

Order of Worship

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 12, 2020 – 10:15 a.m.

WELCOME

Please stand.

OPENING SONG

"Hosanna"

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, we turn to You.
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You, we long for You.
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day,
And in Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

Chorus:

Hosanna! Hosanna!
You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Come have Your way among us,
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

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

All: 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 us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 55:10-13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

SONG OF PRAISE

“Hosanna”

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, we turn to You.
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new.
‘Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day,
And in Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

Chorus:

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Hosanna! Hosanna!
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Please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

THE GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 13:3-9, 18-23

³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear.”

¹⁸ “Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³ As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SONG

“King Of Kings”

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,
Till from Heaven You came running. There was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

Chorus: **Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings.**

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross.
For even in Your suff’ring, You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died. *Chorus*

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THE SERMON

REV. GLENN LUCAS

“How’s Your Soil?”

Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23

THE 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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

ABIDING PRAISE

"King of Kings"

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GATHERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 for ever and ever. Amen.

REGARDING HOLY COMMUNION: *As Lutheran communicants, we believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in this Holy Supper. Be mindful of the words of St. Paul: "We ought to examine ourselves before we eat of the bread and drink of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28) Are you truly sorry for your sins? Do you believe that your sins are forgiven because Jesus died for them? Do you believe that Jesus gives you his own body and blood in the Sacrament as a seal of that forgiveness? Is it your sincere intention to do better in living a Christian life? Then come, and receive assurance and strengthening from Jesus.*

NOTE: *In the center of each communion tray are a few glasses with grape juice wine for those who are on alcohol restrictive medications or who, for personal reasons, wish to abstain from wine. Also we have gluten-free communion wafers available for those who need them. They are in the small plastic containers on the wafer trays (patens). The empty plastic containers may be placed in the bags with the used communion cups.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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. This do 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 is My † blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"Behold The Lamb"

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away. Slain for us: and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith Find forgiveness at the cross.

So, we share in this Bread of Life, And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace Around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, Torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,

Paid the price to make us one.

So, we share in this Bread of Life, And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, Shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in To receive the life of God.

So, we share in this Bread of Life, And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ As His body here on earth.

As we share in His suffering, We proclaim: Christ will come again!

And we'll join in the feast of heav'n Around the table of the King.

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"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now I'm found, Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

Refrain:

My chains are gone. I've been set free,

My God, my Savior has ransomed me.

And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures. *Refrain Twice*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, The sun forbear to shine.

But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine,

Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

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THE DISMISSAL

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

All: Amen!

CLOSING SONG

"Our God Saves"

In the Name of the Father, in the Name of the Son,
In the Name of the Spirit, Lord, we come;
We're gathered together to lift up Your Name,
To call on our Savior, to fall on Your grace;

Hear the joyful sound of our offering as Your saints bow down,
As Your people sing; We will rise with You, lifted on Your wings,
And the world will see that

Our God saves, our God saves;
There is hope in Your Name; Mourning turns to songs of praise;
Our God saves, our God saves.

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We Pray For This Week

Ben Babroy, Charles Capps, Allysha Neebe, Rick & Brenda Neilson,
Eric & Shawna Newman & Family, Dale Niksch, David Nimmo,
Jon & Joy Ninke & Family, Karen O'Brien, Patrick & Debbie O'Donogue & Family

Keep in Your Prayers

Prayers for strength and healing, guidance and blessing for:

Brian Adams

Patricia Howard

Maggie Winn

Terri Green

Jeanne Kelly

Alexander Hernandez

Jan Morton

We pray for those who are recovering:

Rocky Hewitt

Brad Morton