

**Pentecost Two**  
**Sunday June 7, 2026**



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

**PRELUDE**    *My Heavenly Father, I Bow Before Thee*

Kevin G. Pace

### **\*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**    *Morning Has Broken*

**ELW #556**

**\*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**

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By  
the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and  
raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and  
Lord.

**People:** *Amen*

**WORD**

**First Reading: Hosea 5:15—6:6**

<sup>15</sup> I will return again to my place  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.  
In their distress they will beg my favor:

<sup>6:1</sup> "Come, let us return to the LORD,  
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;  
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

<sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.

<sup>3</sup> Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;  
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us like the showers,  
like the spring rains that water the earth."

<sup>4</sup> What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;  
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

<sup>6</sup> For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Reader: Word of God; Word of Life.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 50:7-15**      *Read responsively*

<sup>7</sup>“Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you;  
for I am <sup>1</sup> God, your God.  
<sup>8</sup> **I do not accuse you because <sup>1</sup> of your sacrifices;  
your burnt offerings are al- <sup>1</sup> ways before me.**  
<sup>9</sup> I will not accept a calf <sup>1</sup> from your stalls,  
nor goats <sup>1</sup> from your pens;  
<sup>10</sup> **for all the wild animals of the for- <sup>1</sup> est are mine,  
the cattle on a <sup>1</sup> thousand hills.**  
<sup>11</sup> I know every bird <sup>1</sup> of the mountains,  
and the creatures of the <sup>1</sup> fields are mine.  
<sup>12</sup> **If I were hungry, I <sup>1</sup> would not tell you,  
for the whole world is mine and all <sup>1</sup> that is in it.**  
<sup>13</sup> Do you think I eat the <sup>1</sup> flesh of bulls,  
or drink the <sup>1</sup> blood of goats?  
<sup>14</sup> Offer to God a sacrifice <sup>1</sup> of thanksgiving  
and make good your vows to <sup>1</sup> the Most High.  
<sup>15</sup> Call upon me in the <sup>1</sup> day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you shall <sup>1</sup> honor me.

**Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25**

<sup>13</sup> The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

<sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb.

<sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully

convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

<sup>22</sup> Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup> Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader: Word of God; Word of Life.

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

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

**p. 142a**

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 9:9-13, 18-26**

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup> But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

<sup>18</sup> While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." <sup>19</sup> And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup> Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup> for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." <sup>22</sup> Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. <sup>23</sup> When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup> he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup> But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup> And the report of this spread through all of that district.

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

## SERMON

\*HYMN OF THE DAY      *We Come to You for Healing, Lord*  
ELW #617

## \*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**

*Lead, Kindly Light* English Hymn arr. Lex de Azevedo  
Jeannine Goeckeritz, flute;  
Tamara Oswald harp; Daron Bradford, clarinet

## **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**    *O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate*  
**ELW #722**

**\*DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**    *The Glorious Song*

Lani Smith



***Celebrating Pride – All Are Welcome!***

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

**Lititz Pride: Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 6:00 PM.**  
727 Furnace Hills Pike, Lititz

**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**



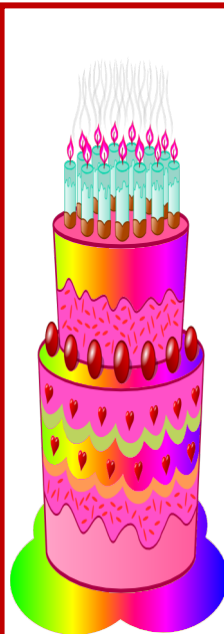
Welcome to St Matthew, the little church  
with a big heart.



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.)*



**MAY BIRTHDAYS!**

**5/4 Nancy Smith**  
**5/5 Bob Wimer**  
**5/9 Mimi Ruth**  
**5/19 Lunda Shaub**  
**5/22 Cynthia Longenecker**  
**5/24 Linda Tice**  
**5/24 Mark Smith**

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES!**

**5/2 Brad & Sheila Charles**  
**5/17 Paul & Donna Kilgore**  
**5/19 Erik & Sarah Teichmann**  
**5/28 Steve & Sue Feldmann**

**The Congregation**

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Barb Elsen

**Reader:**

Steve Feldmann

**Counters:**

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**6/6 Saturday**  
12:00pm Lititz Pride Festival  
5:00pm Worship

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

**6/7 Sunday**  
10:00am Worship

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

**6/8 Monday**  
5:30pm CPR Class \*

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

**6/9 Tuesday**  
6:30pm Elephants Up Close

**6/10 Wednesday**  
6:30pm RIC Committee Mtg

**6/12 Friday**  
1:30pm CPR Class \*

**Scripture Readings—  
June 13-14, 2026**

**Exodus 19:2-8a**

**Psalm 100**

**Romans 5:1-8**

**Matthew 9:35—10:8**