

*Third Sunday after Pentecost*  
*June 14, 2026*

## **WELCOME**

*A warm welcome to visitors who join us today to worship our Risen Lord!  
We invite you to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave worship today.  
Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.*

*Children are always welcome at worship.*

*If desired, there is an unstaffed nursery available for parents and their children  
on the second floor in the education wing. Take the first left down the hallway, and  
the nursery is the first door on your right.*

*Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices  
for today's worship are available.  
Please feel free to ask an usher if interested.*

# GATHERING

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Please stand as you are able.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.**

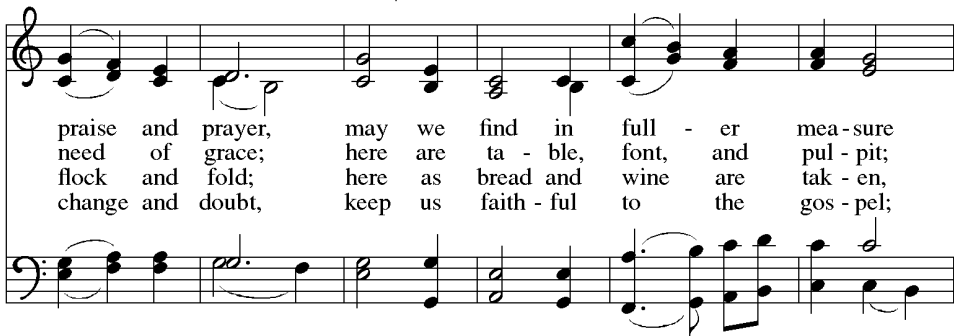
# God Is Here!

Text: Fred Pratt Green

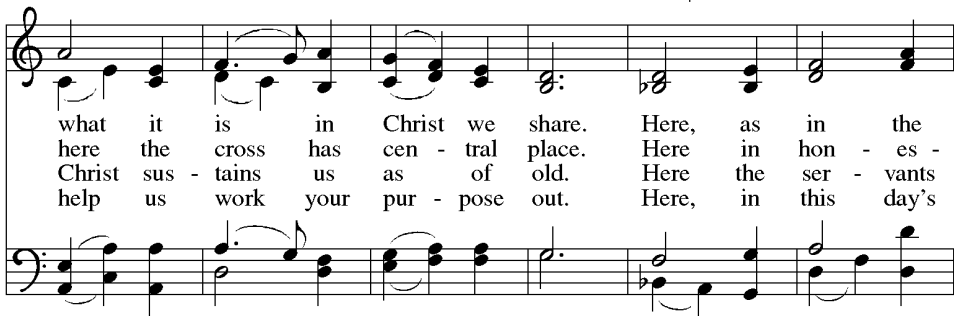
Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com-ing of the Spir-it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 here, in new-ness and re - new-al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 we, who can - not live with-out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### KYRIE

- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **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.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# WORD

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### 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."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

Psalm 100

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

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

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong;  
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

<sup>4</sup> **Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;  
give thanks and bless God's holy name.**

<sup>5</sup> Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
**whose faithfulness endures from 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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL

## Matthew 9:35-10:8-23

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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. <sup>9</sup> Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, <sup>10</sup> no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. <sup>11</sup> Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. <sup>12</sup> As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup> If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup> If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

<sup>16</sup> “I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup> Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, <sup>18</sup> and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles.

<sup>19</sup> When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, <sup>20</sup> for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup> Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup> and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON** *Following the sermon, silence is kept to reflect upon God’s message.*

**PASTORAL PRAYER** *Following the prayer, please stand as you are able.*

## O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr. Music: ELLACOMBE, German Melody

1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.  
 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,  
 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,  
 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,

Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.  
 so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.  
 that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.  
 whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:

The heart of God, the heart of Christ com-bined in per-fect rhyme  
 Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,  
 We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield  
 come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser-vant ways,

to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.  
 and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.  
 that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.  
 whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*We greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## OUR RESPONSE

### GATHERING OF GIFTS

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Online giving is available at [felcc.org](http://felcc.org) or by scanning this QR code.*



### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Please stand as you are able.*

# OFFERTORY

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us- ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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 INTERCESSION**

**God of grace, hear our prayer.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## SENDING

## BLESSING

May Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever more. **Amen.**

## I Love to Tell the Story

Text: Katherine Hankey Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble clef and a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are as follows:

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

## DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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*Please remember in your prayers ...*

Healing: **Dot Hammer** (7/07), Bob Hockensmith (6/18), **Marcia Hunt** (7/01), Ferree LeFevre (7/02), Alvino Long (7/28), Heidi Myrold (7/03), **Bill Nienstedt** (6/30), **Kristy Nienstedt** (6/30), **Dalton Paul** (7/09).

Continuing Prayers: Madeline Artman, **Joanne Caskey**, **June Diehl**, **Harold Forrester**, **Charles Kampmeyer**, **Julie Paul**, **Connie Wilkins**

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold, **Hunter Boock**, Derek Haugh

**ATTENDANCE**    June 7    57 in person    12 online

**SOCIAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING** is today following worship.



**LADIES BREAKFAST** is this Wednesday, June 17 at 8:30 a.m. at Trojan Diner. ALL LADIES WELCOME!

**JUNE BIBLE STUDY** Come and be a part of this small group as we study the Holy Scriptures together. We will read stories in Matthew and discuss them, intertwining God's word and our daily life. Join us on Monday afternoons from June 1 through June 29 at 1 p.m. in Meeting Room #1. If you are only available to attend one or two sessions, that is fine. Join us for those. Sign-up sheet is by the main office door. Led by Pastor Nicholson.



## OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND PICNIC

We hope you will join us at Greene Township Park Pavilion for Worship on Sunday, June 28 at 10:45. You may wish to bring a lawn chair. Shorts and T-shirts are appropriate dress. If you would like to help with the more casual worship that day, please be in touch with Pastor Nicholson. To help with music contact Freda Dorand.



The congregation picnic will follow. Price per person is \$15. Children 12 and under are free. Menu will be posted in Memorial Hall. Please make your reservation for food by Sunday, June 21. Sign up in Memorial Hall after worship today and next Sunday or by calling Mary Beth at 717-372-8282.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** St. Luke Lutheran Church (2695 Luther Drive; Chambersburg) has invited First Lutheran Children, ages 5-11 to join them for VBS this summer. The theme is Champions for Christ. VBS will be from 6 to 8 p.m. July 26-30. Preregistration is required. There is no cost. Call 717-261-1213 for questions or to register.



Join us for an exciting week of faith, fun, and fellowship!



**MINI GOLF SCRAMBLE** Join Christians in central PA to support Hogar Miguel Orphanage in Guatemala. (Associated with Tree-4-Hope). The scramble will be fun for all ages and abilities including children. It is being held on Saturday, August 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Challenge Family Fun Center located at 366 Middletown Rd. Hummelstown, PA. This family-friendly event is a fun twist on the traditional golf scramble and is designed for everyone. Participants will enjoy a day of mini golf, fellowship, lunch, and a chance to win some great prizes. Scan the QR code to register.



**STAINED GLASS GIVING** Work is happening on the stained glass windows.



The final bill balance of \$59,000 is coming due soon. Here are some ways to consider giving. Thank you for the care for our majestic windows.

1. Tax Advantages (see June newsletter for details)
  - a. \$1,000 (\$2,000 for couples) of gift to church non-taxable
  - b. Qualified Charitable Donation from your Pension – non taxable
  - c. Appreciated stocks – appreciated stock value non taxable
2. Thrivent Members – all Choice Dollars received by the church during the months of June, July, and August will be given toward the stained glass windows.



**STREET CLOSURE** Sometime this summer, Washington Street will be closed between First Lutheran Parking Lot entrance and Southgate traffic light for an extended period. We will work to let you know the specific date when The Borough of Chambersburg shares that information.

**SCAN (Student Clothing Assistance Network)** Working with the social workers of the school district, SCAN volunteers fill emergency requests for clothing and school supplies. When a request is received, it is assigned to volunteers to acquire the necessary items, either through purchase or donation. When requests are received the need is urgent. The children involved are in crisis situations—domestic upheaval, homelessness, unexpected relocations. Please contact Tim or Mary: 717-264-4759, 717-491-0611, [tim@gotwald.org](mailto:tim@gotwald.org), [mary@gotwald.org](mailto:mary@gotwald.org)  
Thank you for considering.

# THIS WEEK AT FIRST

## June 14 - 21

<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 a.m.	Worship Social Missions Committee Meeting after Worship
<b>Monday</b>	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study in meeting room 1
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 a.m.	Ladies Breakfast at Trojan Diner
	9:30 a.m.	LWR Quilters
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 a.m.	Worship



### June 14

### June 21

### June 28 (Outdoor Worship)

Lector:           Ralph Burdick

Dia Schumacher

Communion

Jim Brown

Assistants:

Ralph Burdick

Becky Hoover

Greeters:       Nancy Hamilton  
                  Kathy Shoop

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Kathy Shoop

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Church Office Hours – Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**We welcome visitors this morning.**

Please pick up a **visitor's packet**. They are located at the top of the steps.  
at the rear of the church or on the table at the elevator entrance.

### **Our Mission**

The mission of First Lutheran Church is to be the light of Jesus,  
burning brightly and vigorously in our community.

### **Worship Schedule**

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

also on Facebook at First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
and on our webpage at [www.FELCC.org](http://www.FELCC.org)

ALL are invited to hear and receive God's blessing in Jesus,  
and to worship with us.