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The Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 22, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Be Thou My Vision"

Ian Higginson

RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

OPENING HYMN (*please rise and sing*)

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues

Hymnal p. 528

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, The Triumph of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.
Jesus! The name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;
‘Tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘Tis life and health and peace.
He breaks the pow’r of cancelled sin; He sets the pris’ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.
Look unto Him, ye nations; own You God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace.
See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off’ring made For ev’ry soul of man.
To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv’n
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav’n.

CONGREGATION GREETINGS

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.

CONFESSION¹

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

Beautiful Savior

Hymnal p. 537

**Beautiful Savior, King of Creation
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in the flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.
Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!**

**Glory and honor, Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!**

COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; 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

Galatians 3:23–4:7

L: The first reading is from chapter three of Galatians.

The baptized have put on Christ, becoming sons and heirs, with hearts that are home to the Holy Spirit.

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 3

L: Salvation belongs to the Lord;
Your blessing be on Your people!

**C: Salvation belongs to the Lord;
Your blessing be on Your people!**

L: O Lord, how many are my foes!
Many are rising against me;
many are saying of my soul
there is no salvation for him in God.
But You, O Lord, are a shield about me,

my glory, and the lifter of my head.

**C: Salvation belongs to the Lord;
Your blessing be on Your people!**

L: I cried aloud to the Lord,
and He answered me from His holy hill.
I lay down and slept;
I woke again, for the Lord sustained me.
I will not be afraid of many thousands of people
who have set themselves against me all around.

**C: Salvation belongs to the Lord;
Your blessing be on Your people!**

L: Arise, O Lord!
Save me, O my God!
For You strike all my enemies on the cheek;
You break the teeth of the wicked.

**C: Salvation belongs to the Lord;
Your blessing be on Your people!**

**A: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 8:26–39

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

*Jesus travels beyond Galilee to break the bonds of darkness, transforming a
demoniac into a missionary.*

Following the reading...

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED²

**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

Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure

Hymnal p. 533

**Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal,
Alpha Omega, Beginning and End;
Godhead, humanity, union supernal,
O great Redeemer, You come as our friend!
Heaven and earth, now proclaim this great wonder:**

**Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!
Jesus has come! Now see bonds rent asunder!
Fetters of death now dissolve, disappear.
See Him burst through with a voice as of thunder!
He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,
Lifts us from shame to the place of His honor.**

**Jesus has come! Hear the roll of God's thunder!
Jesus has come as the mighty Redeemer.
See now the threatening strong one disarmed!
Jesus breaks down all the walls of death's fortress,
Brings forth the pris'ners triumphant, unharmed.
Satan, you wicked one, own now your master!
Jesus has come! He, the mighty Redeemer!**

**Jesus has come as the King of all glory!
Heaven and earth, O declare His great pow'r,
Capturing hearts with the heavenly story;**

**Welcome Him now in this fastfleeting hour!
Ponder His love! Take the crown He has for you!
Jesus has come! He, the King of all glory!**

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SERMON³

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

VOLUNTARY

Amazing Grace

Robert J. Powell

OFFERING SONG

We Give Thee but Thine Own

Hymnal p. 781 sts. 1 & 2

**We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our first-fruits give!**

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

Hymnal p. 918

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more;

Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow;

Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through. Strong

deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield;

Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;

Death of death and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;

I will ever give to Thee.

POSTLUDE

God Be with You

Eurydice V. Osterman

¹The 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.

²It 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.

³Martin 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

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