



THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 7, 2026

*Altar flowers today are given in celebration of wedding anniversaries for
Kirk & Sandra Havel and Mark & Cindy Mattes*

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners – the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord’s day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God’s mercy for the world.

GATHERING SONG

“Graves Into Gardens”

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of, or as an invitation to, Holy Baptism.

P: ... in the name of the Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

OPENING SONG

“Living Hope”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

This prayer is prayed in Christian churches throughout the world today. We pray it as a sign of unity and hope, shared with all God’s children.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

We offer the peace of Christ as a way of preparing to break bread together as family and friends. It’s a sign that we live in community as believers.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

FIRST READING

Hosea 5:15-6:6 (p. 733)

Because the people have trusted in military powers instead of God and have engaged in idolatrous worship practices, God decides to withdraw until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God’s face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.

SECOND READING

Romans 4:13-25 (p. 916)

Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God’s promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

“The Box”

Wednesday Walsman

*“The Box” is our way of welcoming children – and the Spirit of God through children – in worship. Each week a child brings “The Box” with a surprise for us to share. We never know what is inside, but we trust God always has something to teach us through the gifts that children bring. **The child who brings The Box to worship, is also invited to help hold the basket for empty cups during communion, so please send them forward right after the Lord’s Prayer, with the other Communion Assistants.***

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 (p. 790)

SERMON

Pastor Mark

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

“Friend In Jesus”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (P: Lord, in your mercy... C: Hear our prayer.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATIONS

OFFERING

Sharing our gifts is a significant act of worship for Christians. At Cross of Grace our offering is a practice in gratitude, sacrifice and joy. If you are with us as a guest, we hope we’ve been able to offer something to you this morning. If you choose to share an offering in the name of Jesus Christ, we thank you for your generosity and trust you’ll be blessed by your giving. Use the QR code here if you’d like to give via our website.



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We give thanks for the meal and hear the “Words of Institution” – the same words Jesus shared with his disciples when he prayed at the Last Supper.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SHARING OF THE MEAL

The meal of Holy Communion – like God’s abundant grace – is a gift to be shared with all who will receive it. If you’re a guest with us, please accept an invitation to the meal we share. It’s an invitation that comes from us because it comes first from the God we worship. Welcome to the table.

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

P: Now may God bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“Graves Into Gardens”

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!



Please recycle your bulletin
in the bin by the front doors.

If you're a guest with us this morning, thanks for being part of our worship. We're blessed by and better because of your presence. Please let Pastor Mark or one of our Partners in Mission know you are here and join us again, soon. Also, take a minute to fill out the Grace Notes insert so we'll know who was with us, even if we miss the chance to welcome you in person.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY, JUNE 7, 2026

Greeter: Liz Blachly

Ushers: Robert Ehle & Kristen Anderson

Acolyte: Naomi Forehand

Lay Reader: Kim Forehand

Comm. Assistants: Ellie Graham Dianne Kaucher

Lawn Mowers: Miles Hercamp & Fred Fox

Altar Setup: Connie Mitchell

Altar Clean Up: Kristen Anderson

Bread Baker: Kris Vance

Counters: Jerry Kaucher & Lois Dalton

Cleaning Crew: F. Fox, C. Waldrep, L. Fox

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GRACE

Sunday, June 7

- Traditional Worship – 8:30 a.m.
- Contemporary – 10:00 a.m.

Monday, June 8

- Alcoholics Anon. – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 9

- 25th Anniv. Team Mtg. – 6:30 a.m.

Wednesday, June 10

- Summer Reading AM – 10:00 a.m.
- Food Pantry – 4:00 p.m.
- Summer Reading PM – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 11

- Cycling Club – 6:30 p.m.
- Praise Band – 7:30 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anon. – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 13

- Project Rouj Pickleball – 9:00 a.m.

GENERAL FUND

Avg. Weekly Expenses:	\$11,477.58
Offering Last Week:	\$8,980.56
May Total:	\$52,204.59
Fiscal YTD Income (04/30/26)	\$535,064.00
Fiscal YTD Expense (04/30/26)	\$494,313.64

Our General Fund supports our everyday ministry. 10% of it goes to the ELCA and its mission to start new congregations, fund worldwide missionaries, disaster relief, & more.

(Our fiscal year runs July 1 – June 30.)

BUILDING AND OUTREACH FUND

Three Year Commitments:	\$1,379,966.39
Offering Last Week:	\$3,645.34
Given To Date:	\$589,316.83

Our Building and Outreach Fund commitments began anew in January. 10% of these offerings will help Project Rouj build homes in Fondwa, Haiti, even as we grow our own home at Cross of Grace.

*(It's not too late to join us in this mission.
Have you returned yours yet?)*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 191

Mark Havel, *Lead Pastor* • Cogan Blackmon, *Pastor*

Jeannie Ellenberger, *Music Minister* • Sheri Bradley, *Contemporary Music Minister*

Amanda Terrell, *Administrative Assistant*

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