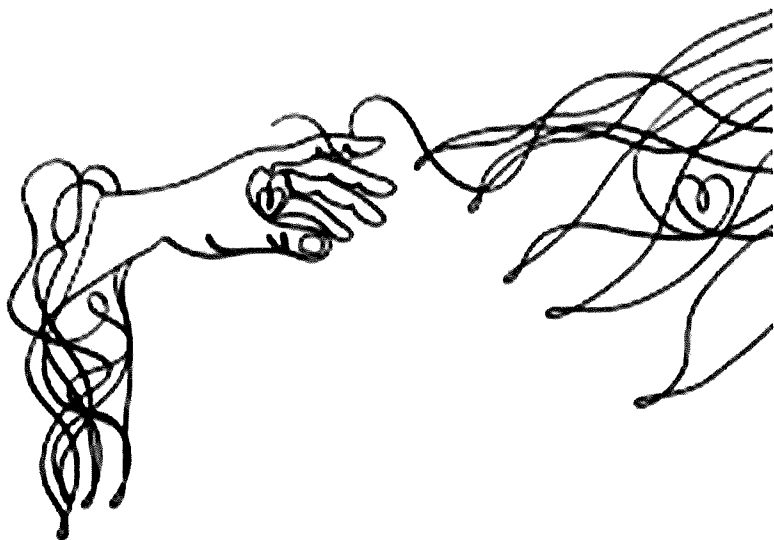


The 2nd Sunday in Pentecost

June 7th, 2026 ~ 8:30am



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WELCOME



() Please stand as you are comfortable and able*

Prelude Music

Welcome & Announcements

*Opening Litany

P: As Jesus walked along the shores of our lives, He saw us and said to each of us, "Follow me."

C: We leave behind our old labels, our past mistakes, and the tables where we count our losses, stepping forward to walk in His way.

P: The world looks at the outcast, the grieving, and the sick and often sees only brokenness.

C: But Jesus sees our inherent worth, entering into our suffering and transforming our darkness.

P: When we are desperate, like the father pleading for his daughter, or isolated and reaching out in the crowd like the ailing woman, Jesus stops, turns, reaches out His hand and says, "Take heart, your faith has saved you."

C: We come as the people of God, knowing we are invited to His table. In His presence, there are no outsiders. We are all welcomed, healed, and restored by His grace. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #556

"Morning Has Broken"

*The Greeting and Prayer of the Day

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: 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.**

The First Reading ~ Hosea 5: 15 - 6: 6

Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.

¹⁵ I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor:

^{6:1} "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. 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 appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like 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 away early. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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 50 (selective verses read responsively)

⁷ "Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

⁸ **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are always before me.**

⁹ I will not accept a calf from your stalls,
nor goats from your pens;



¹⁰ **for all the wild animals of the forest are mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.**

¹¹ I know every bird of the mountains,
and the creatures of the fields are mine.

¹² **If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

¹³ Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴ **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and make good your vows to the Most High.**

¹⁵ Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

The Second Reading ~ Romans 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.

¹³ 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. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ 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, ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore "it was reckoned

to him as righteousness.”²³ Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

***The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all)**



***The Holy Gospel ~ Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26**

Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

The Holy Gospel according to the 9th chapter of St. Matthew.

Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ 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 this, 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, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

¹⁸ While Jesus 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.” ¹⁹ And Jesus got up

and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ 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, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²² 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. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, Jesus went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Ron Hari

*Hymn #588 (different tune) "There's a Wideness ..."

*The Apostles' Creed (professed together)

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

*The Prayers of Intercession

God of grace ... **Hear our prayer.**

Blessing of the Communion Elements

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for

P: for the remembrance of me.”

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for 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 (traditional ~ prayed by all)

+ Communal Reception of the Sacrament +

This morning, the sacrament will be distributed by method of intinction; that is, the Pastor will dip the wafer into the chalice, hand it to the recipient so that they may place it in their own mouth.

Post-Communion Prayer and Benediction

P: Let us pray. ~ We give You thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

*Closing Hymn #860 “I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

*Dismissal

Go in peace and serve the Lord in love.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude Music 

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you*

... to Maureen Wagner for serving as our lector
... to Drew Wagner for serving as our live stream tech
... to Pastor Ron Hari for leading our worship service


*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*

To remember in prayer ... Ronald Black, Shauna and Dan Brucker, Caitlin Carfagno, Richard Eisenhart, Faye, Hope Geary, Harlan, Jeanne Logan, Lori Remaly, Barb Shaneberger, Kathleen Tuomela May, Darrell Tuomela, Tyler and Elizabeth, Joe Ulmer, Monica Wagner, Leon Warmkessel, George Weiser, Jean Wetzels, people living in war-torn countries, victims of oppression, injustice, violence, and natural disasters, and other dear ones whom we name before God. †



The altar flowers have been sponsored by Alicia Baird in honor of her mother, Carolyn Tuomela Wallace.



~ JOIN US ~

Saturday, June 13th from 10am-2pm
for the celebration of our nation's 250th anniversary
(basket raffle, flea market, DIY crafts, cake walk, food + more!)

