

SUNDAY JUNE 7TH, 2026 - 9:00 AM

Second 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

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant.

Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices.

God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman.

As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.



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 Diane Dangerfield

WELCOME

+GATHERING SONG #860 *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

+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.

Let us confess our sin to God.

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.**

+SONG OF PRAISE #857 *Lord, I Lift Your Name On High*

+GREETING

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 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.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hosea 5:15—6:6

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.

Romans 4:13-25

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 a righteousness." ²³ Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone ²⁴ 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.

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #512 *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

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

+C: Glory to you, O Lord.

+GOSPEL

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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 he 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, he 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.

+L: The Gospel of the Lord.

+C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Pastor Karen Hofstad

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+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #798 *Will You Come and Follow Me (1,2,5)*

+THE NICENE CREED pg. 104

+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 PRAISE TEAM *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

+OFFERING RESPONSE #481 *Come to the Table*

+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.**

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #779 *Amazing Grace*

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

COMMUNITY WORD

+BLESSING

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

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #574 *Here I Am, Lord (vs.1,3)*

+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 7, 2026

SHARE: What are your highs/lows for today?

READ: Read the daily readings to deepen your understanding:

Monday, Acts 11:19-30, The Church in Antioch

Tuesday, Hosea 8:11-14, Israel's Unfaithfulness

Wednesday, Psalm 140:1-8, Prayer for Deliverance from Enemies

Thursday, Exodus 4:18-23. Moses Returns to Egypt

Friday, Exodus 4:27-31, Aaron Sent to Moses

Saturday, Mark 7:1-13, The Tradition of the Elders

TALK: Consider some of these ideas:

**“But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up.”
- Matthew 9:25**

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

- Have you ever felt the call to return to the Lord? (Hosea 6:1)
- Can we share Abraham's "hope against hope" that God will do what God promises, even when it seems unlikely (Romans 4:4)
- What do you think Jesus means by: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice"? (Matthew 9:13)

PRAY: 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.

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.

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