

First English Lutheran Church

1311 East 18th Street

Spencer, Iowa 51301

8:00 & 10:45 am Communion Services

Paul E. Kaldahl, Pastor

Pentecost 2

June 7 2026

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Prelude, Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn - LSB # 702 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Welcome

Order of Worship – Divine Service 5 LSB pg. 213

Invocation; Confession and Absolution

Psalm 119:65-72

P: You have dealt well with your servant, O LORD, according to your word.

C: Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments.

P: Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word.

C: You are good and do good; teach me your statutes.

P: The insolent smear me with lies, but with my whole heart I keep your precepts;

C: their heart is unfeeling like fat, but I delight in your law.

P: It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.

C: The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Kyrie - LSB #943 "Lord, Have Mercy"

Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e, E-le-i-son

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Gloria In Excelsis – LSB #947 "All Glory Be to God on High"

Salutation and Collect of the Day – pg. 214

P: 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 – Hosea 5:15-6:6

I 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle – Romans 4:13-25

For the 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^[a] of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No unbelief 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,²⁵ who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please rise)

Holy Gospel - Matthew 9:9-13 As 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.

C: Thanks be to God.

Credal Hymn – LSB # 464 "The Strife Is O're, the Battle Done"

Sermon

(please rise)

Prayer of the Church – pg. 215

Nicene Creed – (inside back cover of hymnal)

Offering *(hymn will be sung during the offering)*

Offering Hymn - LSB # 729 "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"

(please rise)

Preface to Holy Communion - page 216

Lord's Prayer – pg. 217 (Or inside back cover)

Words of Institution – pg. 217

(please be seated)

Distribution of Holy Communion

Hymns - LSB # 830 "Spread the Reign of God the Lord"

LSB # 832 "Jesus Shall Reign"

LSB # 506 "Glory Be to God the Father"

LSB # 525 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Post-Communion Collect – pg. 218

Benedicamus and Benediction – pg. 218

Closing Hymn - LSB # 611 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

Announcements and Postlude

✠ ✠ **HOLY COMMUNION** ✠ ✠

Dear Visitors and Friends: Our practice of close communion is the historic practice of the church. Through it we practice love and fidelity to God's Word, prompting us to care for all of God's people in this unique way. Please understand that our communion practice does not deny that the members of other denominations are Christians! Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Romans 16:17). When we commune together, God unites all who commune, not only in saving faith, but also in truth, regarding what the scripture teaches about the Lord's Supper. In 1 Corinthians 11 Paul tells us that this expression of unity must be honest and truthful.

For this reason, the congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod have agreed to follow the Biblical and historical practice of "Close Communion." ***If you desire to receive the Lord's Supper and are not a communicant member of First English Lutheran Church or a sister congregation in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, we respectfully ask that you not commune this morning.*** Rather, we invite you to ask the pastor about how you might become a communicant member of our congregation.

It is our sincere prayer that our careful administration of the Lord's Supper will not be a hindrance to our fellowship with you this morning, but instead that it would lead you to appreciate the high regard we have for Christ and His Word concerning this precious gift. **Thank you for understanding, and God bless you!**

If you are a member of the LCMS, please follow the four steps of preparation for Holy Communion. You can find those preparation instructions on the white cards on the back of the pew in front of you. When you attend Holy Communion, please register by filling out one of the white cards and pass them to the inner aisle during the offering so that the ushers can collect it.

For those who prefer, the cup in the center of the communion tray is grape juice with a drop of wine. If you do not feel secure taking the individual cup from the tray, please hold out your hand to indicate your concern and the cup will be handed to you. We invite small children to accompany their parents, if they desire to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

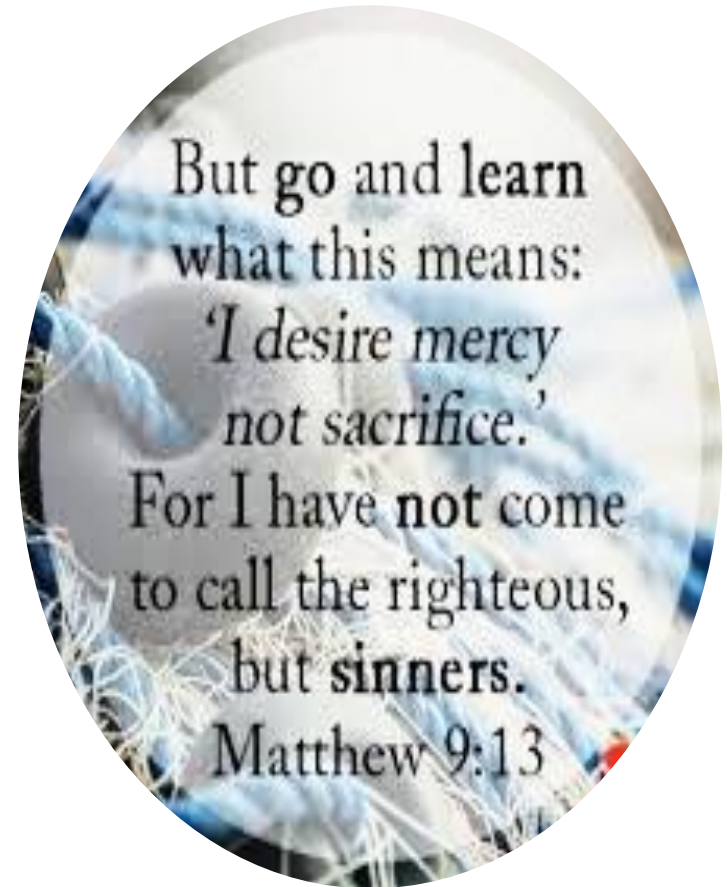
† † **VISITORS AND MEMBERS** † †

Sometime during the service, we ask that everyone fill out one of the cards found in the pew racks so that we might have a record of your worship with us today. For our visitors we ask that you please sign our Guest Register on the table next to the front door as you leave. We are pleased to have you join us this morning as we praise our great God and encourage you to visit us again when possible.

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