

**SATURDAY JUNE 13TH, 2026 -5:00 PM**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MT. HOREB**

*A family in faith, reaching out to share in God's love with all people*

**WELCOMING WORD**

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.



**WE WELCOME ALL TO ELC!**

*Everyone. Without exception. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, faith traditions, physical or mental abilities, financial resources, family status, or personal struggles. We are committed to being an anti-racist community. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will work to extend God's grace, love, justice, and dignity.*

*You belong here; you are seen.*

*Your story and your life are valuable.*

*In Christ's love, we welcome, support, and love all children of God.*

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / **C** = Congregation)

**PRELUDE** Ruth Heinecke

## **+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Compassionate God,  
**we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

**+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #676 Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak**

## **+GREETING**

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

## **+PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Exodus 19:2-8a**

<sup>2</sup>[The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.<sup>3</sup> Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup>'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."<sup>7</sup> So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him.<sup>8a</sup> The people all answered as one, "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

## Romans 5:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. <sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

+L: The Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 9.

**+C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## +GOSPEL

### Matthew 9:35–10:8 [9-23]

<sup>35</sup> Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." <sup>10:1</sup> Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. <sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>8</sup> Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [<sup>9</sup> Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, <sup>10</sup> no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. <sup>11</sup> Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. <sup>12</sup> As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup> If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup> If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. <sup>16</sup> "I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup> Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, <sup>18</sup> and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles. <sup>19</sup> When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that

time,<sup>20</sup> for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.<sup>21</sup> Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death,<sup>22</sup> and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.<sup>23</sup> When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”]

+L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**+C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE** Reverend Bruce Engebretson

**+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #579** *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*  
(vs.1,2)

**+THE APOSTLES' CREED** pg. 105

**+THE PRAYERS** pg. 152

The leader concludes each petition with the words: “God of Grace...”

**The people respond: Hear our prayer.**

**+SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**BENEVOLENCE PRESENTATION**

**OFFERING**

**+OFFERTORY #686** *We Give Thee but Thine Own* (vs. 1, 2)

**+OFFERING PRAYER**

L: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

**+THE LORD'S PRAYER** pg. 154 (right hand column)

**COMMUNITY WORD**

**+BLESSING**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

**+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #547** *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

**+DISMISSAL**

L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**“I am God's child, deserving of love and respect,  
and God will use me to change the world.”**

## DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 14, 2026

**SHARE:** What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

**READ:** Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding:

**Monday,** Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45, God's Faithfulness to Israel

**Tuesday,** 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5, Chosen for Salvation

**Wednesday,** Proverbs 4:10-27, Keep to the Right Path

**Thursday,** Psalm 69:7-10, Prayer for Deliverance

**Friday,** Jeremiah 18:18-23, Plot Against Jeremiah

**Saturday,** Luke 1:57-67 (68-80) The Birth of John the Baptist

**TALK: Consider some of these ideas:**

**"Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness." -- Matthew 10:1**

*The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.*

- What has been your deepest moment of doubt? What did you learn from the experience? (Gen 18:1-15, 21:1-7)
- How can you encourage those who are suffering to find meaning in their experience? (Rom 5:1-8)
- What parts of this passage can you apply to work of evangelism in the church today? (Matt 9:35–10:8, 9-23)

**PRAY:** God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**BLESS:** The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. Amen.