

June 7, 2026

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Second Sunday After Pentecost

FIRST READING: Hosea 5:15—6:6 15 I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: 6:1 “Come, let us return to the Lord, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. 2 After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. 3 Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.” 4 What 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 away early. 5 Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. 6 For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25 13 The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15 For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. 16 For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, 17 as 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. 18 Hoping against

hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” 19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. 20 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21 being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. 22 Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” 23 Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone 24 but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. 10 And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” 12 But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.” 18 While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will

live.” 19 And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. 20 Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, 21 for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” 22 Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. 23 When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, 24 he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. 25 But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. 26 And the report of this spread through all of that district.

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Welcome Everyone!

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 Marilyn Schultz
Prayers Bobby Goldenberg
Usher/Greeter Norm & Carole McLeod
Counters Bob Hansen & Carole McLeod

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

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

Attendance Sunday May 31 - 12, one year ago 15.

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

June’s Church Council meeting will take place on Thursday June 11 @ 10:00 am.



Evangelical Lutheran Worship

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GATHERING

Gathering Hymn..... **ELW # 556**
“Morning Has Broken”
Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading.....Hosea 5:15-6:6
Psalm.....50:7-15
Second Reading.....Romans 4:13-25
Gospel Verse Hymn # **171**.....
Halle, Halle Halleluia
Gospel.....Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
Response.....“Praise to you, O Christ”
Sermon
Hymn of the Day.....**ELW # 617**
“We Come to You for Healing, Lord”
Apostles’ Creed.....**ELW** page 105
Prayers of Intercession
“Hear our Prayer”
Sharing the Peace

MEAL

Offering Prayer
Great Thanksgiving..... **ELW** page 152
Sanctus “Holy, Holy.....**ELW** page153
Eucharistic Prayers
The Lord’s Prayer.....**ELW** page154
Lamb of God.....**ELW** page 154
Communion
Communion Hymns....**ELW # 588 & 470**
Canticle after communion....Hymn # **207**
“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”

SENDING

Announcements
Blessing
Sending Hymn.....**ELW # 860**
”I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”
Dismissal: Go in peace. Live in hope.
“Thanks be to God”