

Pentecost 2

June 7, 2026

Second Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 5 (Year A)

God has given us knowledge through his Word. In his Word God shares with us his expectations through the giving of the Ten Commandments. God also bestows his promises on us in that same Word. The Holy Spirit calls us to repentance, to turn away from our sin and return back to God and his will for our lives. Jesus came to save sinners, not the righteous, because none of us is righteous without Jesus Christ.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Reading: Hosea 5:15–6:6

Israel is Unrepentant

Hosea urges the people to repent and turn away from false idols. God desires only our faith and obedience, fearing and loving him so that we will strive to keep his commandments.

Psalm 119:65–72

Give Me Knowledge

God's Word gives us knowledge and guidance for this life. The psalmist states the trials of this life often lead us to look to God's Word for comfort and understanding. In so doing, we gain insight into God's will for our lives.

Second Reading: Romans 4:13–25

Faith Counted as Righteousness

God promised Abraham that he would bless Abraham with many descendants (as numerous as the stars). In so doing, God would bless all nations through Abraham and his offspring. Abraham believed and trusted in God's promise. God will strengthen our faith, too, just like he did with Abraham.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:9–13

Follow Me

It would have been greatly shocking to those who heard Jesus' teachings that he would sit down and break bread with sinners, like tax collectors. Jesus does so, not because tax collectors and sinners are worthy, but rather because *he* is gracious and merciful. Jesus invites sinners to follow him, and he wants to include us in his kingdom, just as he invited Matthew to follow him and join together in Jesus' ministry.

Suggestions for the Day:

Liturgical Color: Green

• In Ordinary Time, use either the *Kyrie* OR the *Hymn of Praise*.

• Use the *Apostles' Creed*.

In his first of his 95 theses, Martin Luther stated, "Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, when He said 'Repent', willed that the whole life of believers should be repentance."

Repentance involves change, and it's not only about sorrow for sin. It means turning from it and being transformed in our lives by the renewing of our minds. We need repentance constantly. John the Baptizer was instrumental in preaching the need for repentance. The blessings we receive are life-giving and life-saving.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:

	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult	494	---	---	696	184	184
Chief of Sinners though I Be	306	---	611	609	187	187
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy	290	---	---	588	186	186
Lead on, O King Eternal!	495	---	---	805	---	---
Faith of Our Fathers	500	---	---	812	216	216
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	315	---	700	631	14	14
Will You Come and Follow Me	---	---	---	798	---	---
I, the Lord of Sea and Sky	---	752	---	574	---	---
Healer of Our Ev'ry Ill	---	738	---	612	---	---
How Firm a Foundation	507	---	728	796	191	191

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV= With One Voice, ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB= The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC= The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles

Brokenness Aside
(CCLI# 5881109)
There Will Be a Day
(CCLI# 5322390)
O Come to the Altar
(CCLI# 7051511)
Build My Life
(CCLI# 7070345)
I Will Wait for You
(CCLI# 7118914)

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