



# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 2022

### ORDER OF SERVICE

**Prayer on entering church:** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

#### PRELUDE

Orison

Douglas E. Wagner

#### RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

**Blessed Jesus, at Your Word  
We are gathered all to hear You.  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
Now to seek and love and fear You,  
By Your teachings, sweet and holy,  
Drawn from earth to love You solely.  
All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
Till Your Spirit breaks our night  
With the beams of truth unclouded.  
You alone to God can win us;  
You must work all good within us.  
Gracious Savior, good and kind,  
Light of Light, from God proceeding,  
Open now our heart and mind;  
Help us by Your Spirit's pleading.  
Hear the cry Your Church now raises;  
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.  
Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,  
Praise to You and adoration!  
Grant that we may trust Your Word,  
Confident of our salvation,  
While we here below must wander,  
Till we sing Your praises yonder.**

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## INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross (†) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism*

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>

P: Our Help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

*(We take a moment of silence before the Lord as we call to mind how we have not properly loved Him, ourselves, or other people.)*

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess unto You that we are sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. We therefore flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end, that by Your grace, we may receive the crown of eternal life in Your Kingdom of Glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

**C: Yes, so I believe.**

P: Let it be done for you as you believe.

As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

Hymnal p. 656 sts. 1,4

### **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

**A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and Shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe.**

**With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight.**

**On earth he has no equal.**

**God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;  
For God Himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit.**

**Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
Though life be wrenched away. They cannot win the day.**

**The Kingdom's ours forever!**

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## **COLLECT**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

Genesis 18:1–14

**L:** The first reading is from Genesis chapter eighteen.

*The Lord promises Abraham and Sarah a son to continue their line and name.*

*Following the reading...*

**L:** This is the Word of our Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALMODY**

**Rejoice My Heart**

Hymnal p. 737

**Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing,  
A cheerful trust maintain;  
For God, the source of ev'rything,  
Your portion shall remain.**

**He is your treasure, He your joy,**

Your life and light and Lord,  
Your counselor when doubts annoy,  
Your shield and great reward.

Why spend the day in blank despair,  
In restless thought the night?  
On your Creator cast your care;  
He makes your burdens light.

Did not His love and truth and pow'r  
Guard ev'ry childhood day?  
And did He not in threat'ning hour  
Turn dreaded ills away?

He only will with patience chide,  
His rod falls gently down;  
And all your sins He casts aside  
In ocean depths to drown.

His wisdom never plans in vain  
Nor falters nor mistakes.  
All that His counsels may ordain  
A blessed ending makes.

Upon your lips, then, lay your hand,  
And trust His guiding love;  
Then like a rock your peace shall stand  
Here and in heav'n above.

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## SECOND READING

Colossians 1:21–29

L: The second reading is from chapter one of Colossians.

*Making known the mystery long hidden but now revealed in Christ our Savior*

*Following the reading...*

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Holy Gospel is according to St. Luke chapter ten.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*The Lord visits the home of Mary and Martha and asks both to turn their attention to the one thing needful.*

*Following the reading...*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED<sup>2</sup>**

**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.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**One Thing's Needful**

Hymnal p. 536

**One thing's needful; Lord, this treasure Teach me highly to regard.**

**All else, though it first give pleasure, Is a yoke that presses hard!**

**Beneath it the heart is still fretting and striving,**

**No true, lasting happiness ever deriving.**

**This one thing is needful; all others are vain—**

**I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain!**

**How were Mary's thoughts devoted Her eternal joy to find**

**As intent each word she noted, At her Savior's feet reclined!**

**How kindled her heart, how devout was its feeling,**

**While hearing the lessons that Christ was revealing!**

**All earthly concerns she forgot for her Lord**

**And found her contentment in hearing His word.**

**Wisdom's highest, no blest treasure, Jesus, is revealed in You.  
Let me find in You my pleasure, And my wayward will subdue,**

**Humility there and simplicity reigning,  
In paths of true wisdom my steps ever training.**

**If I learn from Jesus this knowledge divine,  
The blessing of heavenly wisdom is mine.**

**Nothing have I, Christ, to offer, You alone, my highest good.  
Nothing have I, Lord, to proffer But Your crimson colored blood.  
Your death on the cross has death wholly defeated and thereby my  
righteousness fully completed;**

**Salvation's white rainments I there did obtain,  
And in them in glory with You I shall reign.**

**Therefore You alone, my Savior, Shall be all in all to me;  
Search my heart and my behavior, Root out all hypocrisy.  
Through all my life's pilgrimage, guard and uphold me,  
In loving forgiveness, O Jesus, enfold me.**

**This one thing is needful; all others are vain—  
I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain!**

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## **SERMON<sup>3</sup>**

## **OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

### **VOLUNTARY**

**The Lord Is My Light**

**J. Wayne Kerr**

### **OFFERING SONG**

**Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart**

**Hymnal p. 806**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,**

**Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. (Repeat)**

**And now let the weak say "I am strong,"**

**Let the poor say "I am rich,"**

**Because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat)**

**Give thanks, give thanks.**

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## **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P:** Let us pray for ourselves, the church, and the world.

*Following each petition:*

**P:** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

## **THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) is being celebrated in today's service. In preparation for that, please be reminded that the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper are not merely representations or symbols of Jesus' body and blood but Jesus' body and blood sacrificed on the cross are present in, with, and under the bread and wine (The Real Presence). How is this possible? This is beyond human understanding, but we remember that with God all things are possible. This truth is a divine mystery instituted by Jesus, taught by his Apostles, fervently held by the Christian church, and one in which we participate through faith. To be properly prepared to receive this sacrament, you must

- 1) Recognize that you have indeed sinned against God and other people and are accountable to God for those sins;
- 2) Be sorry (repentant) for those sins;
- 3) Believe that in this sacrament Jesus bestows forgiveness, life, and salvation; and
- 4) Sincerely desire to live a godly life from this point forward.

If you are not a member of Christ Lutheran Church, please speak with the pastor before receiving communion here for the first time. If you choose to come forward to receive a blessing rather than the Lord's Supper, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

### **PREFACE**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

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

## PROPER PREFACE

### SANCTUS

Hymnal p. 208

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

### LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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 INSTITUTION

### PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you in all ways.

C: Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

Hymnal p. 434 sts. 1,3

**Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**

**Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Thy peace be with us O Jesus! O Jesus!**

**Prayer before communing:** Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God now and forever. Amen.

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*Form a line at the communion rail starting at the left side. When the line is half full, begin filling it in from the right side. When invited, approach the rail and kneel/stand. If you want to receive a gluten-free wafer at communion, let the worship assistant know as he comes by with the wafers. After communion, exit through the right doorway, place individual communion cups in the tray, and proceed down the stairs back to your seat.*

## **VOLUNTARY**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

David Cherwien

## **POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**P:** Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: 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 His favor and (†) give you His peace.

C: Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

Lift High the Cross

Hymnal p. 837

*Refrain:* Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come Christians follow where our captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ the Son of God. *Refrain:*

Led on their way by this triumphant sign  
The host of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. *Refrain:*

All new born soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. *Refrain:*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. *Refrain:*

Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain:*

So shall our song of triumph ever be.

Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain:*

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**Prayer after worship:** Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

## POSTLUDE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Carolyn Hamlin

<sup>1</sup>*The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."* John 20:22-23. We take heart that the absolution proclaimed by the pastor is as from the Lord Himself.

<sup>2</sup>*It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.* Romans 10:10. Our response to the Word of God that has just been read is our confession of faith in the one, true, triune God.

<sup>3</sup>Martin Luther teaches us about hearing the Word: "Know, therefore, that you must be concerned not only about hearing, but also about learning and retaining it in memory, and do not think that it is optional with you or of no great importance, but that it is God's commandment, who will require of you how you have heard, learned, and honored His Word." (Large Catechism) *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!* Luke 11:28

## **OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ONLINE VIEWERS**

For those worshipping with us online and those sheltering in place, we encourage you to bring your tithes and offerings to the church office open M-F mornings from 9-12, or mail your check in to church, or for those who bank online, simply instruct your bank to send us a check in the mail.

We all owe God our tithes and offerings and we encourage everyone to continue in the joy that is found in faithful financial stewardship. Thank you.

**HOME COMMUNION:** Christ Lutheran is providing Home Communion Packages with individually wrapped wafers and wine cups. These packages are to be distributed to those who are institutionalized or remain at home on Sundays. Your help getting these packages out is needed. Talk to Pastor if you'd like to help.

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