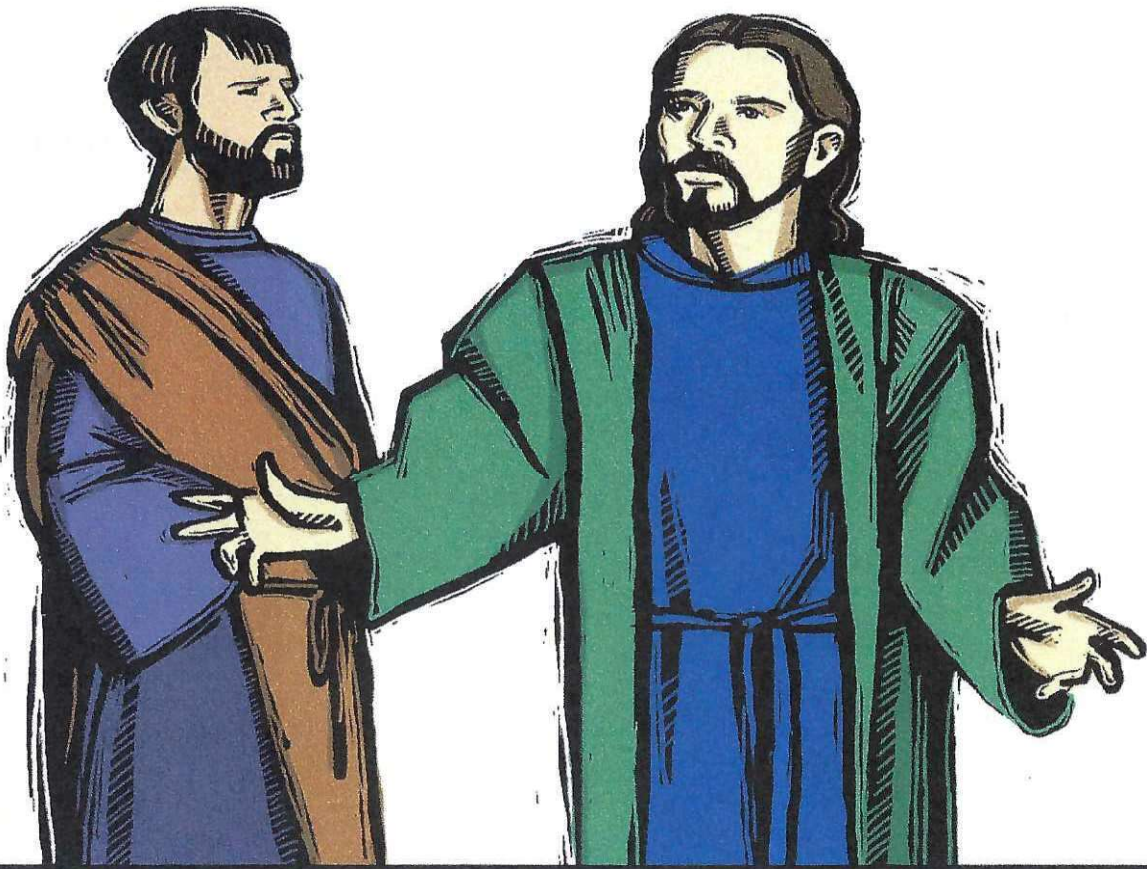


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"Follow me." And he got
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Matthew 9:9

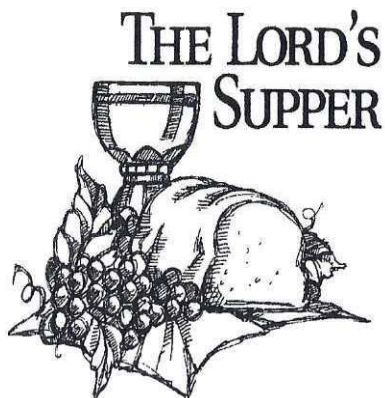
2nd Sunday after Pentecost

OUR COMMON CALL

June 7, 2026

TODAY'S MESSAGE: OUR COMMON CALL

In today's Gospel Reading, Jesus calls a man named Matthew to follow Him. Matthew was a tax collector. Tax collectors were known for being dishonest and stealing from the people. Also, tax collectors like Matthew were Jews who worked for the Romans, which would not have helped their reputation with their fellow Jews. So, when Jesus called Matthew to follow Him and sat at a meal with "many tax collectors and sinners", the Pharisees were offended by Jesus' choice of friends. And Jesus said: "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick... I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." It is through His mercy that Jesus calls sinners like us to follow Him today, and to proclaim His mercy to the world!



In the Lord's Supper, Jesus gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. The Lord's Supper is also a very sacred and intimate proclamation of fellowship among those who confess the same faith (doctrine, teachings) concerning God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ. Therefore, we practice close communion and ask that those who are not confirmed members of an LC-MS congregation receive instruction prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Before receiving the Lord's Supper, we need to examine ourselves in the following way:

(1) Am I truly repentant (sorry) for all of my sins and do I truthfully desire to change my sinful life? (2) Do I believe that Jesus is my Lord and Savior and that in the Lord's Supper I receive His body and His blood for the forgiveness of all my sins? And (3) Have I been instructed in the Scriptures and have I publicly confessed my belief that the teachings of this church and the LC-MS are faithful to God's Word and the gospel of His Son Jesus Christ?

If you have questions about what God's Word says concerning the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor and/or pick up our brochure titled "Fellowship in the Lord's Supper".

Those not confirmed are welcome to come to the altar, keep your hands down and folded and receive a blessing. For those who will be communing: **Non-alcoholic** wine is located in the center of each tray for those who have concerns with alcohol. We offer the **chalice** as well as individual cups. If you desire the chalice, do not take an individual cup from the tray and the pastor will serve you from the chalice. Christ is present in both to grant you forgiveness.

✠ ORDER OF SERVICE WITH COMMUNION ✠

["Divine Service: Setting One" from LSB p.151]

Please silence – or turn off – your phones and refrain from using them during the service.

Welcome

Announcements

Opening Hymn

"Just as I Am, without One Plea"

LSB 570

**Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me.
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, and waiting not, to rid my soul of one dark blot.
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about, with many a conflict, many a doubt.
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind. Sight, riches, healing of the mind.
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve.
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, Thy love unknown, has broken ev'ry barrier down.
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(sung)* A - - - men

Confession of Sins

Hebrews 10:22; 1 John 1:8-9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

C: *(sung)* **A - - - men.**

Entrance Psalm [ESV]

Psalm 136:1 and 119:65-72

ALL: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

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

C: **Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments.**

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

C: **You are good and do good; teach me your statutes.**

P: The insolent smear me with lies, but with my whole heart I keep your precepts; their heart is unfeeling like fat, but I delight in your law.

C: **It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.**

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

C: **You have dealt well with your servant, O LORD, according to your word.**

ALL: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.**

ALL: Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis (*sung*)

Luke 2:14 and John 1:29

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

ALL: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P: The Lord be with you.

C: (*sung*) **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Opening Prayer

ALL: Almighty and most merciful God, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith, that we may proclaim His mercy to all people and live with Him forever in His heavenly kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading [ESV]

Hosea 5:15 – 6:6

I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me. “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. 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 going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as 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 early away. 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. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **You have dealt well with your servant, O LORD, according to your word. Ps. 119:65**

The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come 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 there is no transgression. That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring – not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, 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. 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.”

Abraham 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. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **You have dealt well with your servant, O LORD, according to your word.** Ps. 119:65

Gospel Reading [ESV]

Matthew 9:9-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th chapter.

C: *(sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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. And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard it, 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, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

"Today, Your Mercy Calls Us"

LSB 915

**Today Your mercy calls us, to wash away our sin.
However great our trespass, whatever we have been.
However long from mercy, our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us, and make us clean today.**

**Today Your gate is open, and all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome, and pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten, a present joy be giv'n.
A future grace be promised, a glorious crown in heav'n.**

**Today our Father calls us. His Holy Spirit waits.
His blessed angels gather, around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us, how often we have come.
Although we oft have wandered, it is our Father's home.**

**O all embracing Mercy. O ever-open Door.
What should we do without You, when heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us, to drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open, one ear will hear our prayer.**

Sermon

OUR COMMON CALL

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory (*sung*)

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,

In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Offering (*Greet those seated near you. You may say, "The peace of the Lord be with you."*)

[If you are a guest, please feel under no obligation to give anything, but receive this worship service as our gift to you. For the members and friends of this congregation, our mission and ministry is dependent upon your generous giving, a significant act of our worship.]

Offering Prayer

[LSB 781 (v.1-2)]

P: We give Thee but Thine own, whatever the gift may be. All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

C: **May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive. And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first-fruits give! Amen.**

Prayers

✠ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠

VISITORS and MEMBERS

Please read the message inside the first page of this bulletin re: participation in the Lord's Supper.

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: (*sung*) **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

C: (*sung*) **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Psalm 136

C: *(sung)* **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus *(sung)*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

Words of Our Lord

Mt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed . . .

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

John 20:19

C: *(sung)* **A - men.**

Agnus Dei *(sung)*

John 1:29

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace.**

Distribution Hymns

“Jesus Comes Today with Healing”

LSB 620

**Jesus comes today with healing, knocking at my door, appealing,
Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.**

He Himself makes preparation, and I hear His invitation:

“Come and taste the blessed feast.”

**Christ Himself, the priest presiding, yet in bread and wine abiding,
In this holy sacrament,
Gives the bread of life, once broken, and the cup, the precious token,
Of His sacred covenant.**

**Under bread and wine, though lowly, I receive the Savior holy,
Blood and body, giv'n for me,
Very Lamb of God from heaven, who to bitter death was given.
Hung upon the cursed tree.**

**God descends with heav'nly power, gives Himself to me this hour,
In this ordinary sign.
On my tongue His pledge receiving, I accept His grace, believing,
That I taste His love divine.**

**Let me praise God's boundless favor, whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me, with a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.**

**Now have I found consolation, comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror, cleanses me from sin and error.
Makes my wounded spirit whole.**

"Chief of Sinners though I Be"

LSB 611

**Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me.
Died that I might live on high. Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am His and He is mine.**

**Oh, the height of Jesus' love, higher than the heav'ns above.
Deeper than the depths of sea, lasting as eternity!
Love that found me – wondrous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.**

**Only Jesus can impart, balm to heal the wounded heart.
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n. Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n.
Faith and hope to walk with God, in the way that Enoch trod.**

**Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me.
All my wants to Him are known. All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life, safe with Him from earthly strife.**

**O my Savior, help afford, by Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray, keep me in the narrow way.
Grace in time of need supply, while I live and when I die.**

“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

LSB 609

**Jesus sinners doth receive. Oh, may all this saying ponder,
Who in sin’s delusions live, and from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.**

**We deserve but grief and shame, yet His words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace and life proclaim. Here our ills have perfect healing.
Firmly in these words believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.**

**Sheep that from the fold did stray, no true shepherd e’er forsaken.
Weary souls that lost their way, Christ the Shepherd, gently taketh,
In His arms that they may live: Jesus sinners doth receive.**

**I, a sinner, come to Thee, with a penitent confession.
Savior, mercy show to me. Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.**

**Oh, how blest it is to know: Were as scarlet my transgression.
It shall be as white as snow, by Thy blood and bitter passion.
For these words I now believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.**

**Now my conscience is at peace. From the Law I stand acquitted.
Christ hath purchased my release, and my ev’ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.**

**Jesus sinners doth receive. Also I have been forgiven.
And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave: Jesus sinners doth receive.**

Thank the Lord and sing His praise. Tell everyone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Let us pray.

ALL: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your MERCY you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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

C: *(sung)* A - men, A - men, A - - men.

Closing Hymn

“O God of Mercy, God of Light”

[LW 397; AGPS 182]

**O God of mercy, God of light, in love and mercy infinite,
Teach us, as ever in your sight, to live our lives in you.**

**You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost world might hear your call.
Oh, hear us lest we stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.**

**Teach us the lesson Jesus taught: To feel for those his blood has bought,
That ev'ry deed and word and thought, may work a work for you.**

**For all are kindred, far and wide, since Jesus Christ for all has died.
Grant us the will and grace provide, to love them all in you.**

**In sickness, sorrow, want, or care, each other's burdens help us share.
May we, where help is needed there, give help as though to you.**

**And may your Holy Spirit move, all those who live to live in love.
Till you receive in heav'n above, those who have lived to you.**