

**The Third Sunday After Pentecost
June 14, 2026
Heritage Lutheran Church
Apple Valley, MN
9:00 a.m.**



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1. Welcome

2. The Confession Of Sin

Pastor Dearly Beloved: We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

Congregation Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

Absolution

Pastor The almighty and most merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

3. Opening Hymn #18 “God Our Father, Be Our Stay”

1 God the Father, be our Stay; O let us perish never!
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life forever.
Keep us from the evil one; Uphold our faith most holy;
Grant us to trust Thee solely With humble hearts and lowly.
Let us put God's armor on, With all true Christian running
Our heav'nly race and shunning The devil's wiles and cunning
Amen, amen! This be done; So sing we, Alleluia!

2 Jesus Christ, be Thou our Stay; O let us perish never!
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life forever.
Keep us from the evil one; Uphold our faith most holy;
Grant us to trust Thee solely With humble hearts and lowly.
Let us put God's armor on, With all true Christian running
Our heav'nly race and shunning The devil's wiles and cunning
Amen, amen! This be done; So sing we, Alleluia!

3 Holy Gost, be Thou our Stay; O let us perish never!
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life forever.
Keep us from the evil one; Uphold our faith most holy;
Grant us to trust Thee solely With humble hearts and lowly.
Let us put God's armor on, With all true Christian running
Our heav'nly race and shunning The devil's wiles and cunning
Amen, amen! This be done; So sing we, Alleluia!

4 Triune God, be Thou our Stay, O let us perish never!
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life forever.
Keep us from the evil one; Uphold our faith most holy;
Grant us to trust Thee solely With humble hearts and lowly.
Let us put God's armor on, With all true Christian running
Our heav'nly race and shunning The devil's wiles and cunning
Amen, amen! This be done; So sing we, Alleluia!

4. Opening Versicles

Pastor O Lord, open my lips.

♪ **Congregation** And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

Pastor Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

♪ **Congregation** Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: Forevermore. Amen. Alleluia.

5. The Invitatory and Venite (*Psalm 95*)

Pastor Oh come, let us worship the Lord.

♪ **Congregation** For He is our Maker.

Oh, come let us sing to the Lord:

let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving:

and make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all Gods.

In His hand are the deep places of the earth:

the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it: and His hands form-ed the dry land.

Oh, come, let us worship and bow down:

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

For He is our God: and we are the people of His pasture
and the sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

6. Hymn (TLH #277) "I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say" (Tune: Vox Dilecti)

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say: "Come unto Me and rest;

Lay down, thou weary one, lay down Thy head upon My breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, Weary and worn and sad;

I found in Him a resting place, And He has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say: "Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one, Stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank Of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in Him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light.
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise, And all thy day be bright!"
I looked to Jesus, and I found In Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that Light of Life I'll walk Till trav'ling days are done.

7. Psalm 119:65-72 (read responsively by whole verse)

⁶⁵ You have dealt well with your servant, O LORD, according to your word.

⁶⁶ Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments.

⁶⁷ Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word.

⁶⁸ You are good and do good; teach me your statutes.

⁶⁹ The insolent smear me with lies, but with my whole heart I keep your precepts;

⁷⁰ their heart is unfeeling like fat, but I delight in your law.

⁷¹ It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.

⁷² The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

8. Old Testament Lesson Hosea 5:15-6:6

^{5:15} I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me. ^{6:1} "Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. ² After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. ³ Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth." ⁴ 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 early away. ⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. ⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

9. The Epistle Romans 4:18-25

¹⁸ In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." ²³ But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵ who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

10. The Gospel Matthew 9:9-13

⁹ As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. ¹⁰ And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Pastor O Lord, have mercy upon us!

♪ **Congregation** Thanks be to You, O Lord!

11. Children's Message

12. Sermon Hymn #237 "Thou To Whom The Sick And Dying"

1 Thou to whom the sick and dying
Ever came, nor came in vain,
Still with healing word replying
To the wearied cry of pain;
Hear us, Jesus, as we meet
Suppliants at Thy mercy-seat.

2 Still the weary, sick and dying
Need a brother's, sister's care,
On Thy higher help relying
May we now their burden share,
Bringing all our offerings meet
Suppliants at thy mercy-seat.

3 May each child of Thine be willing,
Willing both in hand and heart,
All the law of love fulfilling,
Comfort ever to impart,
Ever bringing offerings meet
Suppliant to Thy mercy-seat.

4 So may sickness, sin and sadness
To Thy healing virtue yield,
Till the sick and sad, in gladness,
Rescued, ransomed, cleansed, healed,
One in Thee together meet,
Pardoned at thy judgment-seat.

13. Sermon – "For I Came Not To Call The Righteous, But Sinners" *Matthew 9:9-13*

14. The Offering

15. Te Deum Hymn #44 "Thee God, We Praise, Thy Name We Bless"

Sing stanzas 1-12 in harmony as you are comfortable. Sing stanza 13 in unison.

1 Thee, God, we praise, Thy name we bless,
Thee, Lord, of all we do confess;
The whole creation worships Thee,
The Father of eternity.

2 To Thee aloud all angels cry,
The heav'ns and all the pow'rs on high,
The cherubs and the seraphs join,
And thus they hymn Thy praise divine.

3 O holy, holy, holy Lord,
Thou, God, of hosts, by all adored;
Earth and the heav'ns are full of Thee,
Thy light, thy pow'r, Thy majesty.

4 The apostles join the glorious throng,
The prophets swell the immortal song,
The white-robed hosts of martyrs bright
All serve and praise Thee day and night.

5 The holy Church in ev'ry place
Throughout the world exalts Thy praise,
And ever doth acknowledge Thee,
Father of boundless majesty.

6 O God eternal, mighty King,
We unto Thee our praises bring;
And to Thy true and only Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One.

7 O King of glory, Christ the Lord,
God's everlasting Son--the Word,
To rescue mankind from its doom,
Thou didst our very flesh assume.

8 Thou overcamst death's sharp sting,
Believers unto heav'n to bring;
At God's right hand, exalted there,
Thou dost the Father's glory share.

9 And we believe Thou wilt descend
To be our judge, when comes the end;
Thy servants help, whom Thou, O God,
Hast ransomed with Thy precious blood.

10 Among Thy saints let us be found
With glory everlasting crowned;
Thy people save from age to age,
And bless Thy chosen heritage.

11 O guide them, lift them up for aye:
We magnify Thee day by day,
Thy name we worship and adore,
World without end, for evermore.

12 Vouchsafe, O Lord, we humbly pray,
To keep us safe from sin this day:
O Lord, have mercy on us all,
Have mercy on us when we call.

13 Thy mercy, Lord, to us extend,
As on Thy mercy we depend:
Lord, I have put my trust in Thee,
Confounded let me never be.

16. Prayers

The Kyrie Sung by All

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer Sung by All

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.

17. The Closing Collect

Pastor Let us pray: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, having safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doing, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

18. Benedicamus & Benediction

Pastor Let us bless the Lord!

♪ **Congregation** Thanks be to God!

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

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

19. Benediction Hymn #216 "Of Zion's Honor Angels Sing"

Sing stanzas 2-4 in harmony as you are comfortable. Sing stanzas 1 and 5 in unison.

1 Of Zion's honor angels sing!
In Zion Christ alone is King;
In grace He rules with gentle sway,
And leads her heavenward, day by day.

2 For Zion knows no other Lord,
But cleaves to His unerring Word:
To her suffices: Jesus saith!
This is her source and rule of faith.

3 To her He gave the Pow'r of Keys,
To bind and loose as He decrees;
Through her declares sins forgiv'n
That we may be fit heirs of heav'n.

4 Apostles, prophets, He hath sent
To her with Word and Sacrament,
And still sends servants of the Word
To serve the Church and Christ, her Lord.

5 God Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Adored by all the heav'nly host,
We bow in Zion at Thy throne—
No other God and Lord we own.

Announcements

Special Fellowship Today – Please stay for fellowship after the service to honor Dennis & Ruth Braun who will be moving in the upcoming weeks and will be greatly missed!

Annual Voters' Meeting – After church & fellowship time today.

Worship Times – Sundays at 9:00 a.m. & Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

VBS – Vacation Bible School will be the week of July 27 – 30. Volunteers are needed to help with teaching, games, crafts, snacks, music, etc. Please see Laura Mears if you are interested in volunteering.

Women's Bible Study – The Monday night Women's Bible Class will resume in the fall.

Men's Bible Study – Men's Bible study will resume in the fall.

Meditations – The meditations are available on the welcome stand.

Fellowship - Volunteers are always needed to provide fellowship food every Sunday. Please sign up on the volunteer board.

Spring Clean Up – Please see the volunteer board for opportunities to help around the church grounds. There are indoor and outdoor projects. Please take a look and see if there are any projects that you would like to help with.

TLC – All women of the congregation are invited to the TLC Summer Gathering at the home of Julie Damico-O'Gara on Tuesday, June 23rd from 5-8 p.m.

Summer Choir – Summer Choir meets in the sanctuary on Sundays after fellowship time. Today's rehearsal will be after the meeting. Join us – even if you can't be herre every week. High schoolers welcome!



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