

Third Sunday After Pentecost
The Shepherd's Compassion for the Helpless
June 14, 2026 – 10:30 am

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AS WE GATHER

We are the helpless, harassed sheep who foolishly promise we can keep God's Law perfectly (Exodus). Knowing we can't, Christ dies for us while we are still His broken, weak enemies (Romans). Moved by profound compassion, Jesus sends out His Church into the world to deliver this free gift of life and forgiveness to all who are weary (Matthew). It shifts the focus entirely away from what *we* do for God, and centers fully on what *God* has done, and continues to do, for us.

OPENING PRAISE SONG: The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

Bryan Fowler | Jacob Sooter | Matt Maher

Verse

Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart
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Chorus

Give us this day our daily bread Forgive us forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned Against us forgive them
And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from the evil one
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WELCOME | ATTENDANCE | PRAYER CARDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET ONE ANOTHER

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Friends in Christ: Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins, and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: He made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.

All: Then he forgave the guilt of my sin. Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to you all my sins, and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased you and deserve your punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask you, for the sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

BAPTISM: Leia Mae Benolkin

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAISE SONG: “Build My Life” Younker | Martin | Kaple | Redman | Barrett
CCLI Song # 7070345

Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You We live for You

Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You We live for You

Chorus

Holy there is no one like You There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart And lead me in Your love to those around me

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Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone And I will not be shaken
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Chorus

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray together.

All: O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

TIME IN THE WORD

Children's Bible Reading: Page 256

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 19:2-8

After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites." So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. The people all responded together, "We will do everything the LORD has said." So Moses brought their answer back to the LORD.

Here ends the Reading.

Epistle Reading: Romans 5:6-15

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if,

while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned— To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come. But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

Here ends the Reading.

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:35-10:20

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give. "Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts— no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or a staff, for the worker is

worth his keep. Whatever town or village you enter, search there for some worthy person and stay at their house until you leave. As you enter the home, give it your greeting. If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet. Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. “I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

Here ends the Reading.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

OFFERING | TREASURE BOX

OFFERING SONG: “Love of God” Hastings | Lake | Carnes | Wickham

Verse

It’s so good I almost can’t believe it
Far beyond what hearts could ever dream
The God who set the galaxies in motion
Would descend to give His life for me

For what could make perfection bleed for sinners
What leads a King to pay so great a cost
All my life my heart will sing the answer
Only the love of God

Chorus

Singing oh how great is the love of God
He paid our debt on that rugged cross
For all our days we will sing our Savior's praise
How great is the love of God

Verse

It’s so kind it leads us to repentance
It’s so bright the darkness has to flee
Hallelujah it cleared my guilty sentence
For I was bound but now I stand redeemed
For what could break the chains of any prison
What force could rob the power from the grave
What would trade my rags for heaven's riches
Only the love of God

Chorus

Singing oh how great is the love of God
He paid our debt on that rugged cross
For all our days we will sing our Savior's praise
How great is the love of God

Verse

Though I try my mind can’t comprehend it
It’s so high too marvelous for words
I could sing a million songs about it
And barely scratch the surface of Your worth
This all my life the banner I’ll be waving
My anthem cry no matter what may come
And when I rise to walk the streets of heaven
I’ll still be singing this song
For everything that You’ve done
How great the love of God

Chorus

Singing oh how great is the love of God
He paid our debt on that rugged cross
For all our days we will sing our Savior's praise
How great is the love of God
(Repeat Chorus)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

COMMUNION SONG: "God Who Bleeds"

Cara Berg | Benji Cowart | Jon Gruen | Matt Preston | Isaac Watts

Verse 1

O my soul, who could ever know how deep my sins go? O my soul
All the gold on the earth could never pay For the debt that I have made On my soul

Chorus

Now I see just how great my need In His hands and in His feet
Lamb of God, oh my soul shall sing Hallelujah to the God who bleeds

Verse 2

Oh, what love knew I'd never have enough So, He chose to pay in blood
Oh, what love

I'm in awe, ev'ry earthly gain is lost at the wonder of the cross Oh, what love

Chorus

Now I see just how great my need In His hands and in His feet
Lamb of God, oh my soul shall sing Hallelujah to the God who bleeds

Bridge

See from His head, His hands His feet Sorrow and love flow down for me
Forever all my praise will be Glory to the God who bleeds
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Chorus

Now I see just how great my need In His hands and in His feet
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Hallelujah to the God who bleeds

COMMUNION SONG: "His Glory and My Good" Fielding | Robinson | Thompson

Verse 1

I have seen my Father's glory Revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him The more He satisfies
When I gaze upon His beauty When I see Him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward For His glory and my good

Verse 2

There is hope in every trial For I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards Him And help me bear the thorn
So, in faith I follow Jesus On the road not understood
For I know that He is working For His glory and my good

Chorus

To our God be the glory To our God be praise
He alone the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God For I know His glory is my good

Verse 3

See the open arms of Jesus Upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness Deserves my every praise
For the charge that was against me It was nailed into the wood
Yes, I know that He has saved me For His glory and my good

Chorus

To our God be the glory To our God be praise
He alone the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God For I know His glory is my good

Verse 4

Would I gladly be made nothing That Christ would be made more
Would I seek the only kingdom That far outweighs them all
I will stand before my Father Where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy my heart shall praise Him For His glory and my good
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Chorus

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 For I know His glory is my good

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 I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
 For I know His glory is my good
 Yes, I know His glory is my good

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DISMISSAL of the COMMUNICANTS**PRAYER****BENEDICTION****CLOSING SONG:** “Because He Lives” Matt Maher**Verse 1**

I believe in the Son I believe in the risen One
 I believe I overcome By the power of His blood

Chorus

Amen, Amen I'm alive, I'm alive
 Because He lives Amen, Amen
 Let my song join the one that never ends Because He lives

Verse 2

I was dead in the grave I was covered in sin and shame
 I heard mercy call my name He rolled the stone away

Chorus

Amen, Amen I'm alive, I'm alive
 Because He lives Amen, Amen
 Let my song join the one that never ends Because He lives

Bridge

I can face tomorrow Because He lives
 Every fear is gone I know He holds my life my future in His hands

End Chorus

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SEND OFF

Leader: At Zion we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved,
All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!