

June 14, 2026 — II:00 a.m. And the Moral of the Story is ...??

Prelude

Confession & Absolution

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

C: Amen

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us gather with true hearts that confess our sins to God, that earnestly ask for forgiveness and that trust in our renewal through the work of our Savior Jesus the Christ.

A: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth. [Psalm 124:8]

A: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin. [Psalm 32:5]

A: Almighty God, merciful Father:

C: I confess to you all my sins with which I have offended you and my neighbors. I am sorry for them. I devote myself to repentance and pray for your mercy. In your boundless grace and compassion send me your Holy Spirit that I may be strengthened in my faith and made ready for a life obedient to your will and your way.

P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of steadfast love. [Exodus 34:6] Therefore, in obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
 2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
 4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;

Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
 let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
 and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
 nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Greeting

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

Kyrie

ELW Setting 2

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

P: 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.

Lord, have mer - cy.

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



Lord, have mer - cy.

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




A - men.


Hymn of Praise

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Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we




wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

P: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C: A people holy to the Lord our God.

P: We have seen what our God has done

C: We declare His faithfulness from age to age for all time.

P: We hear and keep His Word,

C: And all that God has spoken we will do.

P: Let us pray:

C: Gracious Lord, you came to enlighten us about the nature of God and teach us how to be faithful followers. Open our ears and unbind our minds, that we can hear and learn, for we desire to know and follow. Amen.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so will my word be that goes out from my mouth; it will not return to me empty, but it will accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Instead of the thorn will come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it will be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that will not be cut off.

R: The word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

*Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.*

**I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter mysterious sayings from of old,**

*things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.*

**We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generations -
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and the Lord's might,
and the wonders that the Lord has done.**

*The established a decree in Jacob,
and appointed a law in Israel,*

**which the Lord commanded our ancestors
to teach to their children;**

*that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,*

**and they may rise up and tell them to their children,
so that they should set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God,
but keep God's commandments;**

*and that they should not be like their ancestors -
a stubborn and rebellious generation,
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,
whose spirit was not faithful to God.*

LESSON

1 Corinthians 2

When I, Paul, came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ - and him being crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. And my words and my gospel-proclamation were not in persuasive wisdom, but in demonstration of Spirit and power, that your faith might not be in the wisdom of human wisdom, but in God's power. It is God's wisdom that we speak among the fully matured, yet wisdom not of this age nor of the rulers of this age - those being who are actually being abolished - but, we speak God's wisdom in a mystery intended to be kept secretly hidden, which God laid out before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age knows this -- for if they had known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

*"Things eye did not see and ear did not hear,
and the heart of humanity did not come up,
Things God has at hand for those loving God with a wholistic
love"--*

God's wisdom is received through God's Spirit - the mind of Christ. These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit - for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God! For what human being knows what is truly "human" except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God.


R: The word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

VERSE

ELW Setting 3

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - et - er - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Matthew 13

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables . . .

Then the disciples came and asked him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?"

He answered, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For, to those who have, more will be given and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. The reason I speak to them in parables is that

'seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.'

With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says:

'Hearing you will hear and never understand, and seeing you will see but never behold. For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; never beholds the eyes, and the ear hear, and the heart understand and turn--and I would heal them.'

But blessed are your eyes that see, and your ears that hear.

Amen, I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to behold the things you see, and did not see, and to hear the things you hear, and did not hear. . .

Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

"I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world."

P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

You Are the Way

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1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;
 2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
 3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
 you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
 and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
 that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.



Affirmation of Baptism/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.



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
 2 God his own doth tend and nour - ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär-nan ej på him-la - fäs - tet, få-geln ej i kän-da näs - tet.
 nest-ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur-pose sole - ly to pre-serve them pure and ho - ly.

Prayers & Passing of the Peace

Offering / Offertory

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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
 fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

A: Let us Pray

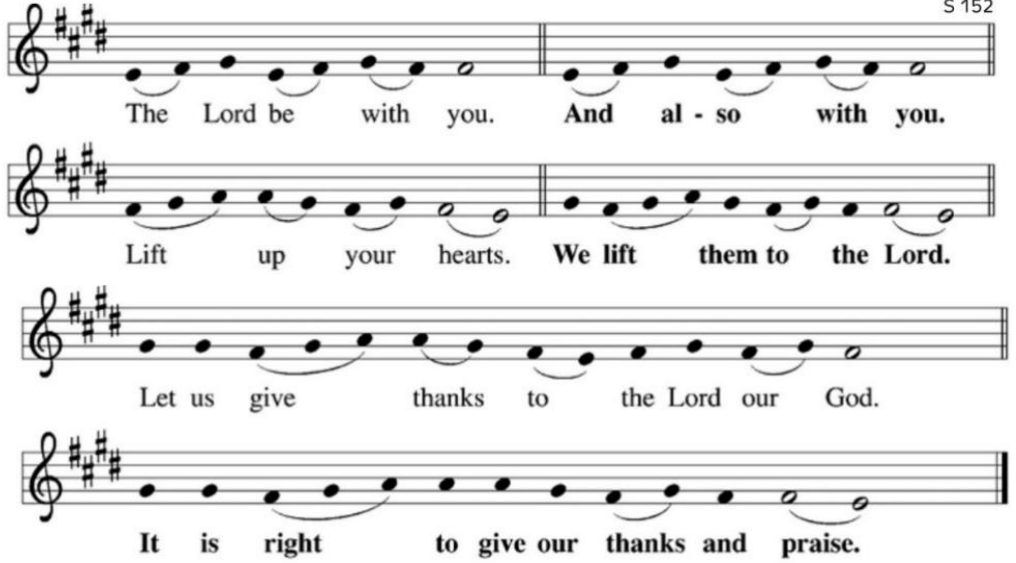
C: God of grace and abundance, we joyfully offer these gifts of thanks for your blessings in our lives. We pray that you find what we bring in this moment to be an acceptable and adequate reflection of our gratitude, that you will continue to look on us as your faithful people, worthy of your favor and beneficence.

And with humbleness in the face of our hubris, we beg your forgiveness for our lack of attention, respect and care for all you provide. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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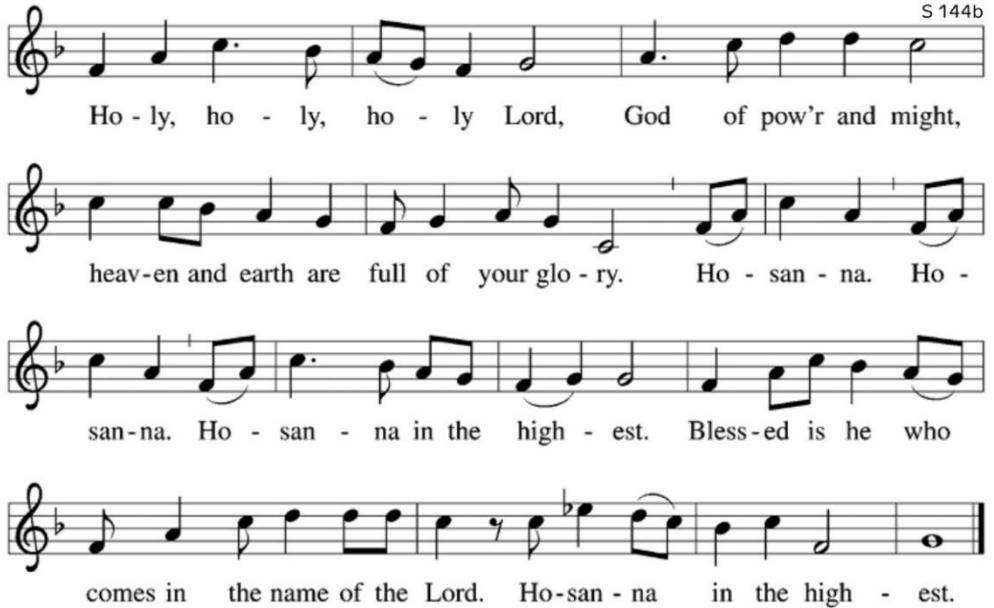
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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed . . .

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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. 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 now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

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1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
 3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -

heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove

faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
 cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to

we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
 world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
 3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
 and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;

we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
 oh, teach your wand - ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Benediction & Recessional *O God of Light* 507



1 O God of light, your word, a lamp un - fail - ing,
2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,
3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing
4 To all the world your sum - mons you are send - ing,



shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way
though we re - belled, you gent - ly sought a - gain,
to sin - ful hearts your jus - tice and your grace;
through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



and show your grace, your plan for us un - veil - ing,
and spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,
and quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for your heal - ing,
that myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



and guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.
who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.
see your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.
may praise and cel - e - brate your gift of grace.

Dismissal A: Go in peace, serve the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

THROUGH AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM we welcome into greater responsibility for their baptism and full voting membership in Grace: Jamison Adams, Jackson Bisbee, Emily Grace Fralish, Zoe Luna Moreno, Christopher Kahn, Justin Dean Mariani and Ryan Matthew Sabanosh. Please pray for them as they undertake this greater commitment and expression of their faith.



Sunday, June 14

8:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School Celebration

9:45 a.m. Sundaes for Sunday School in the fellowship hall

11:00 a.m. Worship & Confirmation

Tuesday, June 16

6:30 a.m. Breakfast & Bible Study

7:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting

12:30 p.m. Endowment Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 17

9:00 a.m. Piecemakers Quilting Club

Friday, June 19

Midnight Run

Sunday, June 21

Last Day to RSVP for June Dining Out

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Outdoor worship in the memorial garden – weather permitting

11:00 a.m. Worship