

But go and learn what this means:  
'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.'  
For I have not come to call  
the righteous, but sinners.

**Matthew 9:13**

# **First Lutheran Church**

**June 7, 2026**

## **Pentecost 2**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

KINGSFOLD

Alfred Fedak

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

## GATHERING

*The assembly stands.*

### INTRODUCTION

AM: 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.

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PM: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

PM: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

PM: Merciful God,

**C: you free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**

**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,  
but we grow weary in doing what is right.**

**In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.  
Amen.**

PM: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**C: Amen.**



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.  
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
 and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

### GREETING

PM: 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.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE



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

*The Cantor will sing the verses.*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

PM: 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.  
**C: Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

### **FIRST READING**

HOSEA 5:15-6:6

*Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.*

AM: A reading from Hosea, the fifth chapter.

<sup>15</sup> I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.  
In their distress they will beg my favor:

<sup>6:1</sup> "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.

<sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.

<sup>3</sup> 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."

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

AM: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

I was glad when they said un - to me.

"Let us go in - to the house of the Lord.

*The Cantor will sing the verses:*

<sup>1</sup> I was glad when they | said unto me, "Let us go into the house | of the Lord."

<sup>2</sup> Now our | feet are standing within your gates, | O Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> Jerusalem is built | as a city that is at unity | with itself;

<sup>4</sup> to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the Lord,

the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the Lord. **Refrain**

<sup>5</sup> For there are the | thrones of judgment, the thrones of the | house of David.

<sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem: "May they pros- | per who love you. **Refrain**

<sup>7</sup> Peace be with- | in your walls and quietness with- | in your towers.

<sup>8</sup> For the sake of my kindred | and companions, I pray for | your prosperity.

<sup>9</sup> Because of the house of the | Lord our God, I will seek to | do you good." **Refrain**

## SECOND READING

*Romans 4:13-25*

*Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.*

AM: A reading from Romans, the fourth chapter.

<sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

<sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

<sup>16</sup> 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, <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup> Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

AM: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The Cantor sings the verse:* The Spirit of the Lord <sup>l</sup> is upon me,\* and has anointed me to bring good news <sup>l</sup> to the poor. (Luke 4:18)

**GOSPEL**

*MATTHEW 9:9-13, 18-26*

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

PM: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the ninth chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.





**ALL 1** We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of  
**ALL 2** As once you walked through an - cient streets and  
*Women***3** You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through  
**MEN****4** When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through  
**ALL 5** We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your  
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -  
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of  
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of  
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.  
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.  
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.  
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.  
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

### NICENE CREED

PM: In trust and hope we profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,  
 the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made,**

of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*The assembly kneels.*

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

PM: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit,  
let us pray for the church  
and the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

AM: God of mercy, you call us to a life filled with acts of mercy.  
Ground us in following Christ, that we might extend the mercy we receive.

*Each petition concludes:*

PM: God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

PM: Trusting you receive all our prayers,  
we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you,  
O God, through Jesus our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

*The assembly stands.*

**PEACE**

PM: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**MEAL**

**OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION**

*HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL*

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

*Franklin D. Ashdown*

*The assembly stands.*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

AM: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

PM: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

PM: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

PM: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

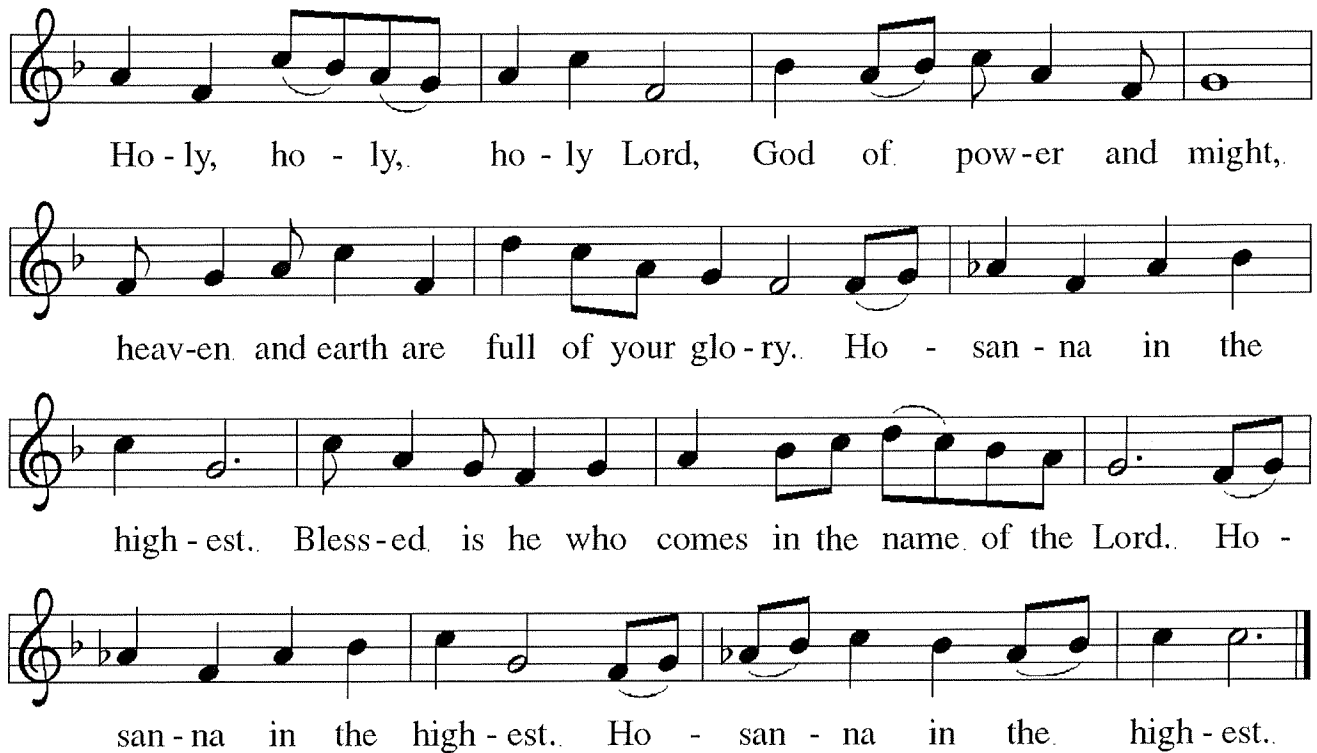
**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE**

PM: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## *HOLY, HOLY, HOLY*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## *THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE*

PM: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

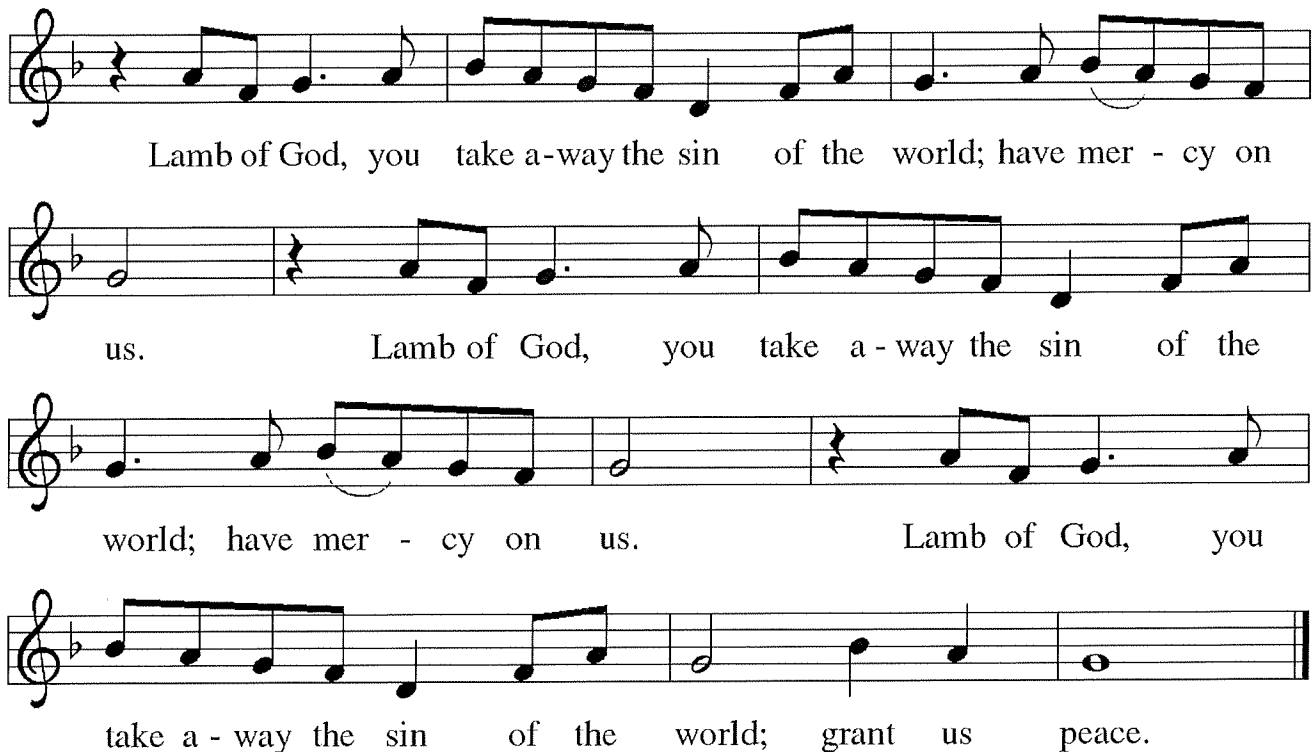
## *LORD'S PRAYER*

PM: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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;  
and 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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*The assembly is seated.*

### COMMUNION

*Communion is distributed in two manners*

† *You may commune in your pews.*

*Individual communion kits are available at the Narthex doors.*

*The presiding minister will share a blessing,*

*all communing in-place will commune together.*

† *You may come to the Table, to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.*

*A basket is available for disposal of your individual communion cups.*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PM: Heaven has come near.  
Come, share in the feast!

## COMMUNION SONG



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your  
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is  
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,  
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

*The assembly stands.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AM: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine  
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.  
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,  
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER*

PM: We pray together.

**C: Oh, God, your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure.**

**We are grateful for your goodness and we ask now for confidence  
to go forward into the future.**

**Bless our community of faith, bless the changes that are before us,  
bless our pastoral leaders who will shepherd us  
through this time of transition.**

**We thank you for the wisdom you show us.**

**Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry and our future.**

**Receive our prayer, O God, through Jesus Christ,  
our strength and salvation.**

**Amen.**

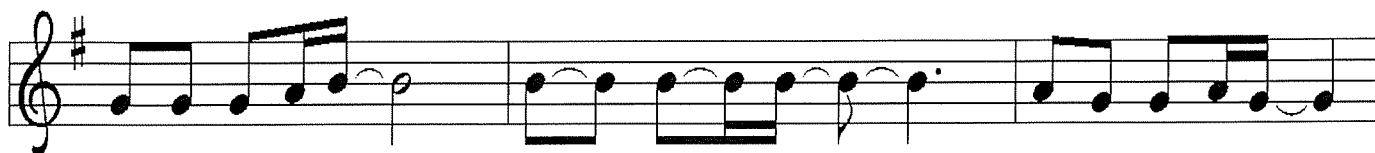
*BLESSING*

PM: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,  
+ one God, bless, heal,  
and hold you today and always.

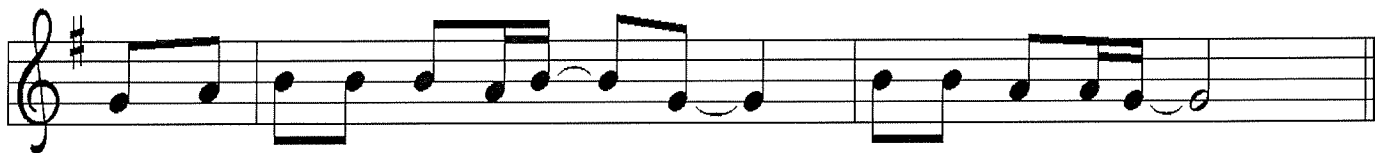




1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
 2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
 3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad  
 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
 When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

**DISMISSAL**

AM: Heaven has come near.  
 PM: Go, share the good news!  
 C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**  
 KINGSFOLD

Variations on KINGSFOLD  
 IX. Finale

Nicholas Fairbank

# Events in Review

<u>Sunday</u>	June 7
10:00 AM	Pentecost 2
<u>Monday</u>	June 8
10:00AM	Bible Study at Willows
10:30AM	Sharing Kitchen
<u>Tuesday</u>	June 9
<u>Wednesday</u>	June 10
9:00AM	Piece Corp
6:00PM	Property Mtg
<u>Thursday</u>	June 11
10:30AM	Sharing Kitchen
<u>Friday</u>	June 12
<u>Saturday</u>	June 13

Cookie Sign up sheets are located on the Information Board in the hallway. The time is before and after Church Service. Approximately 4 dozen cookies are needed each week.



Sharing Kitchen  
 June 8th & 11th  
 Sign up sheet  
 located on Information Board



LAWN MOWER OF THE WEEK  
 Jim Ruess



If you have a prayer request for today, please raise your hand during announcements and a host will give you a green card to fill out.

We will be honoring our graduating seniors on June 14th.



If you know of anyone we should include, please contact Diane Greene.

## Next Week

<u>Sunday</u>	June 14
10:00 AM	Pentecost 3
<u>Monday</u>	June 15
10:00 AM	Bible Study at Willows
<u>Tuesday</u>	June 16
<u>Wednesday</u>	June 17
5:30PM	Council Meeting
<u>Thursday</u>	June 18
<u>Friday</u>	June 19
<u>Saturday</u>	June 20

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## Our Mission Statement

“God is among us!”

“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel,  
forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”