

## Old Testament

*Hosea 5:15–6:6*

<sup>15</sup>I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me.

<sup>16</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. <sup>3</sup>Let 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.” <sup>4</sup>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 early away. <sup>5</sup>Therefore 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. <sup>6</sup>For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

## Epistle

*Romans 4:13–25*

<sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup>That 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, <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>19</sup>He 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 of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup>But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, <sup>25</sup>who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 9:9–13*

<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

<sup>12</sup>But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”



*Many tax collectors and sinners  
... were reclining with Jesus*



**About the Cover:** In ancient times, dining with someone signified fellowship. The Pharisees, who prided themselves in their devotion to keeping God’s Law and traditions, were scandalized by Jesus’ dining partners. However, Jesus’ fellowship is for the forgiveness of sinners and healing of the sick. He was “numbered with the transgressors” on the cross, where He atoned for the sins of the world (Isaiah 53:12). In His Holy Supper, Jesus not only eats with us but also provides His very body and blood to forgive and strengthen faith.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 7 & 11, 2023

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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**Holy Communion:** *Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.*

### THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 5/31	(Wed): 21	Comm.: 19	Offering: \$550.00
Attendance 6/4	(Sun): 33	Comm.: 29	Offering: \$2,074.07
Budget Needs: \$3,098.21			

### KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (6/14) 7:00 p.m. – Worship  
THUR (6/15) 7:00 p.m. – Women's Devotional Hour  
SUN (6/18) 9:00 a.m. – Worship

**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember Harlen Krahn; Fran (father of Brigitte Sonnabend); Alvin Bladow (brother of Roger Bladow), Vincent Sucivic (grandson of Duane & Karen Loose), Wilfred Boldt, Julie Boldt, Kay Koffarnus, Jules Clausing (infection), Carol Clausing, Sandy Haberland, Elaine Zeamer, Lori Krueger, and Terry Brandenburg.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in God's glory by Steve & Sue Juno in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Steve & Sue Juno in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**POWER POINT ASSISTANTS** are needed. If you'd like to help with the PowerPoint during the worship, please sign up on the bulletin board.

**STEP UP 4 LIFE** – The stewardship/evangelism committee is having a free will donation for the Step Up for Life on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, & 18<sup>th</sup> after each worship service. The money raised will go towards Lutherans for Life. For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board.

**GRASS CUTTERS** – we are looking for volunteers to cut the grass. You can sign up for a week or a month. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact the trustees.

**PRODUCE TABLE** – If you have any extra garden produce during the summer months that you would like to share with members of the congregation, drop it off on the table in the coat room. Items can be left on or taken from the table anytime during the week.

**CONFIRMATION AND GRADUATION CARDS** are available in the card room.

### **OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE**

**Luke 16:19** – “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.” There is another rich man in this story — Abraham. Obviously, these two men used the gift of riches that God gave them in very different ways. The life and decisions of Abraham flowed from faith; the rich man's life and decisions flowed from disbelief and self-centeredness. Abraham's kindness and generosity reflected his trust in a kind and generous God. And the rich man ... well, you saw what happened to him and what god he served.

