

June 14, 2026 + Third Sunday After Pentecost

We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit so all may know God's love.

The Akathist of Thanksgiving

The Akathist of Thanksgiving comes from the Orthodox tradition. Written in 1934, the title from the final words, "Glory to God for all things" uttered by St. John Chrysostom as he died in exile (CE 407).

O Lord, how lovely it is to be your guest. Breeze full of scents — mountains reaching to the skies — waters like a boundless mirror, reflecting the sun's golden rays and the scudding clouds. All nature murmurs mysteriously, breathing depths of tenderness. Birds and beasts bear the imprint of your love.

How pleasant is our stay with you on earth: It is a joy to be your guest.

*Glory to you for the feast-day of life,
Glory to you for the perfume of lilies and roses,
Glory to you for each taste of berry and fruit,
Glory to you for the sparkling silver of early morning dew,
Glory to you for each smiling, peaceful awakening,
Glory to you for eternal life in us, a messenger of heaven,
Glory to you, O God, from age to age.*

Opening Hymn "God is Here!"

1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

2. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

3. Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us, as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

4. Lord of all, of Church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the Gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, **you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading – Romans 5:1-8

While we were sinners, Christ died for us

Response: Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100 *We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.*

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!
Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.

Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

Gospel: Matthew 9:35 – 10:8

The sending of the Twelve

Before: The holy Gospel according to . . .

Glory to you, O Lord.

After: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Message

Pastor Liz Rossing

Hymn of the Day "Build Us Up, Lord"

1 Build us up, Lord, build us up;
set in us a strong foundation.
Lead us to do your holy will;
form and shape your new creation.
Build us up, Lord, build us up;
as we guide and teach each other,
help us to share your love with the world:
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother.

Refrain

**Growing in Christ, we plant seeds for the kingdom;
we follow in faith what's begun!
Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your word
to spread the news of your Son!**

2 Build us up, Lord, build us up;
let our lives reflect your glory.
Cast away all our doubts and fears;
help us tell the world your story.
Build us up, Lord, build us up;
help us bear good fruit for you,
Lord, give us vision and keep us sure.
Grant us faith that's steadfast and true. *Refrain*

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of
heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the
power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin
Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to
the dead. On the third day he rose again. He
ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right
hand of the Father. He will come again to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Offering

Giving Prayer

Gracious God, giver of every good and perfect
gift, teach us to give to you all that we have and
all that we are, that we may praise you not with
our words only, but with our whole lives. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy
name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against us; and lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God, bless,
heal, and hold us today and always. Amen.

Closing Hymn "I Love to Tell the Story"

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain

**I love to tell the story; twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

2. I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully
sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never
heard the message of salvation from God's own holy
word. *Refrain*

3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new
song, I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so
long. *Refrain*

Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.