



## About the Cover

The Lord is extending His hand of mercy through the prophet Hosea. Even in the midst of impending judgment, the Lord promises to lift up His people. Christ Jesus has fulfilled this promise by being raised up on the third day, having already passed through God's judgment against our sin on our behalf. Now, our Lord, in His love, extends His hand to us with the promise that He will raise us up on the Last Day.

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## Old Testament Reading: 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>6:1</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.

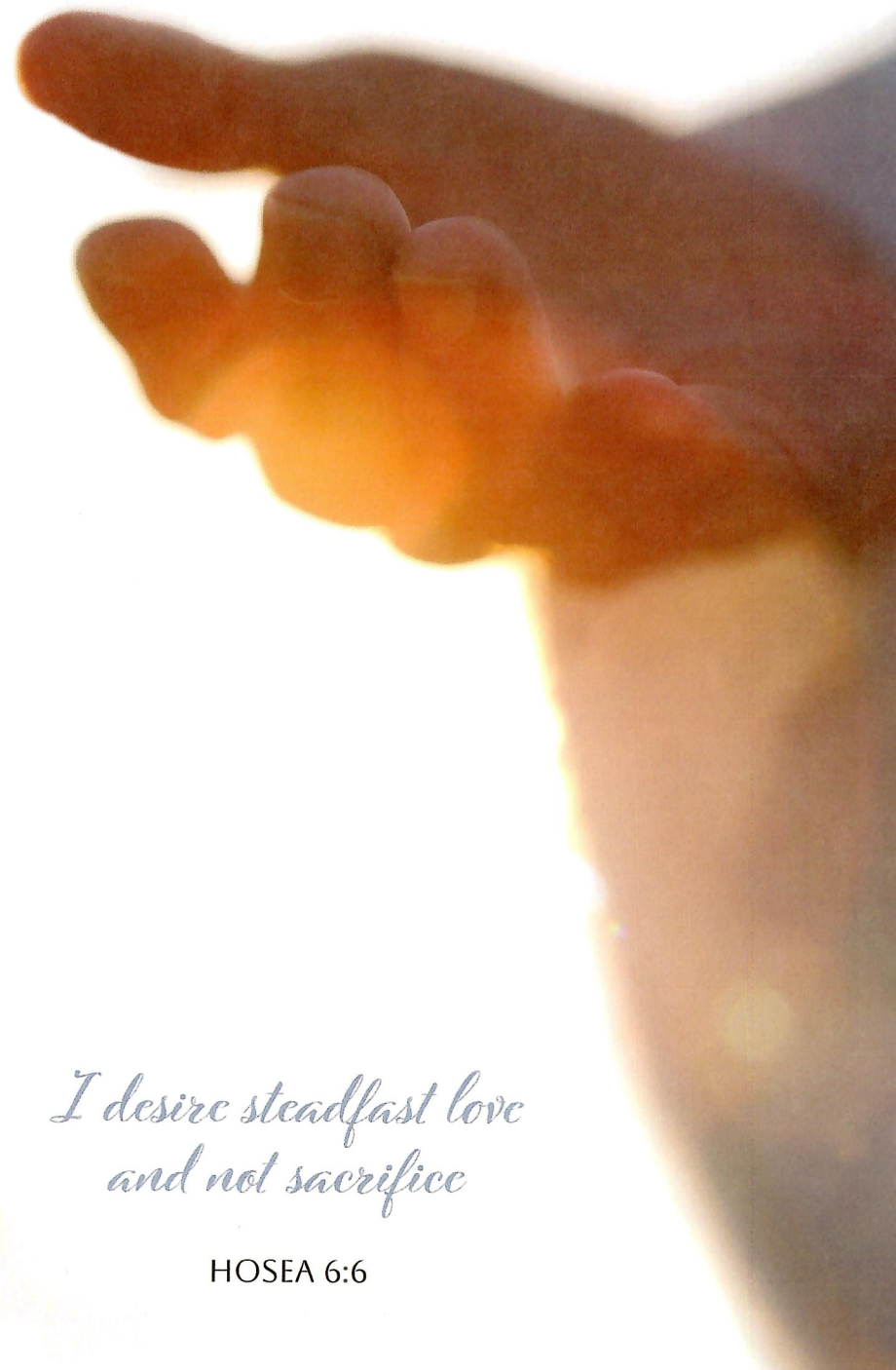
<sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his

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.”



*I desire steadfast love  
and not sacrifice*

HOSEA 6:6

**ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Wheaton, Kansas**  
**Service in the Park**  
**June 7, 2026 10:00 A.M.**  
**Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Order of Service**  
**Welcome and Announcements**

**Children's Song We Are Fishers**

**Opening Hymn: Morning Has Broken Tune LSB#789**

- 1. Morning has broken Like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken Like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing Fresh from the Word.**
- 2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dew-fall On the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness Of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness Where His feet pass.**
- 3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, Praise every morning,  
God's recreation Of the new day!**
- 4. Praise to the Father, Our great Creator,  
Praise to the Son, Who died for our sins,  
Praise to the Spirit, Giver of the Word,  
Blessed and Holy Triune God.**

**Invocation**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: Amen.

**The Litany**

P: Out of the soil, God shaped the form of a man and breathed life into Adam. (Genesis 2:7)  
C: **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.** (Psalm 136:1)

P: Out of the soil, God produced the first stewardship responsibility for mankind, to work and take care of the earth in the garden. (Genesis 2:15)

C: **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.**

P: Out of the soil, injustice cries out for the spilt blood of the innocent. (Genesis 4:10)

C: **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His mercy endures forever.**

P: As the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seed to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations, (Isaiah 61:11)

C: **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.**

P: Into the soil spilt the atoning blood of Jesus, forever taking root and never to loose power. (John 19:34)

C: **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.**

P: Into the soil of our hearts a tiny seed is scattered, producing fruit with eternal value. (Matthew 13:23)

C: **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.**

P: Out of the mud and mire the Lord lifted me, he set my feet upon a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. (Psalm 40:2)

C: **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.**

P: Give thanks to the Lord who alone does great wonders, who made the heavens, and spread out the earth upon the waters. (Psalm 136:4-6)

C: **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.**

C: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**The Collect of the Day**

**The Old Testament Reading Hosea 5:15-6:6** (see back of bulletin)

P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God**

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**The Holy Gospel Matthew 9:9-13** (see back of bulletin)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Songs by the Children: The Butterfly Song  
Zaccheus**

**Hymn of the Day: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say LSB#699**

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say “Come unto Me and rest;  
Lay down thou weary one; lay down Thy head upon My  
breast,”  
I came to Jesus as I was, So weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place, And He has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one’ Stoop down and drink and  
live.”  
I came to Jesus and I drank Of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in  
Him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light.  
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise And all thy day be  
bright,”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found In Him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I’ll walk Till trav’ling days are  
done.

**The Meditation**

**The Offering**

**Song by the Children Jesus Loves Me**

**The Prayer of the Church  
The Lord’s Prayer**

**The Recognition of Sunday School Staff**

**Children's Song Shine, Jesus Shine**

**The Benediction**

**The Closing Hymn: God Be With You Till We Meet Again**

1. God be with you till we meet again,  
By his counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain: Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

2. God be with you till we meet again,  
'Neath His wings protecting hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again. Refrain.

3. God be with you till we meet again,  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
Put His arm unfailing round you;  
God be with you till we meet again. Refrain.

4. God be with you till we meet again,  
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
Smite death's threat'ning wave before you;  
God be with you till we meet again. Refrain.

**Please stay and join us for lunch and some good old fellowship!**