

Third Sunday After Pentecost
June 14, 2026
9:30 a.m.

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.”

matthew
9:37-38. niv

Welcome

Prelude

Invocation

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

L God spoke to His people through Moses, “You shall be My treasured possession among all peoples,

C **for all the earth is Mine.”**

L Paul wrote to the church in Rome, “We also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

C **through whom we have now received reconciliation.”**

L Jesus said to His disciples, “Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest

C **to send out laborers into His harvest.”**

Kneel/Stand

Confession and Absolution

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

L Let us come into God’s presence in humility and confession.

Heavenly Father, who rescued Your people from Egypt,

C **rescue us from our sins in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us.**

L Lord Jesus, who gave Yourself into death that we might have life,

C **we confess that we deserve that death You willingly took for us. Forgive us.**

L O Holy Spirit, who wants all people to be saved,

C **we are by nature sinful and in need of Your gracious love. Forgive us.**

L In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Stand

Greeting of Peace

Introduce yourself to those around you, greeting them with these or similar words: Peace be with you. / And also with you.

791 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our
 3 O en - ter then His gates with praise; Ap - proach with
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good; His mer - cy
 △ 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom
 Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with mirth, His
 aid He did us make. We are His folk, He
 joy His courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless His
 is for - ev - er sure. His truth at all times
 heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the
 praise forth - tell; Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.
 name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood And shall from age to age en - dure.
 an - gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1593, alt.

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

Text and tune: Public domain

Greeting

L 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.

Service of the Word

Kyrie

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

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- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray.

Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Children's Lesson

(Children are invited to the Fireside Lounge for Children's Lesson. They will re-join the congregation during the Offering.)

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 19:2–8 (ESV)

'They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel." So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. All the people answered together and said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord. '

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 100

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!*

²Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with | singing!

³Know that the LORD, | he is God!*

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his | pasture.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his | courts with praise!*

Give thanks to him; | bless his name!

⁵For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures for- | ever,*

and his faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

Epistle

Romans 5:6–15 (NIV)

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.

Death Through Adam, Life Through Christ

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!

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:35—10:20 (GNT)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus went around visiting all the towns and villages. He taught in the synagogues, preached the Good News about the Kingdom, and healed people with every kind of disease and sickness. As he saw the crowds, his heart was filled with pity for them, because they were worried and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. So he said to his disciples, "The harvest is large, but there are few workers to gather it in. Pray to the owner of the harvest that he will send out workers to gather in his harvest."

Jesus called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James and his brother John, the sons of Zebedee; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew, the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Patriot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus.

These twelve men were sent out by Jesus with the following instructions: "Do not go to any Gentile territory or any Samaritan towns. Instead, you are to go to the lost sheep of the people of Israel. Go and preach, 'The Kingdom of heaven is near!' Heal the sick, bring the dead back to life, heal those who suffer from dreaded skin diseases, and drive out demons. You have received without paying, so give without being paid. Do not carry any gold, silver, or copper money in your pockets; do not carry a beggar's bag for the trip or an extra shirt or shoes or a walking stick. Workers should be given what they need.

“When you come to a town or village, go in and look for someone who is willing to welcome you, and stay with him until you leave that place. When you go into a house, say, ‘Peace be with you.’ If the people in that house welcome you, let your greeting of peace remain; but if they do not welcome you, then take back your greeting. And if some home or town will not welcome you or listen to you, then leave that place and shake the dust off your feet. I assure you that on the Judgment Day God will show more mercy to the people of Sodom and Gomorrah than to the people of that town!

“Listen! I am sending you out just like sheep to a pack of wolves. You must be as cautious as snakes and as gentle as doves. Watch out, for there will be those who will arrest you and take you to court, and they will whip you in the synagogues. For my sake you will be brought to trial before rulers and kings, to tell the Good News to them and to the Gentiles. When they bring you to trial, do not worry about what you are going to say or how you will say it; when the time comes, you will be given what you will say. For the words you will speak will not be yours; they will come from the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

PThis is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon

Hymn

856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -
 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose
 3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong the des - o - late And
 4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To
 5 O Christ, th'a - pos - tles' Lord, The mar - tyrs' strength and song, The



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new:
 words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed:
 broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate:
 serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of God:
 cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To whom the saints be - long:



Grant us to hear Your call To risk se - cu - ri - ty And,
 In - struct us now, we pray, By Your em - pow'r - ing Word. True
 Lead us a - long the ways Where hope has near - ly died And
 Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where
 Though gen - er - a - tions pass, Our trib - ute still we bring, Our

Prayer of the Church

L Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

L Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your children on earth, and grant us grace, that Your holy name may be hallowed by us and all the world through the true teaching of Your Word and through fervent love shown to one another. Turn us away from all false teaching and all evil living. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Grant that Your kingdom may come to us and grow throughout the world. Especially we ask You to send Your Holy Spirit to those who are outside your kingdom so that they may come to know Your Son, Jesus Christ and join the fellowship of Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Grant that we may be strengthened by Your Spirit in every circumstance of life. We ask this grace especially for those who are going through difficult times (including _____). Give to all Your people the faith and strength to pray “not my will, but Yours be done.” Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Grant us, Father, our daily bread. Preserve us from greed and selfishness. Grant us good government and protect us from violence. Help us to trust that You will provide for our every need, so that our lives may overflow with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Forgive us, Father, our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Root out all bitterness and hatred from the hearts of Your people that they may be filled with Your loving forgiveness. Grant us a good conscience before You so that no sin would ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Protect us, Father, in every time of trial and temptation. Help us by Your Spirit to subdue our sinful nature, to despise the sinful world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Deliver us, Holy Father, from every evil of body and soul, both now and forevermore, that we may at last leave this valley of sorrow and enter into

the company of Your saints in light, joining in their song of praise that never ends. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.

Stand
Hymn

ELW 677 This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1955
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Closing Collect

L Let us pray.

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 218

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 242

L The Lord Almighty bless us and direct our days and our deeds in His peace.

C Amen.

Hymn to Depart

CCH 183 | Love to Tell the Story

harmonized for part-singing

1) I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things_

2) I love to tell the sto - ry: How pleas - ant to___

3) I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know_

a - bove, Of Je - sus and his glo - ry, Of__

re - peat What seems, each time I tell it, More__

it best Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To__

Je - sus and his love. I love to tell the
 won - der - ful - ly sweet! I love to tell the
 hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of

sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true; It
 sto - ry, For some have nev - er heard The
 glo - ry, I sing the new, new song, I'll

sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.
 mes - sage of sal - va - tion From God's own ho - ly Word.
 sing the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme

in glo - ry And tell the old, old



The author, Katherine Hankey, composed a very long poem during her convalescence from an illness. Part I of the poem has 50 stanzas and is titled "The Story Wanted." Several stanzas were taken from Part I to make the familiar hymn, "Tell Me the Old, Old Story." Part II of the poem is titled "The Story Told." It was the source of "I Love to Tell the Story." Hankey belonged to a sect in England known for its anti-slavery and mission efforts. William G. Fischer was a professor of music at Girard College, Philadelphia, PA. He also built up a piano retail business which he passed on to his son Charles.

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Katherine Hankey, 1866

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Tune: Hankey
William G. Fischer, pub. 1869

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****A note about the lessons***

The Second (Epistle) Lesson for the summer will be taken from Paul's letter to the Romans. Each Sunday we will be reading another selection of the letter, ending with chapter 14 on September 13.

The New Revised Standard Version is our usual translation for Scripture reading in worship. In the weeks ahead, however, we will use other versions and translations to highlight selected passages. No English Bible version is 'perfect' - though they all strive to be faithful to the original. Using a variety of translations will help us get a different perspective on what the original Greek text is trying to convey.



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