



Sunday June 14, 2026

Welcome Everyone!

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23] 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.”]

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord’s Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

You are invited to come forward via the centre aisle and form a single line across from the steps leading to the altar area. Once you have communed and the pastor has spoken the communion blessing, you may place your used wine glass into the bowl on the stand near the side aisle. Then you may return to your seat via the side aisle.

If you missed last week’s sermon, it is available on our website.

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Weekly Calendar:

Monday: Pastor's day off

Tuesday: Pickleball 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Pastor in Port Colborne

Wednesday: Pickleball 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Rose City Quilters 9:30 am to 3:30 pm
Pastor in Welland

Thursday: Pastor in Welland

Friday: Pickleball 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Pastor in Port Colborne

Saturday: Pickleball 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

We live and serve on land that for thousands of years, Indigenous peoples have walked. We live on the traditional territory of several Indigenous peoples, including the Neutrals, the Mississauga, the Anishnaabe and the Haudenosaunee. We acknowledge their continuing stewardship of this land and we also honour the heritage and gifts of the Métis people.

Worship leaders, ushers and counters for this week's service:

Scripture Reader Linda Borland
Prayers Marilyn Schultz
Usher/Greeter Bob Hansen
Counters Bob Hansen & Carole McLeod

Worship leaders, ushers and counters for next week's service:

Scripture Reader Bobbye Goldenberg
Prayers Linda Borland
Usher/Greeter Norm & Carole McLeod
Counters Bob Hansen & Carole McLeod

Attendance Sunday June 7 - 7, one year ago 24.

On June 21st you are invited to wear your favourite t-shirt, hoodie or sweatshirt (depending on the weather) with a logo, slogan or 'meme.' We might have time during the sermon, if anyone would like to comment on the shirt they chose to wear that day. The idea behind this (besides a bit of fun) is to think about the many ways we communicate about things that have some meaning for us.

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA
CELEBRATES 40 YEARS. The Church invites congregations to tangible acts of love and service to celebrate. We are offering a "looney, tooney or fiver" pottery and craft sale with ALL proceeds directed to Hospice Niagara Walker House.

Upcoming Events & Dates to Remember:



Evangelical Lutheran Worship

GATHERING

A brief word about our theme today
Gathering Hymn.....**ELW # 841**
"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Prayer of the Day

WORD

Hymn
Psalm.....116:1, 10-17
Gospel Verse Hymn..... **# 846**

"Amen, We Praise Your Name"
Gospel.....Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)
Response "**Praise to you, O Christ**"
Sermon

Hymn of the Day.....**ELW # 325**
"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn..... **# 752**

"**Lord, Listen to your Children Praying**" will be sung at the beginning of the prayers, and one point during the prayers and after the prayers are concluded.

Sharing the Peace

MEAL

Hymn
Eucharistic Prayers
The Lord's Prayer.....**ELW page154**

Hymn
Communion
Communion Hymns **ELW # 773 & 770**
Canticle after Communion Hymn...**# 856**
"How Great Thou Art vv.1"

SENDING

Announcements
Blessing
Sending Hymn.....**ELW # 677**
"This Little Light of Mine"

Dismissal: Go in peace. Live in hope.

"Thanks be to God"