



Compassion & Action

Matthew 9:35-10:8

First Lutheran Church

June 14, 2026

Pentecost 3

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

EARTH AND ALL STARS

Michael Burkhardt

God's Work, Our Hands

MORNING PRAYER

The assembly stands.

AM: 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 world. We go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

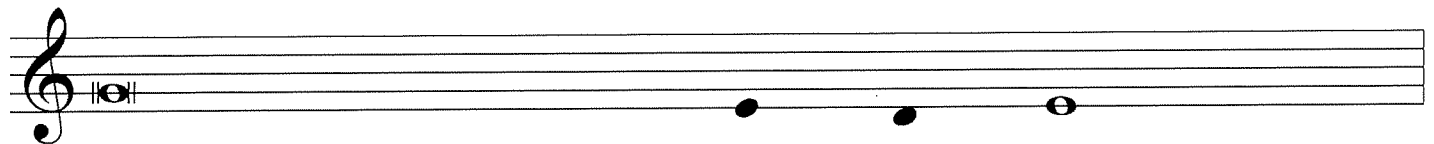
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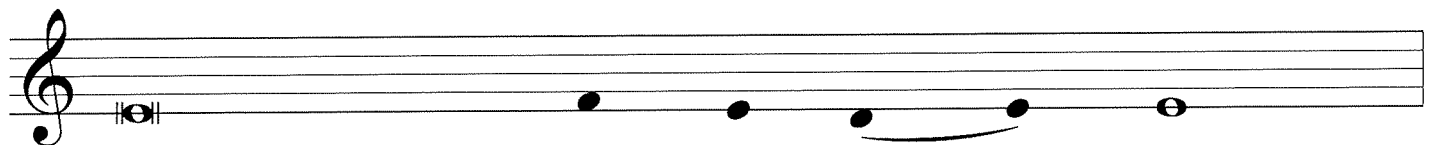
Leader: O Lord, o - pen my lips,



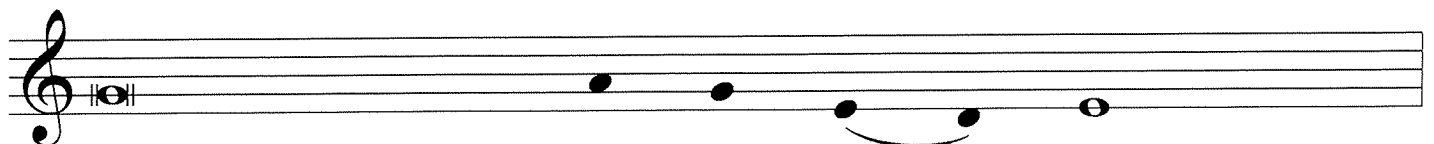
and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



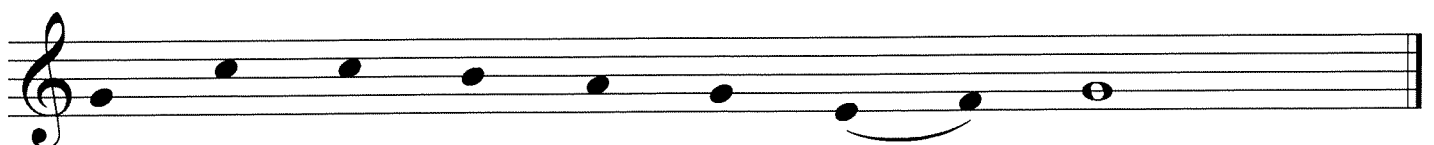
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,



and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:



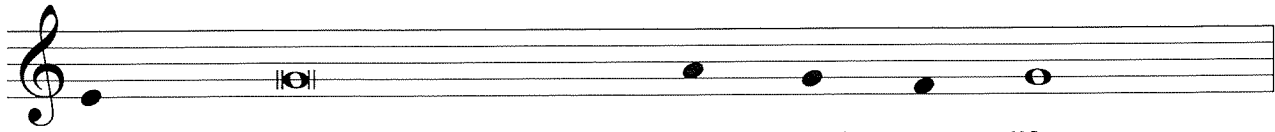
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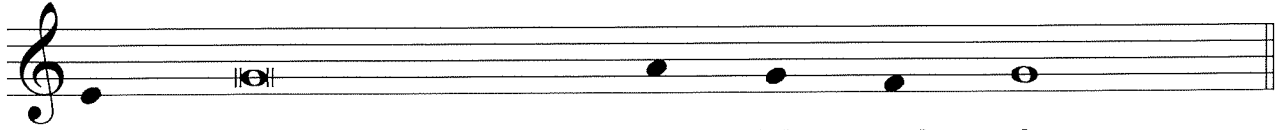
and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

PSALMODY

INVITATORY



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

MORNING PSALM OF PRAISE

PSALM 95:1-7



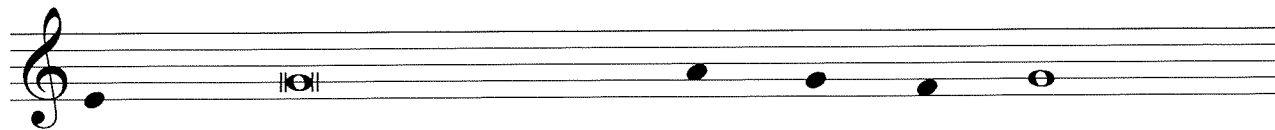
Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us



shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

The Cantor will sing the verses.

FINAL INVITATORY



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PM: 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.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

FIRST READING

EXODUS 19:2-8A

At Sinai God assured Israel, "You shall be my treasured possession," and commissioned them to serve as mediating priests for the nations. The people commit themselves completely to God's will.

AM: A reading from Exodus, the nineteenth chapter.

² [The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³ 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: ⁴ 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ 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, ⁶ but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." ⁷ So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ^{8a} The people all answered as one, "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

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:

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

² Now our | feet are standing within your gates, | O Jerusalem.

³ Jerusalem is built | as a city that is at unity | with itself;

⁴ to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the Lord. **Refrain**

⁵ For there are the | thrones of judgment, the thrones of the | house of David.

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

⁷ Peace be with- | in your walls and quietness with- | in your towers.

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

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

SECOND READING

ROMANS 5:1-8

We are no longer God's enemies but have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death.

AM: A reading from Romans, the fifth chapter.

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² 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. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ 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. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a

righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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 will sing the verse: The kingdom of God¹ has come near, repent, and believe in¹ the good news. (Mark 1:15)*

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 9:35-10:8-23

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.

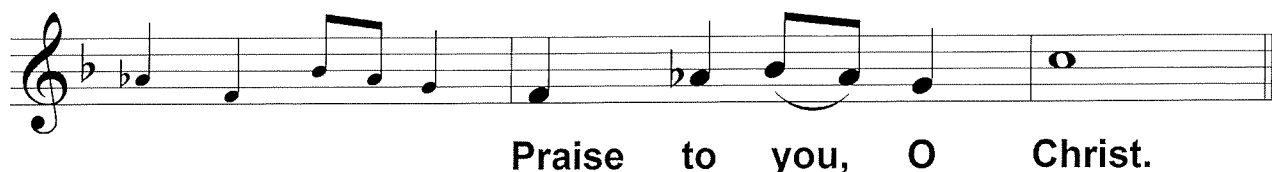
PM: The Gospel according to Matthew.

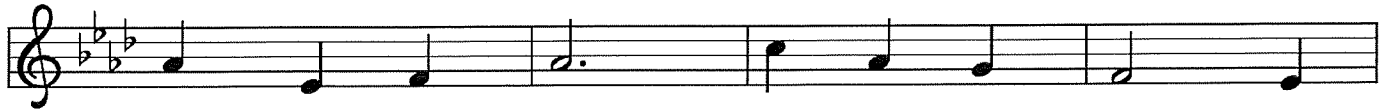
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

³⁵ 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. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." ^{10:1} 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. ² 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; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. ⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹ Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹ Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ “I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹ Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²² and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ 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.”

PM: The Gospel of the Lord.





1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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The assembly is seated.

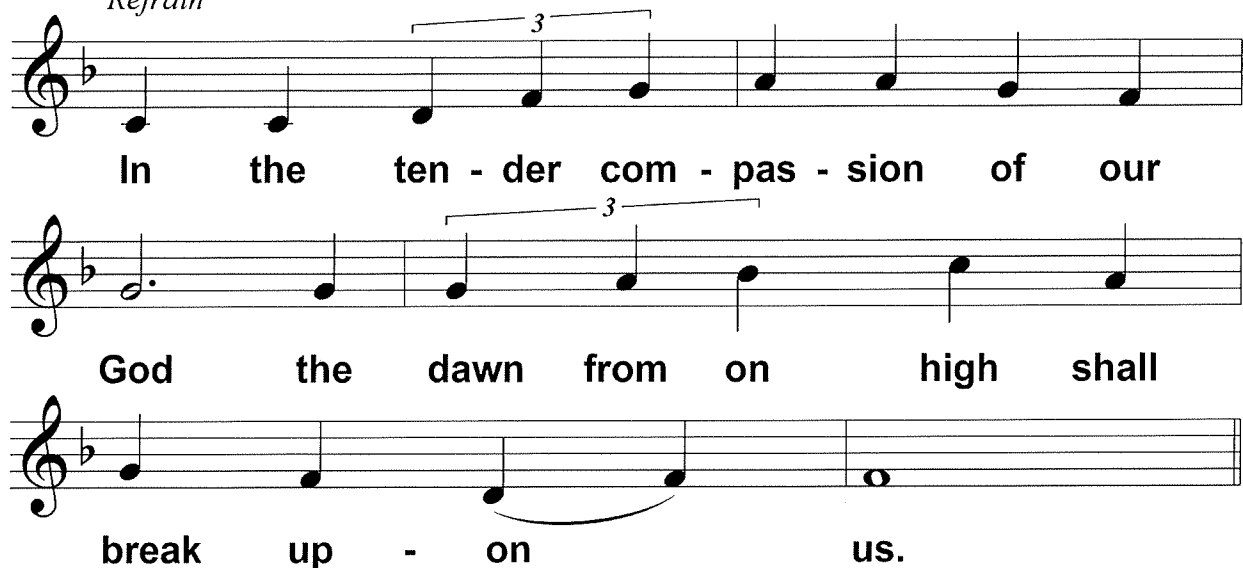
SERMON

PASTOR MARK SCHURING

The assembly stands.

CANTICLE

Refrain



In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our
God the dawn from on high shall
break up - on us.

The Cantor will sing the verses.

BLESSING OF GRADUATES

PM: The following are graduates of First Lutheran Church:

Kasidi Reis-Kelly, Mohawk High School
Elisa Meyer, Mohawk High School
Zachary Ross, Columbian High School

Garrett Chester, Heidelberg University
Gracie Chester, Heidelberg University
Jack Fay, Tiffin University
Kennedy Garlock, Bowling Green State University

Today we speak God's blessing on them.

An introduction to the Graduation Milestone Blessing is given.

PM: As those who have heard the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ who daily experience God's living presence, we say together:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, Our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

The assembly may be seated.

Individual Graduates are recognized.

PM: On behalf of your church family here at First Lutheran,
we present these blankets to you as high school graduates,
and a devotional book to you as college graduates,
a reminder of God's abiding presence within you
and Christ's call upon your life.

*Blankets are wrapped around the high school graduates by their parents,
college graduates receive a devotional book and a blessing is spoken.*

PM: Receive now this blessing:
Before you were even formed, God knew you.
While in your mother's womb, God named you.
At your birth, God's breath filled you with life.
Today we celebrate what you have become at this moment in time.

And so we lay hands upon you and pray:

**C: God of our beginnings,
we thank you for the gifts of these graduates,
their excitement, wonder, curiosity, and encouraging words.**

**Their contributions have blessed and challenged us,
and we have become a richer
and more diverse community because of them.**

**As they step forward into the world that awaits,
comfort their fears with the full knowledge of your presence.**

**Strengthen their resolve to walk in the footsteps of Jesus
as modern-day disciples in a world that needs their spirit.**

Guide their feet as they move through life.

**Protect them from the pitfalls of darkness
while they help to lead future generations into the warmth
and promise of your light.**

**We ask this blessing upon them
in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Michael Burkhardt

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

The assembly stands.



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion:
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice:
 3 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing:



"Heal the sick and preach the word."
 "In my name and bap - tize and teach."
 "I am with you to the end."



Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
 That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard,
 life a bun - dant meant for each,
 may we serve as you in - tend



help us wit - ness to your pur - pose
 give us all new fer - vor, draw us
 and, a - mid the cares that claim us,



with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us



for the work of min - is - try.

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.

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 freedom, you ransomed Israel from slavery to be a holy people.
Free us to be a people who proclaim your love.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**C: 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.

SENDING

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

PM: We Pray together:

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.

FLAG DAY PRAYER

PM: Lord God of our fathers, we thank You for the flag of our country and for all it represents. We pray that You would continue to bless the people of our great land. Give our leaders wisdom, and help our flag to forever remain the symbol of a nation dedicated to liberty, peace, and the well-being of all mankind. May we never disgrace it, but always reflect honor upon the principles on which it stands. In Your Name, we pray.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

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



SENDING SONG

MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE

LBW # 566



1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of lib - er - ty,
2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the no - ble free,
3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees
4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of lib - er - ty,



of thee I sing: land where my fa - thers died, land of the
thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and
sweet free - dom's song; let mor - tal tongues a - wake; let all that
to thee we sing: long may our land be bright with free - dom's



pil - grims' pride, from ev - 'ry moun - tain - side let free - dom ring.
tem - pled hills; my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.
breathe par - take; let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.
ho - ly light. Pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our king.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

NATIONAL ANTHEM David N. Johnson
Variations on AMERICA
IX. Majestic

Events in Review



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.

<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

Next Week

<u>Sunday</u>	June 21
10:00 AM	Pentecost 4
	Father's Day
<u>Monday</u>	June 22
10:00AM	Bible Study at Willows
1:30PM	Bookworms
<u>Tuesday</u>	June 23
<u>Wednesday</u>	June 24
<u>Thursday</u>	June 25
1:00 PM	WOFB
<u>Friday</u>	June 26
<u>Saturday</u>	June 27

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.



Today we are honoring
 Our
 Graduating Members
 Class of 2026

LAWN MOWER OF THE WEEK

Pete Myers



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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.”