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**The Second Sunday
after Pentecost
June 7, 2026**

Opening Hymn: Hymnal #558 Faith of our fathers! living still

Collect of the Day

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

The Psalm: Psalm 33:1-12 BCP: Page 262

Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

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. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 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.

Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." 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), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

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

Sequence Hymn: Will you come and follow me

1. Will you come and fol - low me if
 2. Will you leave your self be - hind if
 3. Will you let the blind - cd see if
 4. Will you love the "You" you hide if
 5. Christ, your sun - mons ech - oes true when

I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and
 I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and
 I but call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ner free and
 I but call your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and
 you but call my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and

nev - er be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you
 nev - er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tle stare should your
 nev - er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do
 nev - er be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to re -
 nev - er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your

let my Name be known? Will you let my life be grown in
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer prayer in
 such as this un - scen? And ad - mit to what I mean in
 shape the world a - round through my sight and touch and sound in
 love and foot - steps show, thus I'll move and live and grow in

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. (Final Ending)

you and you in me?
 you and you in me?
 you and you in me?
 you and you in me?

5. you and you in me.

The Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

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

Offertory Anthem: Hymnal #439 What wondrous love is this

Communion Hymns

Hymn #1: Hymnal #304 I come with joy to meet my Lord

Hymn #2: In the Lord I'll be ever joyful

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -
joyce! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your
voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near.

Processional Hymn: Hymnal #686 Come, thou fount of every blessing

SERVING TODAY

Presider: The Reverend Gail Bernthal

Preacher: Emily Niblick

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeni-Ann Kren & Melanie Short

Altar Guild Servers: Jean Fennacy, Jane Martin, & Sue Loucks

Readers: Pam Johnston & Jennifer Bianchi

Counters: Shar Reagan & Matt Gerking

CATHEDRAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Prayer Book Gatherings:** Join us to learn about one of our greatest resources, The Book of Common Prayer! This takes place on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside room. We will gather to talk about the value, spirituality, and discipline of the BCP using the book *Inwardly Digest: The Prayer Book as Guide to a Spiritual Life* written by Derek Oslen. We'll end the gatherings with a liturgy from the BCP.
- **Bible Study:** Join Emily Niblick as leads the latest bible study focusing on the fourth gospel of John is characterized by descriptions and scenes which differ greatly from the first three (synoptic) gospels. Did the writer of John have his own sources? Come explore this beautiful gospel as we discuss what this unique gospel story has to share with us! Happening Thursdays at 11 a.m. in the Chapter Conference room located inside the Admin. Building. Zoom information can be found on the master calendar.
- **Create & Sew Days:** Join the Arts group on Wednesdays for their weekly craft day. Happening in the Arts & Education wing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Can't make it on Wednesdays? Join them on the 4th Saturday of the month, same place, same time!
- **Produce Pantry Market needs YOU!** Specifically, we face significantly higher costs for the food we purchase from the Central California Food Bank, especially for grains and proteins. Providing one source of protein now requires about \$150 additional each month, or another \$1,800 per year. This is an important ministry, and each month we provide food to approximately 250 families representing about 1,200 people. Please consider giving an amount you can afford restricted to our Food Program. You can leave a check in the offering plate, mail it, or donate online at StJamesFresno.org, then click "Give," pull the drop-down menu, and select "Produce Market." Thank you! Questions? See Deacon Nancy, Ashley Black, or Blanca Jacquez.