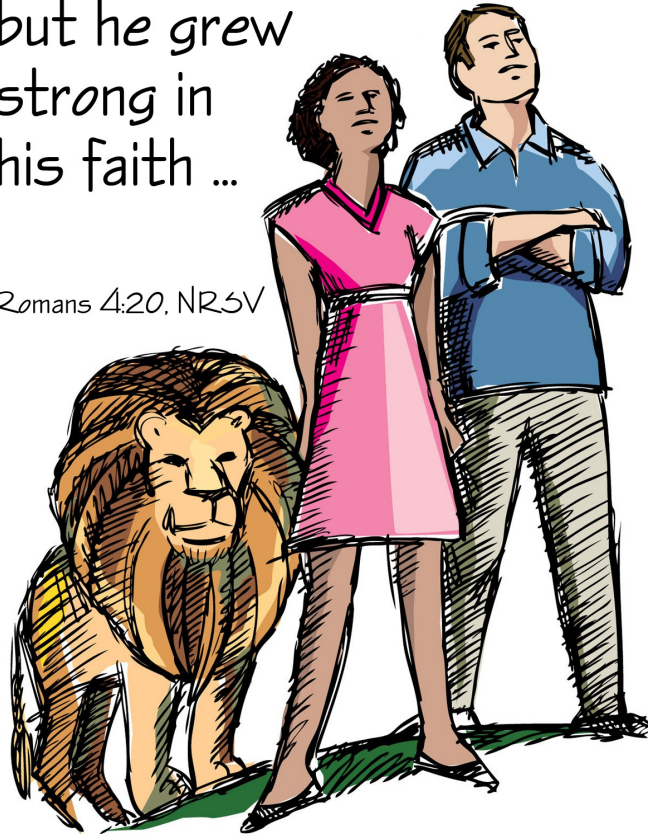


## Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 7, 2026 10:30 a.m.

No distrust made  
him waver concerning  
the promise of God,  
but he grew  
strong in  
his faith ...

Romans 4:20, NR5V



*"Touched by the Gospel, we seek to be instruments of God's Peace,  
for the sake of the World."*

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## Welcome in the name of Christ!



### Entering Worship

- ▶ Fully accessible restrooms (men's, women's, gender-neutral) are located behind you as you face the altar. The women's room and nursery have changing tables.
- ▶ People of all ages and stages are encouraged to worship together. A staffed nursery is available 9 AM - Noon.
- ▶ Many people enjoy prayerful quiet in the Sanctuary before worship begins to help center themselves. By keeping conversation in the Gathering Space before worship, you are giving the gift of this peace to your neighbors.
- ▶ All are welcome to share Christ's communion regardless of age or faith tradition. The bread is gluten, nut, and dairy free. Wine and grape juice are available.

### Embodying Praise

- ▶ Postures are a way in which we engage the body in worship. These movements (sitting, standing, making the sign of the cross) are optional; please engage in them only as you are comfortable or able.
- ▶ Some brains need a quiet activity to help them learn. Feel free to borrow a worship bag or a fidget toy to help your brain and body stay engaged. Ask an usher for assistance.
- ▶ If your body would benefit from extra motion during worship, you are welcome to get up and move about during the service. The Prayground in the Gathering Space is equipped with activities and soft toys for anyone to use. The service is still audible there.
- ▶ Hearing assistance devices direct clearer sound directly to your ears. They are available from the ushers. If you use Bluetooth-enabled hearing aids, see the back of the bulletin for instructions on connecting to the assistive listening system in our sanctuary.

### Engaging in Community

- ▶ Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to be an open, welcoming place for all people. Please join us in the Gathering Space after worship for snacks, coffee, and fellowship.
- ▶ This bulletin may be recycled in the basket on the floor near the glass door to the front parking lot. We invite you to take home the Peace Proclamations page with announcements and upcoming events.
- ▶ If you'd like to learn more about our community you can: greet Pastor Rachel at the door by the baptismal font after worship, visit the welcome table to pick up informational brochures or staff business cards, or visit our website: [www.poppottage.org](http://www.poppottage.org)

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

*Worshippers responses in bold*

*Sit*

### Music for the Beginning of Worship

### Welcome

*Stand*

### Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor: Compassionate God,

**All: 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.**

Pastor: 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.

**All: Amen.**

**Gathering Song**

"Morning Has Broken"

No. 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.

**All: And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: Let us pray,

**All: 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. Amen.**

*Sit*

**The Children's Sermon**

### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

**Scripture Reading**

Hosea 5:15 – 6:6

I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: "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. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. 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."

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. 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. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

Psalm 50:7-15

Reader: "Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

*High: I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.*

*Low: I will not accept a calf from your stalls, nor goats from your pens;*

*High: for all the wild animals of the forest are mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.*

*Low: I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the fields are mine.*

*High: If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.*

*Low: Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?*

**All: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.**

Reader: Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

**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. For 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 transgression.

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, 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 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), and 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 "it 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 for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Gospel Acclamation**

*¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*

*¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!  
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## Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus 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 not come to call the righteous but sinners."

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." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. 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, for she was saying 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 the woman was made well from that moment. 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 through all of that district.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**Sermon**

Intern Kathleen Robinson

*Stand*

**Hymn of the Day**

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

No. 588

**Apostles' Creed**

Asst.: Joining with the saints of every time and place, we confess our faith:

**All: 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 the Church

5 O God, we call, O God, we call, from  
9 deep in - side we yearn, from deep in - side we yearn, from  
deep in - side we yearn for you.

*After "Generous God," worshipers respond "Pour out your Love."  
Repeat "O God, we call" after the completion of the intercessory prayers.*

### WE SHARE IN HIS MEAL

#### Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

*Worshipers share a sign of God's peace with one another,  
greeting each other with words like "Peace be with you... And also with you.*

Sit

Offering

Please **date** and complete the fellowship registration pad.

*For members of the Prince of Peace community, an offering is our expression of gratitude to God and a way we share God's love with the world. If you are visiting with us today, your presence is already a great gift.*

#### Liturgical Hand Washing

*I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,  
and telling all your wondrous deeds. – Psalm 26:6-7*

Offering Response

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"  
*stand for last verse*

No. 470

#### Offering Prayer

Asst.: 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.

All: **Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving - Grace Before the Meal

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Holy, Holy, Holy <sup>1</sup>

1  
You are ho-ly you are whole. You are al-ways ev-er - more than we ev-er un-der - stand.

6  
— You are al-ways at hand, Bless-ed are you com-ing near. — Bless-ed are you com-ing here

12  
— to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

16  
2  
— You are ho - ly, — you are whole - ness, — you are pre - sent. —

22  
— Let the cos-mos praise you Lord! — Sing ho - san - na — in the high - est! —

28  
— Sing ho - san - na! — Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given to you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**All:** 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.

## Invitation to the Meal

Pastor: If you desire to receive what God offers, come to this Table. Come with your faith and your doubt. Come with your questions and your hopes. Come with your grief and your love. Come taste the Lord's goodness. There is room for you here because this is Christ's table. You are welcome.

*Sit*

## Holy Communion - the Lord's Supper

All are welcome at Christ's table regardless of age or membership status. All communion servers will have sanitized their hands before handling the communion elements. Ushers will direct you to come forward. The pastor and assisting minister will distribute the bread (gluten-free) and the other servers will distribute the wine (red) or grape juice (white). Individually packaged gluten free wafers and sets of completely sealed elements (wheat wafer and grape juice) are available on the stands near the bread distributors. You may pick one of those up yourself, if you prefer. You may place your empty cup in the baskets on the tables as you return to your seat.

If you would prefer not to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate your preference to the servers.

## Lamb of God

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
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Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.  
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

**Communion Hymns**

“Jesus Loves Me!”

No. 595

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

No. 764

**Table Blessing**

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

Asst.: 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.

**All: Amen.**

**Sending of Communion**

*Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament to those who are absent.*

Pastor: Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick/homebound/imprisoned. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE**

**Announcements**

*Worshipers are invited to share announcements not listed in the weekly Peace Proclamations:*

*blessings: like anniversaries, birthdays, births or new jobs, prayer concerns and answered prayers. So that all present on person and livestreaming can see and hear you, **come up the ramp to the chancel then go to the pulpit** to give your announcement.*

**WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE**

*Stand*

**Final Blessing**

Pastor: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

**All: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

No. 860

**Dismissal**

Asst.: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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June 7, 2026

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Next Week's Servers

June 14, 2026

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# MY SERMON notes

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## today's scriptures


## things to remember

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## prayers



to study at home:

