

## The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost ✠ July 12, 2020

**WELCOME!** *The Word works! The Word of God is our only source of everlasting life. Through Isaiah, God explains that His Word is as effective as rain causing growth in plants. As David writes poetically, His care causes all the trees of the field to clap their hands. And the Word will work in our lives so that we will “go out in joy and be led forth in peace,” as Isaiah puts it. Indeed, Jesus, the Word in the flesh, succeeded in giving us peace and joy by rising victorious over sin, death, and the power of the devil. As a result, Paul explains in the Epistle, we are God’s adopted children, calling out to Him, “Abba, Father.” But there is work for us to do! As we let the Word work through us, we can expect that, in spite of opposition of all sorts from the world, if we but hear and understand, we will certainly bear fruit for our heavenly Father.*



### THE PASTORAL GREETING

#### THE OPENING HYMN – “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”    LSB 816

- 1    From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator’s praise arise;  
      Alleluia, alleluia!  
      Let the Redeemer’s name be sung Through ev’ry land by ev’ry tongue.  
      Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
  
- 2    Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Thy Word.  
      Alleluia, alleluia!  
      Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and set no more.  
      Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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### THE INVOCATION, 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 that 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.**

*1 John 1:8-9*

**P:**    Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**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.**

## THE 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.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, who has given us this good earth in which to live and who sends rain and sun to cause plants to produce fruit and grain for harvest, continue to send Your life-giving Word to us so that we resist the cares of this world and return to You a harvest of new sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE—"Amazing Grace"

LSB 744

- 1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound— That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!
- 2 The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
- 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven's joy and peace.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

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## ✠ THE WORD ✠

### THE FIRST READING – Isaiah 55:10-13, ESV

*God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.*

“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, 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.

“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. 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.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **THE SECOND READING – Romans 8:12-17, ESV**

*There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Holy Spirit empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.*

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 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. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 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!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **THE HYMN – “From All that Dwell Below the Skies”**

**LSB 816**

3 All praise to God the Father be, All praise, eternal Son, to Thee.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whom with the Spirit we adore Forever and forevermore:

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL READING – Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23, ESV**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. 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, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.” [...]

“Hear then the parable of the sower: 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. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, 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. 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. 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.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **THE HYMN – “Thy Strong Word”**

**LSB 578**

- 4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu’ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
  
- 5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!
  
- 6 God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

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### **THE MESSAGE**

#### **✠ THE RESPONSE ✠**

### **THE HYMN OF RESPONSE – “I Love to Tell the Story”**

*Tune: Hankey*

- 1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know it’s true;  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.  
I love to tell the story; I’ll sing this theme in glory  
And tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
  
- 2 I love to tell the story; how pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God’s own holy Word. I love to tell...
  
- 3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
I’ll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. I love to tell...

### **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.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition will end with the words: Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Hear us Heavenly Father, as we pray the prayer that Christ gave us:

**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.**

### THE BLESSING

P: May almighty God: Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.

**C: Amen.**

### THE HYMN – “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**LSB 805**

1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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**✠ May God bless you and yours. ✠**

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