

# ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD  
LITTLETON, COLORADO

*June 13-14, 2026*

4:00 p.m. Saturday, 9:00 a.m. Sunday



## **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

### **WHO NEEDS THE GOSPEL?**

#### **AS WE GATHER**

The only people in the Old Testament who needed freedom were those enslaved. The people in today's Gospel who truly needed a Savior were like sheep without a shepherd, milling about without hope. The vast crowds of people who have inherited the sin of Adam are, as we once were, dead in trespasses and sin; they all need some good news! Today's Readings move us into action! God promises that His people shall be priests, and priests convey the message of forgiveness to all burdened by sin. The gift of God's Son abounds for many, Paul writes in the Epistle. And Jesus Himself tells us to proclaim as we go, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 10:7). Be ready to be moved into action!

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Prelude

“Toccata Brevis”

Ovid Young

Pastoral Greeting

Opening Hymn

“Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying”

LSB 826

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCES**     *Exodus 19:5; Romans 5:11; Matthew 9:38*

Pastor: You shall be My treasured possession among all peoples,

People: **for all the earth is Mine.**

Pastor: We also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

People: **through whom we have now received reconciliation.**

Pastor: Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest

People: **to send out laborers into His harvest.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Let us come into God’s presence in humility and confession.

Heavenly Father, who rescued Your people from Egypt,

People: **rescue us from our sins in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, who gave Yourself into death that we might have life,

People: **we confess that we deserve that death You willingly took for us. Forgive us.**

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, who wants all people to be saved,

People: **we are by nature sinful and in need of Your gracious love. Forgive us.**

Pastor: May forgiveness and joy fill your hearts, willing obedience guide your steps, and may the Gospel be proclaimed as you live out each day. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

**KYRIE**

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

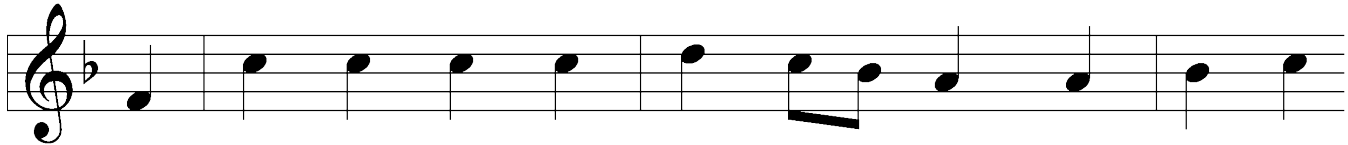
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

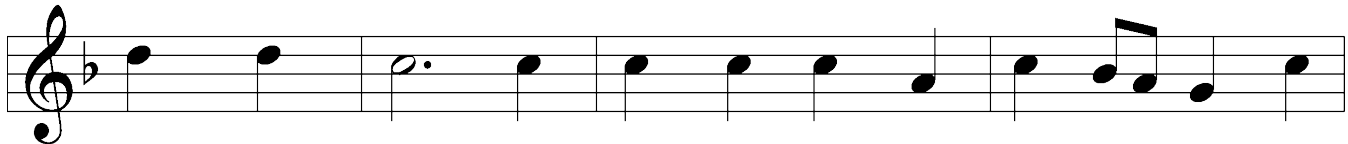
People: **Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "Let All the People Praise You God"

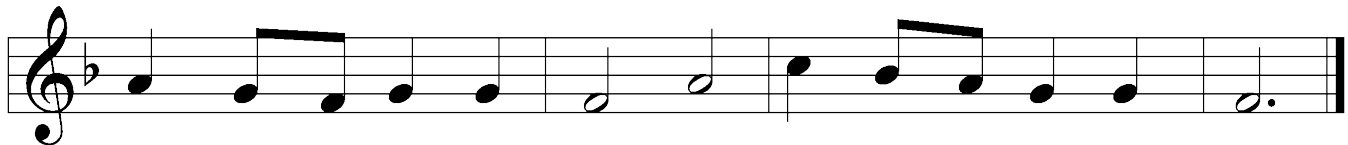
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1 Let all the peo - ple praise You, God; And let their  
2 The earth has giv - en what we need; The bless - ings



voic - es raise. The na - tions sing Your praise in joy; You  
come from You. Bless us and all who live on earth, With



guide through all their days, You guide through all their days.  
joy our hearts re - new, With joy our hearts re - new.

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**SONGS OF PRAISE (9:00 only) - Praise Team and Congregation**

**Song** **HERE I AM, LORD** **WOV 752**

**Song** **SEND ME OUT** **Fee**

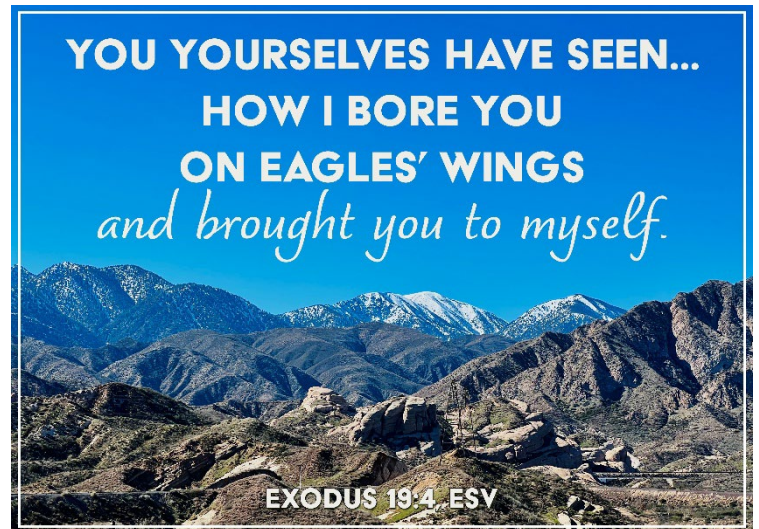
Jesus Lord of my salvation  
Savior of my soul  
Send me out to the world to make You known  
Jesus King of ev'ry nation  
This world's only hope  
Send me out to the world  
to make You known  
Send me out to the world

## CHORUS

I wanna be Your hands and feet  
I wanna be Your voice  
ev'ry time I speak  
I wanna run to the ones in need  
In the name of Jesus  
I wanna give my life away  
All for Your kingdom's sake  
Shine a light in the darkest place  
In the name of Jesus  
(In the name of Jesus)

Carry to the broken-hearted  
Mercy You have shown  
Send me out to the world  
to make You known  
To the ones in need of rescue  
Lead me I will go  
Send me out to the world to make You known  
Send me out to the world

## CHORUS



## ✧ WORD ✧

### Old Testament Reading: Exodus 19:2-8

*(God did everything to free His people from slavery.)*

**They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."**

**So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. All the people answered together and said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.**

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Epistle: Romans 5:6-15**

*(The one man's death means life for many.)*

**For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.**

**Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.**

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise for the Verse and the Holy Gospel.*

**VERSE**     *Matthew 9:37b–38*

Pastor: Alleluia. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;

**People: therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Alleluia.**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:20**

*(The disciples are sent out as apostles.)*

**And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”**

**And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The**

names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’

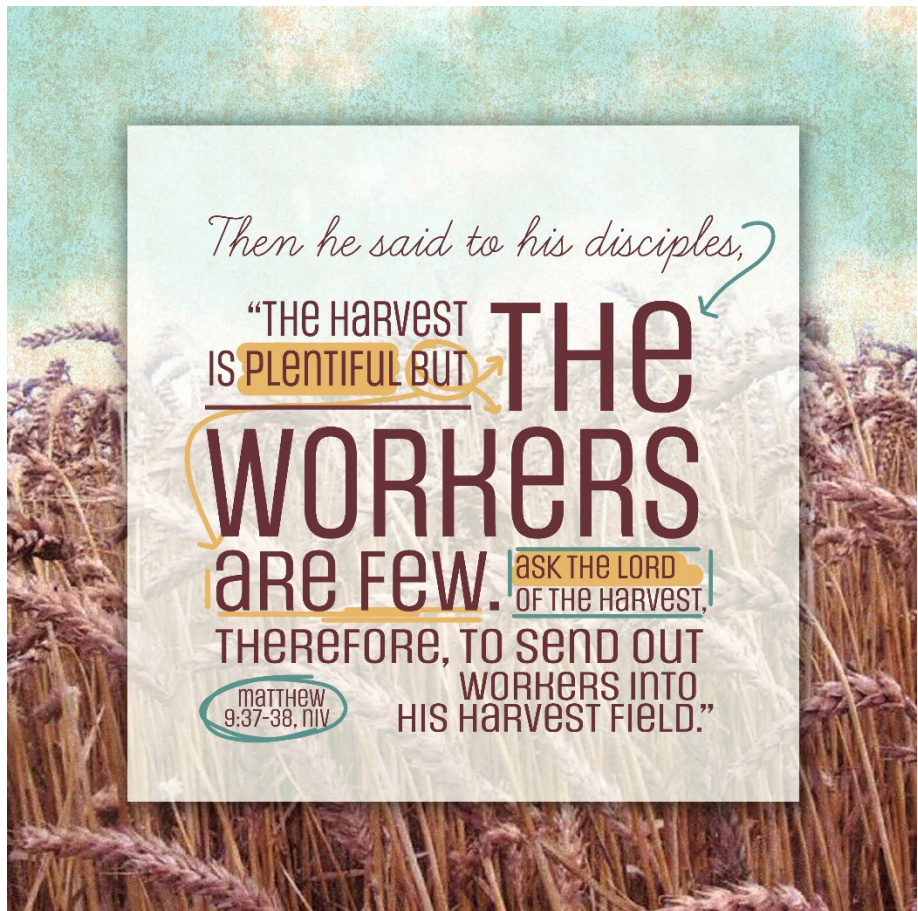
Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. As you enter the house, greet it. And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your

words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.



## Children's Message

Jenna Lawrenz

## Hymn of the Day

"Listen, God is Calling"

LSB 833

## Sermon

"Send Me, Lord"

Pastor Larry A. Alb  
Text: Matthew 9:35-10:20

## Nicene' Creed

*(found at the back of the hymnal)*

## Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy ...

People: **Hear our prayer.**

## Sharing of the Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

*You may now greet one another in the name of the Lord using...Peace be with you!*



**Offering** (4:00 pm - collected in back; 9:00 am – collected in the pews)

**Offering Music (9:00 only – Praise Team and Congregation)**

**Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)**

Baloche

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You. We turn to You.  
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You. We long for You  
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day  
In Your presence, all our fears are washed away (Washed away)

### Chorus

**Hosanna Hosanna, You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises  
Hosanna Hosanna, come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here Lord Jesus**

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You. We turn to You  
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new. You make us new  
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day  
In Your presence, all our fears are washed away (Washed away)

**CHORUS x 2**

## ✠ HOLY COMMUNION AT ASCENSION ✠

*The Lord, our Host, invites to his Supper those who are baptized into the Christian faith, confess him as Savior, have been instructed and have examined themselves, truly repent of sins, believe the Risen Lord is present in the sacrament with his true body and blood, and resolve to live faithfully and obediently. For those with an intolerance to alcohol, the center ring of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available to those with wheat allergies. Children who have not been instructed, yet desire a blessing, are invited to come forward with arms crossed. When receiving the bread and wine, the communicant may respond with "Amen!", a word of affirmation and belief.*

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### **Preface (Divine Service, Setting One)**

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 Him thanks and praise.**

### **Words of Institution**

**Lord's Prayer**                      *Matthew 6:9-13*

**People: 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.**

### **DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

**Special Music (4:00 only)**    "Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling"                      William Braum

**Hymn (4:00 only)**                      "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"                      *LSB 856*

**Song (9:00 only – Praise Team and Congregation)**

### **FREELY FREELY**

Carol Owens

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name  
I've been born again in Jesus' name  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share His love as He told me to

**CHORUS: He said freely freely  
You have received  
Freely freely give  
Go in My name  
And because you believe  
Others will know that I live**

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name  
In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share His pow'r as He told me to **CHORUS**

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**Song** **All Who Are Thirsty** **Brown | Robertson**

All who are thirsty All who are weak  
Come to the fountain  
Dip your heart in the stream of life  
Let the pain and the sorrow Be washed away  
In the waves of His mercy As deep cries out to deep  
(We sing)

**CHORUS**

**Come Lord Jesus come  
Come Lord Jesus come (REPEAT)**

All who are thirsty All who are weak  
Come to the fountain  
Dip your heart in the stream of life  
Let the pain and the sorrow  
Be washed away  
In the waves of His mercy As deep cries out to  
deep  
(We sing)

**CHORUS**

**Come Lord Jesus come  
Come Lord Jesus come (REPEAT)**

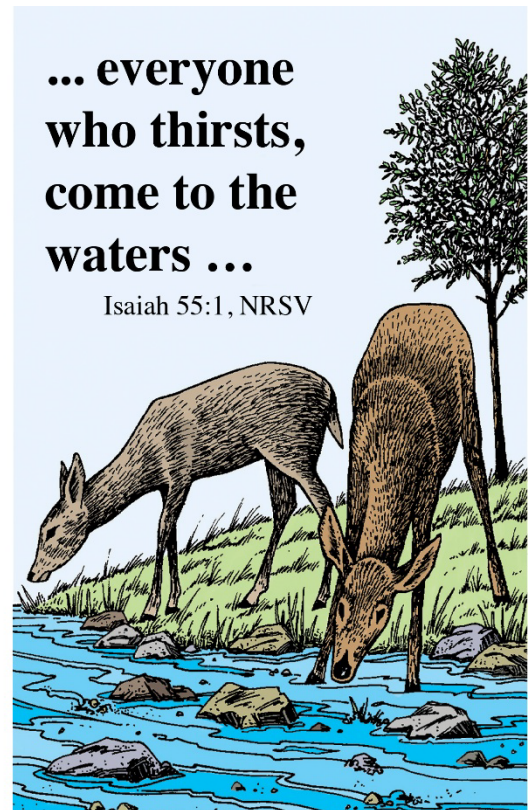
**CHORUS 2**

**Holy Spirit come  
Holy Spirit come (REPEAT)**

As deep cries out to deep  
As deep cries out to deep we sing

**CHORUS**

**Come Lord Jesus come  
Come Lord Jesus come (REPEAT)**



## General Communion Blessing

### Benediction (Divine Service, Setting One)

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen**

Closing Hymn "We Are Called to Stand Together"

LSB 828

### Congregational Concerns

### Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude "We Are Called To Stand Together"

Benjamin Culli



## SERVING IN WORSHIP

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|---|--|
| <b>PASTOR</b>                                   | Pastor John Larson                     |
| <b>PREACHER / CELEBRANT</b>                     | Pastor Larry A. Alb                    |
| <b>MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP / ORGANIST</b> | Michael Zehnder                        |
| <b>CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADER</b>              | Michael Zehnder                        |
| <b>ELDERS</b>                                   | 4:00 Jim Wert; 9:00 Bob Olsen          |
| <b>ACOLYTES</b>                                 | 9:00 Ellise Friend                     |
| <b>LECTORS</b>                                  | 4:00 Anita Baresel; 9:00 Carrie Friend |
| <b>COMMUNION SERVER (4:00)</b>                  | Anita Baresel                          |
| <b>ALTAR GUILD</b>                              | Barbara Rutter, Charmaine Rohde        |

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