

# *Third Sunday after Pentecost*

June 14, 2026

9:30 a.m. Worship



**Como Park Lutheran Church, ELCA, RIC**

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*We welcome all to worship here: those who are strong in faith and those who are seeking, those who are hurting and those who give comfort; all who are drawn to worship, community, and faith.*

*We acknowledge and celebrate the rich diversity within and around us. As a community rooted in the body of Christ, we commit ourselves to creating a space where people of all races, ages, ethnicities, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions are not only included but deeply valued and seen as essential to our shared journey.*

*Together, we value human diversity as a divine gift and blessing—a reflection of God’s boundless creativity and love. Because of this, we commit ourselves in ministry to fully embracing all people and advancing racial equity in our ministry.*

*We recognize that we hold a variety of beliefs, perspectives, and lived experiences; and yet we gather in Christ to worship God together. If you have questions, feedback, or needs for assistance, please ask. We seek to grow together in ministry, community and faith, and we are glad that you are here with us today.*

*~ The People of Como Park Lutheran Church*

**Coffee hour will take place immediately after the service.  
Join us in the Narthex for coffee and light snacks.**

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Regular - Liturgist  
**Bold - Congregation**  
✠ - Stand as able



## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **THE GATHERING**

#### **PRELUDE**

Chorale Prelude on “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Mark Sedio

#### **WELCOME, GREETING, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## ✠CONFESSIOIN AND FORGIVENESS

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

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

*~ Silence is kept for reflection. ~*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## ✠OPENING HYMN

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

**ELW 858**

## ✠THE APOSTOLIC GREETING (2 Corinthians 13:14)

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

ELW 157

*Assistant:* In peace, in peace,

*Assistant:* *All:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,  
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have  
mer - cy.

*Assistant:* For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... (Refrain)

*Assistant:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... (Refrain)

*Assistant:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O God.  
A - - - men.

# ✠NOW THE FEAST

ELW 167

## Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

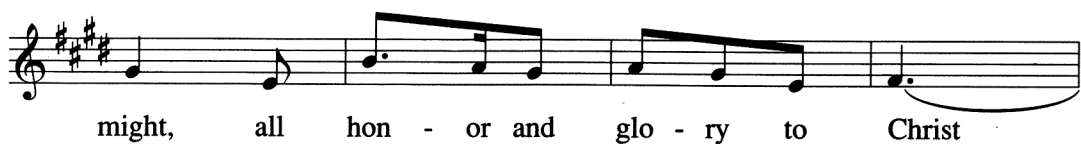
## Verse 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit - ed us to be one great

*To refrain*



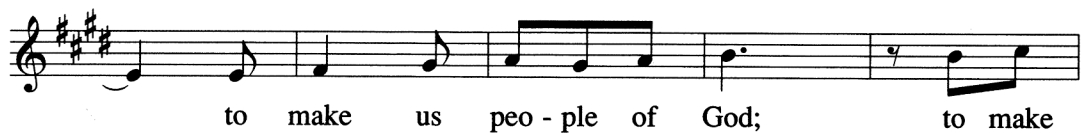
Verse 2



*To refrain*



Verse 3



*To refrain*



## ✠PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

**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.**

## THE WORD

### **FIRST READING: Exodus 19:2-8a**

<sup>2</sup>They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.

<sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites:

<sup>4</sup>You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>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, <sup>6</sup>but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

<sup>7</sup>So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him.

<sup>8a</sup>The people all answered as one: "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## ✠GOSPEL VERSE

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

## ✠GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mathew the Ninth Chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup> Then 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. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> 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."

<sup>1</sup> 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; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax

collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>8</sup> Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [<sup>9</sup> Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, <sup>10</sup> no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. <sup>11</sup> Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. <sup>12</sup> As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup> If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> 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.

<sup>16</sup> "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup> Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; <sup>18</sup> and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup> 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; <sup>20</sup> for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup> Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; <sup>22</sup> and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.]

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

David Osterhouse

(Jesus Loves Me! ELW 595)

## SERMON

Pastor Elizabeth Damico Carper

## ✠HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ELW 579

## ✠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

... Lord, in your mercy,  
... **hear our prayer.**

## ✠THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

(In sharing God's Peace we share with each other our hope for God's blessing by shaking hands, or turning to one another and nodding, or bumping fists and saying "God's peace be with you.")

## THE MEAL

### OFFERING

Jubilate Deo by Michael Bedford

Rebecca Numainville

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## ✠OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray...

**Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**✠ WORDS OF INSTITUTION** (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

In the night in which he was betrayed...  
... Do this for the remembrance of me.

**✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Matthew 6:9-13; Revelation 11:15)

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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.**

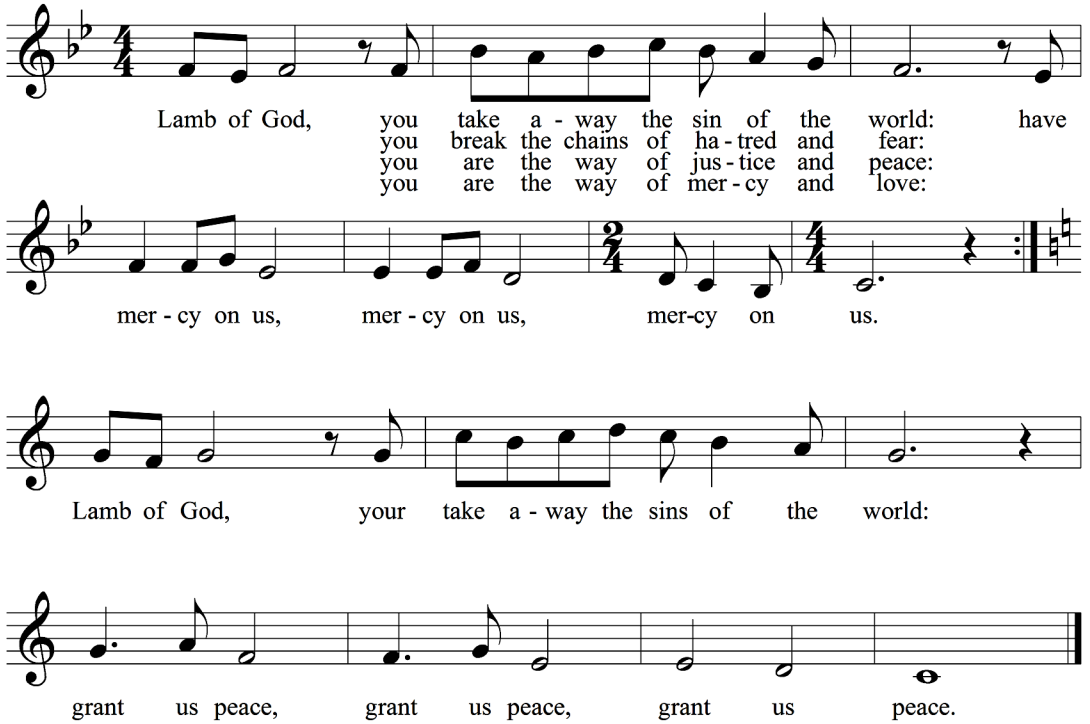
**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION**

All who believe Christ is truly present in the sacrament are invited to receive communion. At the server, hold out the flat of your palm to receive the wafer. If you desire gluten-free wafers, simply say to the first server "gluten-free." Then, step to the second server and take the wine in the small cup. The cups hold red wine and grape juice. If you are allergic to grapes, you are free to receive only the bread, knowing that Christ is fully present within each element. Children who do not yet commune will receive a blessing from pastor or first server.

# LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have  
you break the chains of ha - tred and fear:  
you are the way of jus - tice and peace:  
you are the way of mer - cy and love:

mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, your take a - way the sins of the world:

grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

## ✠POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## ✠POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE SENDING

### ✠BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

### ✠CLOSING HYMN

**I Love to Tell the Story**

**ELW 661**

### ✠DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in c

J.S. Bach

*Please pray for...*

Anders N.	Tyler F. (brother-in-law of Ginger F.)
Dorothy E.	J.J. K. (great grandson of Bill H.)
Kathy H.	Joe (friend of Sandra H.)
Ann L.	Cheryl & Jim (quilter & husband)
Ruth R.	Nichole (friend of Como Connects)
Gina K.	Mary C.
Gary (friend of Deb S.)	... and all in need of prayers

*We welcome names of members, family, and friends on our prayer list.*



### **Serving in the Military**

Dane Beecham, Jonathan Lund, Kristian Nelson  
... and all others who serve



**We pray regularly for all members and friends of our congregation.**

**This week in worship, we pray for:**

Mary Ann Schmidt  
Sam Schultz & Carllie Wingen  
David & Jane Shattuck  
Carole Sime  
Bob Simon  
Sheila & Tim Skone  
Bobbie & Gale Smack

## ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

**Pastor:** Elizabeth Damico Carper

**Director of Music Ministry:** Tom Ferry

## THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

<b>Date</b>	<b>June 14, 2026</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Kyle Bergstrom
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Jan Lathrop
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Shirley Dingman
<b>Communion Asst 1</b>	Sasha Weber
<b>Communion Asst 2</b>	Elizabeth Weber
<b>Greeter</b>	David Person
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Fay Cushman & Pam Ballis
<b>Children's Message</b>	David Osterhouse
<b>Reader</b>	Morgan Bracewell
<b>Liturgist</b>	Rebecca Numainville
<b>Ushers</b>	Family Team Chresand
<b>Welcome Desk</b>	Val Negaard
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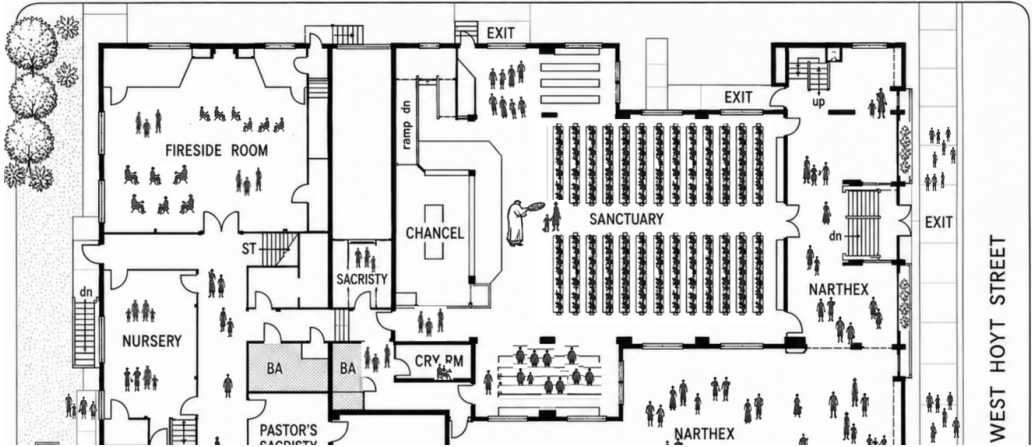
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Family Team Chresand: Jim & Margo and Ted

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## NEXT WEEK AT CPLC

### Vacation Bible School & Church Day Camp

July 6-9 • 9am-3pm



Registration Deadline:

**June 20**



**July 6-9**

9:00 AM-3:00 PM



**\$40 per child**

*Financial assistance available*



**Please bring a bag lunch.**

Join us for VBS at Como Park Lutheran Church! Children from our neighborhood and congregation who have completed PreK-5th grade will enjoy Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, and more, led in partnership with Camp Onoma counselors.

Learn more and register at:

[bit.ly/4vKFeGK](https://bit.ly/4vKFeGK)



JUNE 18

**SENIORS' TRIP TO  
GAMMELGÅRDEN MUSEUM**

Registration is now closed.



FRIDAY, JUNE 19

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**



JUNE 21 • 9:30 AM

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
Worship with Guest Pastor  
Melinda Quivik and Guest  
Organist, David Fienen.

# PARTNER EVENTS

*Around the Community*



- Games and Activities •
- Free Food •
- Fun and Prizes •



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Free Garden Connection Events — All Are Welcome!  
Hosted by North Dale Recreation Center  
Snacks & seasonal beverages provided · Space is limited — RSVP to save your spot!

How Does Your Garden Grow?  
TUESDAY, JUNE 23 · 5:30-7:00 PM  
Succession planting for greens and other crops all season long — plus plenty of time to share what's thriving in your garden! Bring the family and swap stories, seeds, and inspiration.

All events are FREE and open to the whole community.  
RSVP to save your spot — space is limited!  
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## Volunteers Needed

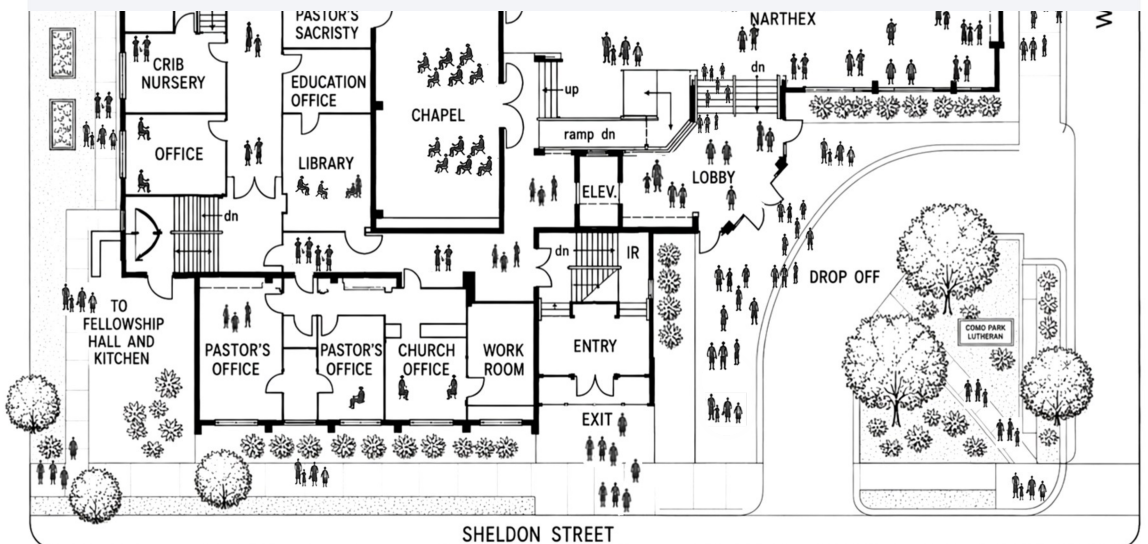
*Member Visitation Ministry*

We have several members who are unable to attend church regularly due to illness or mobility challenges. While we await our interim pastor, we are seeking volunteers willing to visit with these members. If you would like to help care for our church family in this way, please contact the church office.

**Interested in helping?**

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**JUNE 14, 2026  
THIRD SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**



*We are Jesus' hands, feet, and voice.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 9:35–10:23</b>	<b>The sending of the twelve</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Exodus 19:2-8a</b>	<b>Israelites go to Mt. Sinai</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Romans 5:1-8</b>	<b>How to be acceptable to God</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Genesis 18:1-15</b>	<b>A son promised to Abraham</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19</b>	<b>Thanksgiving for illness recovery</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Galatians 5:13-15</b>	<b>Christ gives freedom</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 100</b>	<b>The Lord is good</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 10:24-39</b>	<b>The call and cost of discipleship</b>

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Then 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. **Matthew 9:35 (NRSV)***

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Dear God of constant love and faithfulness, we thank you for your care; give us strength to care for and bless others through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Mealttime Prayer:**

We thank you for this food, a gift of your steadfast love and faithfulness. Amen. (Psalm 100:5)

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May God care for you with tender compassion.



**JUNE 14, 2026**

## HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Come Now, You Blessed*



# taking faith home

## WEEKLY MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

## CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- How have others cared for you?
- Our relationship with Jesus is meant to help us serve others. How do you serve others?

## DEVOTIONS



*Read:* Matthew 9:35–10:23.

In the Old Testament lesson for this week (Exodus 19:2-8a), God once again establishes a covenant with the house of Jacob, just as God established a covenant with Abram in Genesis 12. God is making a priestly people, a holy nation to bless the world. In Matthew 9 and 10, Jesus now is establishing his covenant with his followers to serve and bless others. Just as Jesus tells good news to people and heals every disease and sickness, his followers will go out and do similar acts in the kingdom of God. Those sent out by Jesus are doing the work of Jesus. The task was not easy for Jesus and will not be easy for his followers, but the Spirit of God will go with them. This passage is filled with compassion and is sobering at the same time. It is the call for all of Jesus' followers. It is a daring mission that requires courage and wisdom. It is not presented as an option. Our work as Jesus' hands, feet, and voice in the world today wins because we do not go alone, but with the Spirit of God.

*Discuss:* In what ways have you been Jesus' hands, feet, and voice in the world?

*Pray:* **Almighty God, send us out with your message of hope and compassionate service, both of which heal through Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, what act of kindness and compassion can you show towards someone who is ill?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



*"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing" (Psalm 100:1-2). "I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart" is a popular Christian song written in the 1920's and still stirs memories and joy in the hearts of many. Take a moment to make a joyful noise to the Lord and sing this well-known song.*



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)

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