

JUNE 14, 2026
THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



We are Jesus' hands, feet, and voice.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 9:35–10:23	The sending of the twelve
Monday	Exodus 19:2-8a	Israelites go to Mt. Sinai
Tuesday	Romans 5:1-8	How to be acceptable to God
Wednesday	Genesis 18:1-15	A son promised to Abraham
Thursday	Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19	Thanksgiving for illness recovery
Friday	Galatians 5:13-15	Christ gives freedom
Saturday	Psalms 100	The Lord is good
Sunday	Matthew 10:24-39	The call and cost of discipleship

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. Matthew 9:35 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God of constant love and faithfulness, we thank you for your care; give us strength to care for and bless others through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

We thank you for this food, a gift of your steadfast love and faithfulness. Amen. (Psalm 100:5)

A Blessing to Give:

May God care for you with tender compassion.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK
Come Now, You Blessed



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- How have others cared for you?
- Our relationship with Jesus is meant to help us serve others. How do you serve others?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 9:35–10:23.

In the Old Testament lesson for this week (Exodus 19:2-8a), God once again establishes a covenant with the house of Jacob, just as God established a covenant with Abram in Genesis 12. God is making a priestly people, a holy nation to bless the world. In Matthew 9 and 10, Jesus now is establishing his covenant with his followers to serve and bless others. Just as Jesus tells good news to people and heals every disease and sickness, his followers will go out and do similar acts in the kingdom of God. Those sent out by Jesus are doing the work of Jesus. The task was not easy for Jesus and will not be easy for his followers, but the Spirit of God will go with them. This passage is filled with compassion and is sobering at the same time. It is the call for all of Jesus' followers. It is a daring mission that requires courage and wisdom. It is not presented as an option. Our work as Jesus' hands, feet, and voice in the world today wins because we do not go alone, but with the Spirit of God.

Discuss: In what ways have you been Jesus' hands, feet, and voice in the world?

Pray: **Almighty God, send us out with your message of hope and compassionate service, both of which heal through Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, what act of kindness and compassion can you show towards someone who is ill?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing" (Psalm 100:1-2). "I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart" is a popular Christian song written in the 1920's and still stirs memories and joy in the hearts of many. Take a moment to make a joyful noise to the Lord and sing this well-known song.



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