

✠ Sixth Sunday after Pentecost ✠

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8:15 AM & 10:45 AM



*Gathering People to Christ,  
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## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION . . .

The word “Sacrament” means that God is at work here. A Sacrament is an act of God, not just a pious ritual of the Church. What God does here is present us with the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, “in, with, and under” the bread and wine. It is more than just a reminder or a symbol of Christ. It is Christ. And so the proper approach is one of repentance for sin, and trust in God’s promise. “He is truly worthy who has faith in the words: Given and shed *for you*,” as Dr. Luther often said. We ask those who have never communed with us to please speak with the pastor before doing so. Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

**Welcome:** On this day when our thoughts and minds attend to the independence of our nation, we hear a study of contrasts between the mighty King who comes to us on a colt, the foal of a donkey, and the mystery that befuddles the wise revealed to the child. We also hear Paul wrestle with the paradox of his own nature as saint by virtue of the merits of Christ and sinner—all in the same body. Though it is our nature to try and solve such paradoxes and resolve such contrasts, the path of faith is to appreciate what each reveals to us and to trust in the Lord for all things. We might find it frustrating to chafe under the tension of what is and what should be, yet even the child can discern the gracious will of God in Christ and rejoice of His easy yoke. Thanks be to God.

**Assisted Listening Devices:** are available for those who have trouble hearing the service. Please see an usher to use one.

**Communication Cards:** Please fill out the bright yellow communication cards located by the bulletins as you enter. If you are a visitor or your address has changed, please include that in the space provided. Prayer requests for next week may be written on the back.

**Communion Procedure:** Then, ushers will release one side at a time from the middle. The pulpit side will fill in the front starting at the

side closest to the street and fill in all the way to the other wall. The lectern side does the same in reverse—start from the wall closest to the lectern and fill in the entire way across to the other wall. **Grape juice** is in the outer ring and **is lighter** in color than the wine. The **wine is darker** in color. After communing, return to your seat via the *side* aisle. The entire congregation will be dismissed after all have communed. There are baskets for the used communion cups hanging on the outside edge of the first pew. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, alert an usher and the Pastor will bring communion to you.

**Cushions** are available for those who may need them; ask an usher for assistance.

**Nursery Welcomes Your Child:** The church nursery is available during both Sunday worship services and Sunday school for preschool age children and younger. The nursery is staffed with a professional Nanny. It is located to the right as you enter the building, just past the coat room.

**Quiet Room:** The Luther Room (located at the end of the hall to the left as you enter the building) is available for use as a “quiet room.” It is equipped with comfortable chairs and a TV that shows the service.

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**Members and Visitors:** *Please take a moment to fill out the bright yellow Guest & Member Communication Cards and place it in the offering plate at the entrance. Thank You.*

**Prelude**  
**Welcome**

**"On Jordan's Stormy Banks"**

**arr. Joel Raney**

*Stand*

**Hymn**

**"Before You, Lord, We Bow"**

**LSB 966, sts. 1–5**

**Invocation**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**Memory Verse**

**Psalm 100:3-4**

**C** <sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. <sup>4</sup> Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**P** He does not deal with us according to our sins,

**C** nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**P** Holy and gracious God,

**C** I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver according to Your mercy and grant peace to my heart so that I may serve You with all my mind, body, and soul.

**P** By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. 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.

**C** Amen.

**P** He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you. Amen.

**Salutation and Prayer of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

*Sit***First Reading: Zechariah 9:9–12**

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice 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.

<sup>10</sup>I 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.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of  
my covenant with you, I will set your  
prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners  
of hope; today I declare that I will restore  
to you double.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Second Reading: Romans 7:14–25a**

<sup>14</sup>We know that the law is spiritual, but I  
am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup>I do not  
understand my own actions. For I do not  
do what I want, but I do the very thing I  
hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I  
agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup>So  
now it is no longer I who do it, but sin  
that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For 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.

<sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the  
evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.

<sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no

longer I who do it, but sin that dwells  
within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want  
to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I  
delight in the law of God, in my inner  
being, <sup>23</sup>but 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.

<sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will  
deliver me from this body of death?

<sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ  
our Lord!

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Vocal Solo****"This Is My Prayer"**

by Sharon Alberson

Del Proudfoot, tenor

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:25–30

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

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

<sup>25</sup>At 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; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was Your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All 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. <sup>28</sup>Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

## 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.**

*Sit*

**Children’s Message**

Bob Brantsch, DCE

**Hymn**

**“How Firm a Foundation”**

**LSB 728, sts 1–5**

**Sermon**

**An Invitation to Hear and Heed**

Rev. Dr. David Zachrich

**Offering:** We will pass the offering plate to collect your offerings and Guest & Member Communication Cards (yellow sheets). We have three options for online giving available on our website <https://www.gloriadeihudson.org>. Scroll down to the “Online Giving” section and you will see Simply Giving, PayPal, and Venmo.

**Offertory**

**“Patriotic Medley”**

**by Gary Lanier**

Michelle Worthing, flute

*Stand*

**Pastoral Prayers**

## The Prayers of the Church

- A** With the boldness of Your promise alone, O Lord, we come to petition Your mercy on behalf of the church, the world, all people as they have need, and ourselves. Grant us Your grace to hear and answer us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Bestow upon Your church, O Lord, grace to keep what You have commanded and to proclaim with boldness the Gospel You have given us in Jesus Christ, that many may hear, and in hearing believe in Jesus Christ and know the comfort of His mercy in their travail. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- A** Govern Your church, O Lord, in mercy, granting to us faithful pastors who will preach Your Word and administer Your Sacraments and raising up church workers to serve us in Your name. Bless those now preparing for church work vocations and the schools in which they are being formed for Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- A** Having a deep and abiding gratitude for the manifold blessings You have shown to us as a nation and a people, we pray You to continue to bless and provide for us so that we be a blessing for many. Raise up for us good and wise leaders who will honor the legacy of liberty and enable Your people to serve You with a quiet mind and live in peace with all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- A** Give to the sick and to the suffering the blessing of Your presence and healing, that those suffering in body or mind may be comforted in their afflictions and brought to perfect healing in Christ. Bless the caregivers who provide for them and give to all for whom we pray answer to prayers we offer in Christ's name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- A** Bless the missionaries at home and abroad, strengthen all congregations by Your Word and Spirit, and prosper all the institutions of the church established to fulfill Your bidding and glorify Your name. Make us good stewards of Your gifts and generous in support of our neighbor in need and the work of Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- A** O Lord, give to husband and wife the grace of forgiveness that they may keep their vows and promises once made and bless the homes of Your people that they be places of blessing and love. Give the grace of children and sustain those whose longing is not fulfilled, that we be content in our vocations and serve to the glory of Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- A** Bless the members of the armed services who defend our nation at home and abroad and protect and defend the police, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and disaster relief workers. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Help us to make the worthy communion, believing the word and promise of Christ and discerning His flesh in this bread and His blood in this cup. Grant that what we here receive at His Table we may keep in holy hearts and reflect in holy lives, manifesting the unity of doctrine and the blessing of good will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Bring at last to that endless day, when night shall be no more and neither sorrow nor death shall cast their shadows over us. Bring us to that perfect consummation when we shall be reunited with those who have gone before and raised to everlasting life. Remember in Your mercy the dying and those who grieve. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

*Silence for meditation.*

- P** To You be all glory and power and might, O Lord God, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom with the Spirit You are one Lord, one God, now and forevermore.
- C** **Amen.**

### **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**

### **Words of Institution**

- P** 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  $\text{✠}$  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 cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **Proclamation of Christ**

—1 Corinthians 11:26 | —Revelation 22:20

- A** As often as we eat of this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

## The Peace

**P** The peace ✠ of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

Hymn "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" LSB 427, sts. 1–4

Instrumental Meditation "A Quiet Place" arr. David Catherwood

Hymn "The Law of God Is Good and Wise" LSB 579, sts. 1–6

## Communion Dismissal

### Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Psalm 106:1

**A** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

**C** for His steadfast love endures forever!

**A** Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

### Benediction

—Numbers 6:24–26

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

### Memory Verse

Psalm 100:3-4

**C** <sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. <sup>4</sup> Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

Hymn "Jesus Shall Reign" LSB 832, sts. 1–3, 5

Postlude "National Anthem" arr. Mark Hayes

## Hymn

## "God of our Fathers"

LBW 567, sts. 1-4



1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand  
 2 Your love di - vine has led us in the past;  
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence  
 4 Re - fresh Your peo - ple on their toil - some way;



Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
 In this free land by You our lot is cast;  
 Make Your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.  
 Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies:  
 Oh, be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;  
 Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;  
 Fill all our lives with heav'n-born love and grace



Our grate - ful songs be - fore Your throne a - rise.  
 Your Word our law, Your paths our cho - sen way.  
 Your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
 Un - til at last we meet be - fore Your face.

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