

**Pentecost Three**  
**Sunday June 14, 2026**



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\* *Indicates please stand as you are able.*

**PRELUDE**    *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

arr. Paul Taylor

### **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

**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.**

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.

**Amen.**

### **GATHERING**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**    *God is Here!*

**ELW #526**

**\*GREETING**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you  
all.

**People:** *And also with you.*

**\*Kyrie**

**p. 138**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

Glory to God...

**p. 139**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

**People:** *Amen*

**WORD**

**First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a**

<sup>2</sup> [The Israelites] 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, "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 went, 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."

Reader: Word of God; Word of Life.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm: Psalm 100**

*Read responsively*

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, <sup>1</sup> all you lands!

<sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence <sup>1</sup> with a song.

<sup>3</sup> **Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom <sup>1</sup> we belong;**

**we are God's people and the sheep <sup>1</sup> of God's pasture.**

<sup>4</sup> Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the <sup>1</sup> courts with praise;

give thanks and bless God's <sup>1</sup> holy name.

<sup>5</sup> **Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is <sup>1</sup> everlasting,**

**whose faithfulness endures from <sup>1</sup> age to age.**

**Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Reader: Word of God; Word of Life.

**People: *Thanks be to God***

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

**People: *Glory to you, O Lord.***

## **Gospel: Matthew 9:35—10:8**

<sup>35</sup> 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>10:1</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: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, <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 those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord  
**People: *Praise to you, O Christ.***

## **SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**    *Spread, Oh Spread, Almighty Word*  
**ELW #663**

## **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

Asst. Min.: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

***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 GOD'S PEOPLE**

*Between each petition the following is said:*

Asst. Min.: God of grace,  
**People:** ***Hear our prayer.***

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

**People:** ***Amen.***

### **SPECIAL MUSIC VIDEO**

*Love God, Love People*  
Danny Gokey and Band

Danny Gokey

It all comes down to this: Love God and love people.

### **PREPARING THE TABLE**

**OFFERING PRAYER**                      Spoken in Unison

**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.  
*Amen.***

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

**p. 144a**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: *And also with you.***

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: *We lift them to the Lord.***

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

**People: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*Sanctus**

**p. 144b**

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

**\*Eucharistic Prayer**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Spoken in Unison

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us.

***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**

Heaven has come near.  
Come, share in the feast!

**People: *Thanks be to God.***

**SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT**

**\*TABLE BLESSING**

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Spoken in Unison

**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.  
Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,  
✝ one God,  
bless, heal, and hold you  
today and always.  
**Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**    *I Love to Tell the Story*

**ELW #661**

**\*DISMISSAL**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**    *Rejoice! He Is Lord of All*

Benjamin Knoedler



## *Celebrating Pride – All Are Welcome!*

This June, we joyfully celebrate **Pride Month**, honoring the dignity, worth, and love of our LGBTQ+ community. As a church committed to justice, compassion, and radical welcome, we believe that God's love knows no bounds — and neither should ours.

We're excited to participate in upcoming Pride events in our community and are looking for volunteers to help represent our congregation with love and hospitality. Whether it's helping with greeting visitors, handing out swag items or simply showing up to stand in solidarity — your presence matters.

Let's show up with joy, kindness, and open hearts—because **love is love, and God is love.**

**Lancaster Pride: Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 -6:00 PM.  
Penn Medicine Park, Lancaster**

**Volunteer sign-ups are in the Fellowship Hall.**



**St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
Statement of Welcome, Affirmation  
and Full Participation**



Welcome to St Matthew, the little church  
with a big heart.



We are a Reconciling in Christ  
(Open and Affirming)  
congregation, so when we say "all are welcome",  
we really mean it.

We strive to live that out in our actions as well as our words.  
We publicly and humbly commit to do what it takes to truly be  
a sanctuary filled with warmth, love, understanding, safety,  
respect and care for all who enter here.

*(Please see our Full Statement of Welcome, Affirmation and Full  
Participation on our website: [www.stmatthewelc.com](http://www.stmatthewelc.com). Copies of  
the Full Statement are also available in the Education  
and Resources Stand in the Fellowship Hall.)*

**Chancel Flowers Dedications for 2026**

**Several dates are available for chancel flowers.  
Flower dedications are now \$50.**



**JUNE BIRTHDAYS!**

**6/6 Bernice Scheetz  
6/17 Roxanne Koch  
6/25 Victoria Syvertson  
6/27 Beth Woodley  
6/29 Benjamin Kendall**

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES!**

**6/14 Nick & Ellen Boehm  
6/18 Ned & Cynthia Longenecker**

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Kay Gontner & Barb Elsen

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**Greeter:**

Kay Gontner

**Usher:**

Pat Smith

**Reader:**

Roxanne Koch

**Counters:**

Linda Tice & Carol Rothweiler

**6/13 Saturday**  
5:00pm Worship

**6/20 Saturday**  
12:00pm Lancaster Pride  
2:00pm Quilting Workshop  
5:00pm Worship

**6/14 Sunday**  
10:00am Worship

**6/21 Sunday**  
10:00am Worship  
11:15am Evangelism Mtg

**6/15 Monday**  
12:00pm Community Meal

*\*Events scheduled for outside groups that use our facility. You are welcome to attend or sign up for all other events on the calendar*

**6/16 Tuesday**  
7:00pm Church Council Mtg

**6/17 Wednesday**  
12:00pm Lunch at the Shack

**Scripture Readings—  
June 20-21, 2026**

**6/19 Friday**  
10:30am CPR Class \*

**Jeremiah 20:7-13  
Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18  
Romans 6:1b-11  
Matthew 10:24-39**