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**Sunday, June 14, 2026**  
The Third Sunday after Pentecost

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Service Theme  
**JESUS LEADS US**

The Law was given through Moses. He was a marvellous leader of his people, but he could not take them to the Promised Land. The Law can never get God's people to the promised land. Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. Joshua, the successor of Moses, defeated the enemies of the people and led them into the Promised Land. Jesus defeats our enemies and shepherds us as his flock. The gracious Gospel of forgiveness of sins through faith in Jesus is the only way to the promised land of heaven. Jesus leads us all the way there.

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## 632 Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

CW 632



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, and through your  
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; your Word grants  
3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the



Word to me draw near. Let me your Word e'er pure re -  
heal - ing from my sin. Your Word has pow'r to guide and  
Spir - it, Three in One, shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or



tain; let me your child and heir re - main.  
bless; your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.  
be now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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## The Service

### *Setting Three (page 188)*

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Confession**

CW 189

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired  
in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy  
law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have  
done,**

**and we have not done those things that we should  
have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,**

**according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

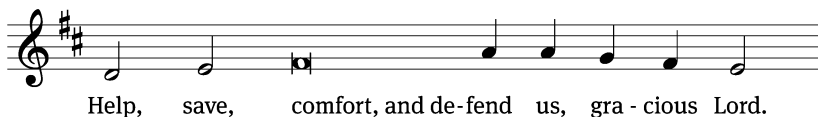
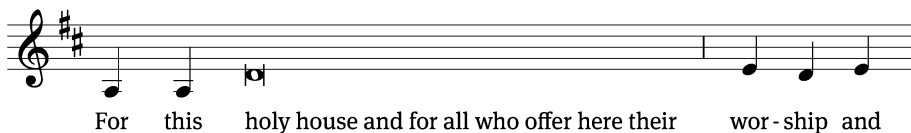
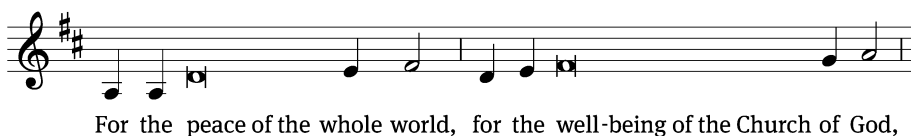
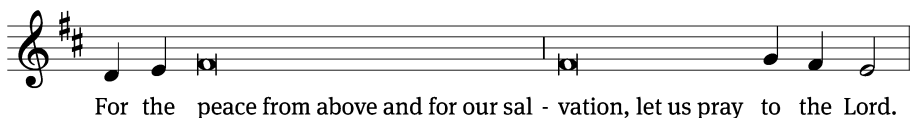
*Silence for meditation and reflection*

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

# Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190



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# Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to



God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,



and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



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. 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. 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, glo - ry to  
 God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,  
 and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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## The Word

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of your apostles and prophets, you have proclaimed to us your saving will. Grant us faith to believe your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **First Reading**

*Numbers 27:15–23*

*As Moses' life and ministry were coming to an end, God had Moses appoint Joshua to take his place.*

<sup>15</sup>Moses spoke to the LORD, <sup>16</sup>“May the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the community, <sup>17</sup>who will go out before them and come in before them, who will lead them out and bring them in, so that the community of the LORD will not be like sheep without a shepherd.”

<sup>18</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and place your hand on him. <sup>19</sup>Have him stand in front of Eleazar the priest and the entire community. You will commission him in their sight. <sup>20</sup>You will give some of your authority to him so that the entire Israelite community will listen to him. <sup>21</sup>He will stand before Eleazar the priest, who will inquire for him before the LORD with the decision of the Urim.

He and all the Israelites with him, the entire community, will go out at his command and come in at his command.”

<sup>22</sup>Moses did just as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand in front of Eleazar the priest and the entire community. <sup>23</sup>He placed his hands on him and commissioned him, just as the LORD spoke through Moses.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 100A Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving

Psalm 100A

*Refrain*



En - ter his gates with thanks-giv - ing.

*Tone*



Shout for joy to the LORD, / all the earth.

Worship the LORD with / gladness;  
come before him with / joyful songs.

Know that the / LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and / we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his / pasture. *Refrain*

Enter his gates with thanks- / giving  
and his / courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and / praise his name.

For the / LORD is good  
and his love endures for- / ever;  
his faithfulness continues through all gener- / ations.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy /  
Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

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## **Second Reading**

*Romans 5:5–11*

*God demonstrates His love for us in Jesus.*

<sup>5</sup>And hope will not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who was given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. <sup>8</sup>But God shows his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, it is even more certain that we will be saved from God's wrath through him. <sup>10</sup>For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, it is even more certain that, since we have been reconciled, we will be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>And not only is this so, but we also go on rejoicing confidently in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received this reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 9:38



### Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

### Tone



Ask the Lord of the har - vest to send out workers into his har - vest field.

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## Gospel

Matthew 9:35—10:8

*Jesus demonstrates compassion and leadership by appointing the twelve to ministry.*

<sup>35</sup>Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness.

<sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were troubled and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup>Therefore pray that the Lord of the harvest will send out workers into his harvest.”

<sup>1</sup>Jesus called his twelve disciples to himself and gave them authority to drive out unclean spirits and to heal every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>Jesus sent these twelve out and commanded them, "Do not go among the Gentiles, and do not enter any town of the Samaritans.

<sup>6</sup>Go instead to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, preach this message: "The kingdom of heaven is near!"

<sup>8</sup>Heal the sick. Raise the dead. Cleanse lepers. Drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

The Gospel of the Lord.

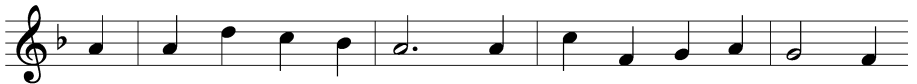
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

# 897 Lord Jesus, You Have Come

CW 897



1 Lord Je - sus, you have come a teach - er sent from heav - en  
2 O bless - ed min - is - try of rec - on - cil - i - a - tion,  
3 Pre - serve this min - is - try while har - vest days are keep - ing;  
4 The ser - vants you have called and to your Church are giv - ing  
5 Bring those in - to your fold who still to you are stran - gers;



and by both word and deed God's truth to us have giv - en.  
that shows the way to God and brings to us sal - va - tion!  
and since the fields are ripe and hands are few for reap - ing,  
pre - serve in doc - trine pure and ho - li - ness of liv - ing.  
guard those who are with - in a - gainst of - fense and dan - gers.



You wise - ly have or - dained the ho - ly min - is - try  
Lord, by your gos - pel pure you bless and keep your fold,  
send work - ers forth, O Lord, the sheaves to gath - er in  
Your Spir - it fill their hearts and charge their words with pow'r;  
Press on - ward with your Word till pas - tor and his fold



that we, your flock, may know the truth that sets us free.  
you call, en - light - en, keep, you com - fort and up - hold.  
that not a soul be lost which you have come to win.  
what they should bold - ly speak, O give them in that hour!  
through faith in you, O Christ, your glo - ry shall be - hold.

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## Sermon

Romans 5:5b–11

### God demonstrates His own love for us!

- 1) Through the death of His Son,
- 2) For the assurance of our salvation.

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

**Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.**

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

**Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.**

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

**Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.**

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

**Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.**

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. [Especially bless . . .] Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

**Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

**Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

## Offering

### 559 If Your Beloved Son, O God

CW 559



1 If your be - lov - ed Son, O God, had not to earth de -  
2 But now I find sweet peace and rest; de - spair no more reigns  
3 I trust in him with all my heart; now all my sor - row  
4 All right-eous-ness by works is vain; the law brings con - dem -  
5 My guilt, O Fa - ther, you have laid on Christ, your Son, my



scend - ed and in our mor - tal flesh and blood had not sin's  
o'er me. No more am I by sin op - pressed, for Christ has  
ceas - es. His words a - bid - ing peace im - part; his blood from  
na - tion. True right-eous-ness by faith I gain; Christ's work is  
Sav - ior. Lord Je - sus, you my debt have paid and gained for



pow - er end - ed, then this poor, wretch - ed soul of mine in  
borne sin for me. Up - on the cross for me he died that,  
guilt re - leas - es. Free grace thro' him I now ob - tain; he  
my sal - va - tion. His death, that per - fect sac - ri - fice, has  
me God's fa - vor. O Ho - ly Spir - it, fount of grace, the



hell e - ter - nal - ly would pine be - cause of my trans - gres - sion.  
rec - on - ciled, I might a - bide with you, my God, for - ev - er.  
wash - es me from ev - 'ry stain, and pure I stand be - fore him.  
paid the all - suf - fi - cient price; in him my hope is an - chored.  
good in me to you I trace; in faith and hope pre - serve me.

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**Amen.**

# 518 Christ Be My Leader

CW 518



1 Christ be my lead - er by night as by day;  
2 Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,  
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;



safe through the dark - ness, for he is the way. —  
drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the truth. —  
death can - not hold me, for he is the life. Nor



Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care, —  
Grant me to trust him; though shift - ing as sand, —  
dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor sin and its stain can



dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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# Announcements

## **Church Cleaners**

June 21– Barnabas / June 28– Luke

## ***New Bible Information Class***

Will begin on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

### DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

- Su (14) 9:30 am Worship**  
10:45 am Brief Bible Study
- Fr (19) 3:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- Sa (20) 10:00 am Bible Information Class
- Su (21) 9:30 am Worship (with Communion)**  
10:45 am Brief Bible Study  
**3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore**  
4:00 pm Youth Confirmation in Poltimore
- Tu (23) 7:00 pm Elders Meeting
- Fr (26) 3:00 pm Women's Bible Study  
6:00 pm Friday Night Fellowship
- Sa (27) 10:00 am Bible Information Class
- Su (28) 9:30 am Worship**  
10:45 am Voters Meeting