

Living In Faith

Second Sunday After Pentecost | June 7, 2026 – 11:00 AM

AS WE GATHER

Our human condition, that is the way we view our life, is dependent upon faith. Faith in either yourself or faith in something bigger. And as Christ followers, our faith is found in the dying and rising of Jesus Christ, whom God promised and has given for us all. And to say it depends on faith is to say we can only trust God to do it, to accomplish it, and to give it. Yet, Jesus calls individuals in faith. And in faith, they respond by following. This is the pattern of the Christian life: Speaking and hearing, listening, and following...All in faith. United with Him in spite of ourselves.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE SING

“God So Loved”

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

P: I invite you to join me in confessing our sins before our heavenly Father:

C: Dear Father in heaven, I confess to You that I am sinful in my very nature. My sinful words and actions make this fallen nature quite obvious. I've done what is wrong in Your sight. I've not loved You with my whole heart; I've not loved my neighbor as myself. For the sake of Jesus who suffered the punishment of death for my sins, forgive me. Fill me with Your hope that lives because Jesus, who died, is alive again! In His name I pray. Amen.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

THROUGH JESUS, GOD DECLARES US TO BE FORGIVEN

WE SING

“My Jesus”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

EPISTLE READING

Romans 4: 13-25

¹³ It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴ For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵ because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷ As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

¹⁸ Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹ Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old— and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. ²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²² This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” ²³ The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, ²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:9-13

⁹ As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

¹⁰ While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

¹² On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³ But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

KIDS’ TIME

DCE Liz Peters

MESSAGE

“Our Calling”

Pastor Doug Slavens

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

WE DECLARE OUR FAITH AND TRUST IN GOD – 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.

WE PRAY TO OUR LORD

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

WE SING DURING DISTRIBUTION

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

"Come What May"

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

THE CLOSING BLESSING

WE SING

"Your Grace Is Enough"

OUR OFFERINGS

All that we have and all that we are, belong to the Lord. He fills us with what is good!

We pray: "Fill us, Lord, to overflowing, that others may receive blessed through the blessings we ourselves have received from You."

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