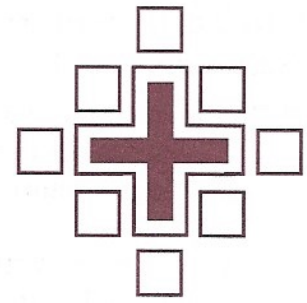


Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2020



INTROIT *Ps. 103:15–19; antiphon: Ps. 103:8*

The LORD is merciful and | gracious,*

slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

As for man, his days | are like grass,*

he flourishes like a flower | of the field;

for the wind passes over it, and | it is gone,*

and its place knows | it no more.

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those
who | fear him,*

and his righteousness to children's | children,

to those who keep his | covenant*

and remember to do his com- | mandments.

The LORD has established his throne in the | heavens,*

and his kingdom rules | over all.

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.

The LORD is merciful and | gracious,*

slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL *Rom. 11:33, 36*

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!*

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable | his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are | all things.*

To him be glory forever. | Amen.

DAILY READINGS

July 12: Judg. 7:1–23; Gal. 1:1–24; **13:** Judg. 13:1–25; Gal. 2:1–21; **14:** Judg. 14:1–20; Gal. 3:1–22; **15:** Judg. 15:1–16:3; Gal. 3:23–4:11; **16:** Judg. 16:4–30; Gal. 4:12–31; **17:** 1 Sam. 1:1–20; Gal. 5:1–26; **18:** 1 Sam. 1:21–2:17; Gal. 6:1–18.

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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,
¹¹ so 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.
¹³ Instead 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.”

Epistle: Romans 8:12–17

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not
to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.
¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you
will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death
the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For
all who are led by the Spirit of God are
sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the
spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but
you have received the Spirit of adoption
as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”
¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our
spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and
if children, then heirs—heirs of God and
fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suf-
fer with him in order that we may also be
glorified with him.

Holy Gospel:
Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the
house and sat beside the sea. ² And great
crowds gathered about him, so that he got
into a boat and sat down. And the whole
crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told
them many things in parables, saying: “A
sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed,
some seeds fell along the path, and the
birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Other
seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did
not have much soil, and immediately they
sprang up, since they had no depth of soil,
⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched.
And since they had no root, they withered
away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns,
and the thorns grew up and choked them.
⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced
grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty,
some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears, let him
hear. . . .

¹⁸ “Hear then the parable of the sower:
¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the king-
dom 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 tribula-
tion 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 under-
stands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields,
in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty,
and in another thirty.”

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PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN (LSB 785 We Praise You, O God)

- 1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.
- 2 We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us.
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.
- 3 With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C: Amen.

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

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

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

C: 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

INTROIT on the bulletin insert

KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY on the bulletin insert

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day is spoken.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING (Isaiah 55:10-13)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL on the bulletin insert

SECOND READING (Romans 8:12-17)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE

C: Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL (Matthew 13:1-9,18-23)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED

Nicene Creed

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.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator 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 (LSB 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word)

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;

Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Response: “Hear our prayer.”)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and singing.

SANCTUS (“Holy, Holy, Holy”)

**C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, Lord God of
pow’r and might: Heav’n and earth are full of Your
glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

LORD’S PRAYER

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

C: the Lord’s Prayer

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD (spoken by the Pastor)

PAX DOMINI

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (“Lamb of God”)

**C: 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, grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN #1 (618 I Come, O Saviour, to Thy Table)

- 1 I come, O Saviour, to Thy table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole:
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!
- 2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!
- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Saviour,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,
For Thou my faithful shepherd art:
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!
- 4 Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!
- 5 What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN #2 (636 Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness)

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor,
There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
Eagerly and gladly greet Him.

- There He stands already knocking;
Quickly, now, your gate unlocking,
Open wide the fast-closed portal,
Saying to the Lord immortal:
“Come, and leave Your loved one never;
Dwell within my heart forever.”
- 3 He who craves a precious treasure
neither cost nor pain will measure;
but the priceless gifts of Heaven
God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
none could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ’s true body, for you riven,
and His blood, for you once given.
- 4 Now in faith I humbly ponder
Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless
Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ’s own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
Pledge and seal of my salvation.
- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.
- 6 Jesus, Sun of Life, my Splendor, Jesus,
Friend of friends, most tender, Jesus,
Joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my Maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in
Heaven on the cross for me to languish
and to die in bitter anguish,
to forego all joy and gladness
and to shed Your blood in sadness.

By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
8 Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
By Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heaven receive me.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE ("Thank the Lord")

**C: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what
He has done. Let ev'ryone who seeks 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

P: We give thanks to You, ... one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

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 favour and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN (LSB 582 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage)

1 God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way,
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.

POSTLUDE

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