, brought delicious food, or made a call checking on me after my knee replacement surgery. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. Michelle Root

THE CHRISTIAN MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE is having a collection of needed items for the Liberty Center of Sandusky County for the month of June. The Post-It-Notes pull off list of items will be in the Narthex. Please feel free to take as many as you wish. It will get resupplied. **NEEDS LIST:**

13 Gallon Trash Bags, Bleach for Laundry, Pine-sol, Liquid Dish Soap, Sugar, Saltine Crackers, Heinz Ketchup, Jam and Jelly, Cake Mix & Frosting, Brownie Mix, Manwich Sloppy Joe Mix, Hellman's Mayonnaise, Bottled Water, Kroger or Walmart Gift Cards.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

LIFEWISE ACADEMY: Are you able to – Walk students to LifeWise and back to school in Gibsonburg? Help provide financial support? Serve on the LifeWise Gibsonburg Board? Lead as a teacher or substitute teacher? Help organize a fundraising event? Donate your time behind the scenes? Provide supplies? Pray? Consider how God might use YOU to help provide Bible education for public school students during school hours? We are launching this September at Hilfiker for grades K-5!! Want to contribute to the future of LifeWise Gibsonburg? Visit [lifewise.org/\[gibsonburgoh\]](http://lifewise.org/[gibsonburgoh]) or contact Mandy Bentley, LifeWise Gibsonburg Program Director at mandybentley@lifewise.org See also the flyer on the LIFT bulletin board in the coatroom area.

LEARN FIRST AID & CPR – Hosted by Lindsey Firefighters Association.



Training Highlights: Life saving CPR techniques, Use of Automatic Defibrillator Device (AED), Choking rescue for adults & children, Identifying and managing common injuries, How to handle shock, burns, and

fractures and Hands On practice sessions. Your quick response can save a life. Register for one or both of our sessions: **Saturday, June 27th**. CPR 9:30 am – 12:00 pm / First Aid 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm at the Lindsey Fire Station, 238 S. Main Street, Lindsey, Ohio. Register at: lindseyfire.org/cpr-and-first-aid-class-registration. Cost: Free. For more information or questions: jconklin@lindseyfire.org or 419-680-4026.

UPDATE ON THE FAITH FILLED TRAVELERS 2026 TRIPS

This is the latest information:

Gardens and Castles – **June 26, 2026** – Can still take more but need full payment right away. Give it to Barb Kocsis please.

Adventures in Columbus – new date is **July 22, 2026** – Can still take more but need full payment right away. Give it to Barb Kocsis please.

Joshua & More (Sight and Sound) – **Oct. 12-15, 2026** – Can still add more. **Please send your deposit ASAP.**

Sincerely, Yvonne Vogel 419-307-1774.

LUTHER HOME OF MERCY 41ST ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Friday, August 21, 2026 at Maumee Bay State Park.

The fun begins at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start, and there are plenty of ways to get involved and support our ministries for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities:

- Golf and enjoy a great day on the course
- Donate a raffle prize to make the event even more special
- Donate a Thrivent Action Team Card
- Share the flyer to spread the word
- Sponsor the event

This year, proceeds will be used to replace flooring across our ministries.

Melissa Gregg, Director of Mission Advancement

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SUMMER MUSIC: Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Please consider sharing your gifts of worshipful song through vocal or instrumental music at our 9 am worship service beginning June 7th. You may contact Darla Brown at 419-680-6717 or Parm Boyer at 419-307-1332 if an accompanist is needed. There is a sign-up sheet on the board in the coat room area.



SUMMER WORSHIP: BEGINNING MAY 24TH THROUGH SEPT. 6TH: Worship will be at **9 a.m. only** with Sunday School and Fellowship time to follow.

LIFT OUTDOOR WORSHIP will be held **June 28th at 10 am** at downtown Fremont Amphitheater, 209 S. Arch Street. Join us for uplifting music. Pastor C.J. Bailey will share the message and there will be plenty of opportunity to enjoy fresh air and friendship. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, sunglasses and sunscreen, water, and a friend or neighbor.

JOIN US THIS SUMMER FOR LIFT VBS at St. John's Lutheran Church, 212 N. Clover St., Fremont, Ohio on **June 22-25**. The theme is "Just Like Me, Digging in & Growing Deep" with daily themes of - I Wonder, Something to Shout About, Something to Share and Something to Say. Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. and VBS from 6-7:45 p.m. To sign up go to MYVBS.ORG/LIFTFREMONT. For questions reach out to HeatherRHawn@gmail.com



LIFT COMMUNITY BBQS – Free Food, Games, and Kid's activities. **Tuesdays at 5 p.m. June 9th – August 11th** in Birchard Park. Menu includes Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Fruit, Cookies, Water and Lemonade. Support the BBQS – Mail checks to LIFT, 705 W. State Street, Fremont, OH 43420. LIFTchurches.org.

PRAYING DAILY

For healing and hope: Larry Ackerman, Joan Bolen, Mary Ann Diekman, Millie Fetterman, Pat Forsyth, Della Humbarger, Denny Krumnow, Laurie Krynock, Bill Leutenegger, Dean May, Stan Moyer, Nancy

Mylander, Betty Nielsen, Gary Overmyer, Sharon Peña, Sandie Reed, Ken & Gloria Root, Bob Schneider, Jackie Seibert, Janet Tressler, Minnie Weber, Linda Woessner, Jerie Young, Cindy Zorn. Kathy Fletcher, Martina Frost, Craig Johnson, Jackie Mowry, Eric Paul, Dave Wellington.

For the Family of: Denny Fahle, Jane Carpenter

For our Military: Noah Egbert, Troy Halfhill, Jade Kayser, Daniel Linder, Tony Rozzi, Christopher Templeton, & Joshua Tooman.

For our Bishops: Bishop Christian Ndossa, Bishop Yehiel Curry, and NWOS Bishop Daniel Beaudoin and Staff

For our partner congregation in Bumila, Tanzania

And its pastor: Pastor Peter Magasi

Ushers Needed



USHERS NEEDED ON SUNDAY MORNINGS –

I would like to appeal to those of you interested in being ushers to please sign up on the clipboards in the coat room area. Thank you very much! Mike Fought, Deacon.

ASSISTING TODAY

Minister: Rev. Dane Meuschke **Organist:** Parm Boyer

9:00 a.m.

Greeter: Cheryl, Karly & Kendra Paeth

Lector: Kendra Paeth

Acolyte:

Communion: Cheryl Paeth & Karly Paeth

Counters: Ann Waggoner* & Randy Koch

Fellowship Time Host:

Altar Guild: Cheryl Durnwald & Carol Trick

Ushers: Steve Harder

ASSISTING NEXT WEEK

Minister: Rev. Larry Michaels **Organist:** Parm Boyer

9:00 a.m.

Greeter: Sheri & Faith Ripley

Lector: Annie Gazdecki

Acolyte: Brielle Weiker

Communion: Annie Gazdecki & Kim Smith

Counters: Marie Reiselt* & Randy Brown

Fellowship Time Host:

Altar Guild: Cheryl Durnwald & Carol Trick

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FAITH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF – June 14 to June 21

Sunday

June 14----- 9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
 10 a.m. Sunday School & Fellowship Time

Monday

June 15----- 10 a.m. Valley View Worship & Holy Communion

Tuesday

June 16-----2 p.m. Ruth Circle

Wednesday

June 17-----

Thursday

June 18-----9-3 p.m. Fellowship & Sew Day
 3 p.m. Christ Care

Friday

June 19-----

Saturday

June 20-----9:15 a.m. Christ Care

Sunday

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY! SUMMER BEGINS!

June 21----- 9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
 9 a.m. Noisy Offering
 10 a.m. Sunday School & Fellowship Time

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026: ATTENDANCE: 80 – OFFERING: \$3,591.67

GOSPEL MESSAGE

June 14, 2026

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Compassion as Proclamation

When Jesus instructed his followers to “ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers” (Matthew 9:38), his disciples might not have expected that the sending would happen so quickly, or that *they* would be the ones sent. The job of harvest laborers might seem straightforward enough: Recognize the gifts, the fruit, and use them to advance the good news of God’s work. But what prompts Jesus to tell the disciples to ask God for laborers is that he sees people who are “harassed and helpless” (v. 36) and is moved to compassion. That movement prompts us to consider that compassion is not merely a feeling that is held, but an energy that reaches out through us to others.

Congregational mission statements and our Sunday liturgy commonly reinforce that the faithful are sent into the world proclaiming the good news of God in Christ. The scriptures stress the importance of connecting oral proclamation with meaningful action, lest proclamation become merely lip service. While proclaiming the gospel might seem broad and difficult to narrow down into our many daily interactions and tasks, the guiding principle of compassion provides a touchpoint.

The disciples’ message that God’s kingdom has come near is accompanied by actions meant to alleviate suffering. When we gather as a people of faith, we receive God’s compassion in Christ that extends through the Lord’s supper and unites us in fellowship. In our prayers we are attentive to personal, local, and broad requests, asking God to receive and keep them in God’s care. These acts of worship can prepare us to extend the compassion given to us into our personal conversations and interactions with others. When we ask how we can be led by compassion, we are asking how we can proclaim the good news of God in Christ.