



Reach out to all

Embrace His Gifts

Announce His coming

Commit to Christian Living

Honor His Word

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday, June 7, 2026

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Opening Hymn: # 464 - "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: Let us then confess our sins to God the Father

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**



*I desire steadfast love  
and not sacrifice*

HOSEA 6:6

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Hosea 5:15 – 6:6:** <sup>15</sup> Then I will return to my lair until they have borne their guilt and seek my face—in their misery they will earnestly seek me.” **6** “Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. <sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence. <sup>3</sup> Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth.” <sup>4</sup> “What can I do with you, Ephraim? What can I do with you, Judah? Your love is like the morning mist, like the early dew that disappears. <sup>5</sup> Therefore I cut you in pieces with my prophets, I killed you with the words of my—mouth then my judgments go forth like the sun. <sup>6</sup> For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.

**Romans 4:13-25:** <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, <sup>15</sup> because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.”<sup>[</sup> 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.

<sup>18</sup> 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.”<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup> The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, <sup>24</sup> but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. <sup>25</sup> He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

**Gospel 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.**”

## 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.

### Sermon Hymn: # 702 - "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

### Sermon: "Tell It Like It IS!" Matthew 9:9-13

 Pray for our country, for our military, for our healthcare workers & first responders, for those that are sick, for those in need, for those who have lost loved ones, for our home-bound, for wisdom for our leaders, and for all of your concerns. Prayers of Strength and Comfort for the Ukrainian People and wisdom for all NATO Members. Pray for all your concerns.



### The Lord's Prayer

### Service of the Sacrament

### Benediction

Closing Hymn: # 935 - "Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord"

## SERMON REVIEW FOR June 7, 2026

### "Tell It Like It Is!" Matthew 9:9-13

*Introduction: Body Language - the most frequently used method of communication - Yet, it requires words to E\_\_\_\_\_ the meaning.*

### I. Today's Scripture Reading contain body language:

- A. Old Testament: God disciplines, then heals (If God loves me, who do I suffer?)
- B. Epistle: Abraham & Sarah's bodies were beyond child bearing (When everything I see says 'No!' can I still believe God's "Yes?")
- C. Gospel: Jesus ears with sinners (Mixed signals about friendship)
- D. The common thread - Verbal E\_\_\_\_\_

were needed to understand God's actions.

### II. The Call to Trust

- A. Trust means following Jesus even when we don't U\_\_\_\_\_ The events happening around us.
- B. Through the eyes of faith we see God at work in M\_\_\_\_\_ ways. (The C\_\_\_\_\_ is the greatest example "I trust God even when I don't understand His actions")
- C. In the midst of human confusion, listen to God's Word of explanation.

### III. Application to God's People

- A. How much communication with our children is body language? Do they always understand the real message?
- B. Be D\_\_\_\_\_ in explaining God's place in our life.



**ADULT BIBLE CLASS meets today.**



### June - Comfort Dog Ministry

A dog is a friend who brings a calming influence, allowing people to open up their hearts and receive help for what is affecting them. These are trained Comfort Dogs for Lutheran Church Charities. They interact with people at churches, schools, nursing homes, hospitals, events and in disaster situations.



The ground level door will be open on Sunday mornings for those who wish to avoid climbing the hill. Also shortly after service begins both doors will be locked for security reasons.



### Belize Missionary



There is a newsletter out on the table in the Narthex. You may read it or take one with you.



**All of them were  
filled with  
the Holy Spirit!  
Acts 2.4**

*Alleluia*