

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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WELCOME to those visiting us this Lord’s Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORY ~ Everyone, please sign in!

AS WE GATHER ~ The secular calendar seems always to try to overshadow the Church Year. The rhythm of the church and her time cycles apart from such holidays. We do not ignore Independence Day weekend and yet we do not allow it to overwhelm the Good News of Christ that transcends all things. Today our Lord contrasts the wisdom of the world with the hidden wisdom of God—something a child can discern by faith. Because our Lord has accomplished all things for us and our salvation, we rejoice in His easy yoke. We wait upon the Lord, putting our trust neither in flesh and blood nor in princes or earthly powers but in Christ alone. This promise of rest in Christ is given not to the few but to all who come heavy laden with sin, guilt, shame, sorrow, and death. No wonder the little child understands! Thanks be to God.

PRELUDE

GREETING AND RINGING OF THE BELLS

♪ **OPENING HYMN** ↓

God of Our Fathers

**God of our fathers, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies:
Our grateful songs before Your throne arise.**

**Your love divine has led us in the past; in this free land by You our lot is cast;
Oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
Your Word our law, Your paths our chosen way.**

**From war’s alarms, from deadly pestilence make your strong arm our ever sure defense.
Your true religion in our hearts increase;
Your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**

**Refresh Your people on their toilsome way; lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with heav’n-born love and grace
Until at last we meet before Your face.**

INVOCATION - Page 151 ↑

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

(Matthew 28:19)

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION - Page 151 ↑

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1:8-9)

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: 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.

Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(John 20:19-23)

People: Amen.

♪ **INTROIT FOR THE DAY** ↑

(Psalm 91:2, 9–10; antiphon: v. 1)

He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my | fortress,*
my God, in | whom I trust.”

**Because you have made the Lord your | dwelling place—*
the Most High, who is my | refuge—**

no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*
no plague come | near your tent.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

♪ KYRIE - Page 152 ↑

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy. (Luke 17:13, Luke 18:38-39, Psalm 123:2, 3)

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

♪ HYMN OF PRAISE - Page 155 ↑

(Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

COLLECT OF THE DAY ↑

Pastor: The Lord be with you. (Ruth 2:4)

People: And also with you. (Luke 1:28)

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING ↓

Zechariah 9:9-12 (ESV)

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall speak peace to the nations;

his rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING ↓

Romans 7:14-25a (ESV)

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

♪ VERSE – Page 156 ↑

**Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL READING ↑

Matthew 11:25-30 (ESV)

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

♪ HYMN OF THE DAY ↓ *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

SERMON ↓

In Dependance

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**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH ↑

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

♪ PREFACE - Page 160 ↑

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right and salutary.....evermore praising you and saying:

♪ SANCTUS - Page 161 ↑

(Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING ~ Page 161 ↑

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone,

O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER ~ Page 162 ↑

(Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4)

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: 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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD - Page 162 ↑

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread; and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

♪ PAX DOMINI - Page 163 ↑

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

(John 20:19)

♪ AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God" - Page 163 ↑

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(John 1:29)

♪ DISTRIBUTION ↓ *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* *LSB 791*
 All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
 Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell; come ye before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid He did us make.
 We are His folk, He doth us feed, and for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise; approach with joy His courts unto.
 Praise, laud, and bless His name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good: His mercy is for ever sure.
 His truth at all times firmly stood and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heav'n and earth adore,
 From us and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore.

Before You, Lord, We Bow *LSB 966*

Before You, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns above
 And rules the world below, boundless in pow'r and love.
 Our thanks we bring in joy and praise,
 Our hearts we raise to You, our King!

The nation You have blest may well Your love declare,
 From foes and fears at rest, protected by Your care.
 For this bright day, for this fair land--
 Gifts of Your hand-- our thanks we pay.

May ev'ry mountain height, each vale and forest green,
 Shine in Your Word's pure light, and its rich fruits be seen!
 May ev'ry tongue be tuned to praise
 And join to raise a grateful song.

Earth, hear your Maker's voice; your great Redeemer own;
 Believe, obey, rejoice, and worship Him alone.
 Cast down your pride, your sin deplore,
 And bow before the Crucified.

And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our native land
 From all its rending tombs send forth a glorious band,
 A countless throng, with joy to sing
 To heav'n's high King salvation's song!

Come unto Me, Ye Weary *LSB 684*

"Come unto Me, ye weary, and I will give you rest."
 O blessed voice of Jesus, which comes to hearts oppressed!
 It tells of benediction, of pardon, grace, and peace,
 Of joy that hath no ending, of love that cannot cease.

"Come unto Me, ye wand'ers, and I will give you light."
 O loving voice of Jesus, which comes to cheer the night!
 Our hearts were filled with sadness, and we had lost our way;
 But Thou hast brought us gladness and songs at break of day.

"Come unto Me, ye fainting, and I will give you life."
 O cheering voice of Jesus, which comes to aid our strife!
 The foe is stern and eager, the fight is fierce and long;
 But Thou hast made us mighty and stronger than the strong.

"And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out."
 O patient love of Jesus, which drives away our doubt,
 Which, though we be unworthy of love so great and free,
 Invites us very sinners to come, dear Lord, to Thee!

BLESSING – Page 164 ↑

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in
 body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

People: Amen.

♪ POST COMMUNION CANTICLE - Page 164 ↑

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
 He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.
 Alleluia, alleluia.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT - Page 166 ↑

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this
 salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us
 through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;
 through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and
 the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

♪ **BENEDICTION - Page 166** ↑

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

People: Amen.

(Numbers 6:24-26)

♪ **CLOSING HYMN** ↑

God Bless Our Native Land

LSB 965

God bless our native land; firm may she ever stand through storm and night.

When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave,

Do Thou our country save by Thy great might.

So shall our prayers arise to God above the skies; on Him we wait.

Thou who art ever nigh, guarding with watchful eye,

To Thee aloud we cry: God save the state!

POSTLUDE