

SATURDAY JUNE 27TH, 2026 -5:00 PM

Fifth 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

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.



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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ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH
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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 #793 *Be Thou My Vision* (vs.1,2,3)

+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

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵ The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

Romans 6:12-23

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification. ²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

+L: The Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 10.

+C: Glory to you, O Lord.

+GOSPEL

Matthew 10:40-42

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

+L: The Gospel of the Lord.

+C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE Pastor Karen Hofstad

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #712 *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*
(vs. 1,3,4)

+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

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 #661 *I Love to Tell the Story (vs. 1,2)*

+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.”***

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which are passed during offering.*

DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 28, 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, John 14:1-7, A Place Prepared

Tuesday, 1 John 4:1-6, Testing the Spirits

Wednesday, Matthew 11:20-24, Woes to Unrepentant Cities

Thursday, Psalm 145:8-14, The Greatness and Goodness of God

Friday, Zechariah 2:6-13, An Appeal to the Exiles

Saturday, Luke 10:17-24, The Return of the Seventy

TALK: Consider some of these ideas:

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.” -- Matthew 10:40

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

- Do you think God tests us in the way God seemed to be testing Abraham? (Psa 13)
- What are the things you ask “how long” about? Are they personal? Societal? Political? (Rom 6:12-23)
- Is Jesus calling us to respond with simple kindness? Institutional ministry? A way of being? (Matt 10:40-42)

PRAY: O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through 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.