



2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Confirmation Sunday

June 7th, 2026

Opening Hymn: Today Your Mercy Calls Us

LSB 915

Divine Service Setting Five

Confession and Absolution

LSB 213

Introit

Psalm 50:7–10; antiphon: v. 1



The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and sum- | mons the earth*
from the rising of the sun to its | setting.

**Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify a- | gainst you.*
I am | God, your God.**

Not for your sacrifices do I re- | buke you;*
your burnt offerings are continually be- | fore me.

**I will not accept a bull | from your house*
or goats | from your folds.**

For every beast of the for- | est is mine,*
the cattle on a | thousand hills.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and sum- | mons the earth*
from the rising of the sun to its | setting.

Kyrie

LSB 944

Hymn of Praise: All Glory Be to God Alone

LSB 948 sts. 1,5

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Hosea 5:15—6:6

- ¹⁵I will return again to my place,
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face,
and in their distress earnestly seek me.

¹“Come, let us return to the LORD;
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.

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

³Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;
his going out is sure as the dawn;
he will come to us as the showers,
as the spring rains that water the earth.”

⁴What 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 early away.

⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have slain them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 4:13–25

¹³The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as 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. ¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:9–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁹As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon Hymn: Chief of Sinners Though I Be

LSB 611

Sermon

Confirmation Hymn:

LSB 865 sts. 1-2

Rite of Confirmation

Confirmation Hymn:

LSB 865 sts. 3-4

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

LSB 213

Preface

Sanctus

LSB 961

Lord’s Prayer

LSB 217

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

LSB 963

Distribution Hymns:

Let Me Be Thine Forever

LSB 689

“Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake

LSB 688

Post Communion Hymn: Lord, Bid Your Servant Go In Peace

LSB 937 sts 1,3

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 218

Benedicamus and Benediction

Closing Hymn: How Can I Thank You, Lord

LSB 703 sts. 1-4

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Jesus Calls Sinners to Repentance and Newness of Life in Accordance with His Mercy

In calling Matthew the tax collector to follow Him, Jesus demonstrates that He has come “not to call the righteous, but sinners” (Matt. 9:9, 13). As a good physician, He comes not to confirm them in their sins, but to heal them with His grace, calling them to repentance, faith and newness of life (Matt. 9:12). He puts them to death by the preaching of His Law, in order to raise them with His Gospel, to live before Him in the righteousness of His resurrection (Hos. 6:1–2, 5). It is in this way that God “gives life to the dead,” that is, through faith in Jesus, “who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification” (Rom. 4:17, 24–25). Thus, sinners from all nations are called to share the same faith as Abraham, the father of all who trust in Jesus (Rom. 4:16–18). And as our Lord in mercy thus welcomes us poor sinners to recline at the table in His house, so does He “desire steadfast love and not sacrifice” (Matt. 9:10, 13; Hos. 6:6), that we should have mercy on our neighbors and forgive their sins against us for Jesus’ sake.



WE WELCOME ALL who worship today, especially guests and visitors, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Guests are invited to sign our guest register. Please include your phone number and address in the guest book located in the Narthex. Thank you for visiting.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today’s altar flowers are provided by Angela Bellantoni & Lynn Wetters.

IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE:

05/31/2026 Sunday Service

Attendance

81

Contributions

\$3526.00

MISSIONARIES: Please remember JP and Aimee Cima, the missionaries that our congregation have adopted, asking God to protect them and use them to spread His gospel.

CONGREGATIONAL SHUT-INS: Lucy Brown, June Maw, and Dale Kletke

CONGREGATIONAL SERVICE MEMBERS: Jake Langley (United States Navy), Jerrico Leason (United States Customs and Border Protection), and April Collins (Albuquerque Police Department, Dietrich Kletke (Hartsel Fire Department)

SITTING AND STANDING IN CHURCH: It is customary to stand during the worship service when we address God directly (*Confession, Prayers, etc.*) or out of respect (*Gospel Reading, Creed, etc.*). These actions have purpose and meaning; but they are not meant to be painful or difficult. In contrast, Psalm 51:17 says, “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.” If at any time during the service, it is too difficult or painful to stand, please remain seated. Our Lord knows your heart.

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please talk to the Pastor prior to the Sunday service for special prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Sick and/or Recovering:

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| Debbie Ledbetter | Elaine Emery (Snyders’ friend) |
| Zoey (Tangkawarow’s Family Member) | Mary Richardson |
| Cody Atkinson (Dawn’s son) | Toni Davidson |
| Pastor Dan Kletke | Lenny Williams |
| Don Kirkegaard | Steve Tabb |
| Bonnie Yeatts (Yeatts’ Sister in law) | Jeff Snyder |

PRAYER CHAIN: If you have a prayer concern and would like to send it through a prayer chain, we have 2 options.

- To send the prayer through a phone prayer chain, please contact Mary Richardson at 719-269-1426.
- To send the prayer via email, please contact Sue Poehlein at her email address: cspoehlein@gmail.com.

If you would like to join either prayer chain, please contact Mary or Sue respectively. If you would like a Christian greeting card from St. John sent to your loved one listed on the above prayer list, please contact Mary Richardson with the address where it should be sent.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN – JUNE 7, 2026, 2026- JUNE 14, 2026

Office Hours: Monday through Friday — 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 7, 2026

9:00 a.m. Divine Worship
Reader: Kathy Walker
Communion Assistants: Brandon Booth & Curtis Eulert
10:15 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
11:30 a.m. Elder's Meeting

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Garage Sale Donations Drop Off

Thursday, June 11, 2026

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Garage Sale Donations Drop Off

Friday, June 12, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Garage Sale

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

*Jerry Heldt
Susan Smiley*

*HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY*

Kevin & Amy Wright

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Saturday, June 13, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Garage Sale
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Royal Gorge Quilt Council

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

Sharon Godwin

*HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY*

Ryan and Ashley Thom

Sunday, June 14, 2026

9:00 a.m. Divine Worship with Holy Communion
10:15 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
11:30 a.m. Council Meeting

*HAPPY
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Brandon Booth

*HAPPY
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Nate & Nichole Harms
