

## Divine Service - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2020

*“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe...”* (Heb. 12:28)

### Opening Hymn: 790 ss. 1-5

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
Let all who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning,  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen All that is needful has been  
Sent by His gracious ordaining?
3. Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously made you,  
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.  
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade you.
4. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
As with His love He befriends you.
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen sound from His people again,  
Gladly forever adore Him!

### Invocation

PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
CONG..... Amen.

### Call to Confession

PASTOR: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
CONG..... But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### Confession

PASTOR: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
CONG..... 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.

### Absolution

PASTOR: 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.  
CONG..... Amen.

## The Introit of the Day

Ps. 56:13, 3-4, 10-11

For you have delivered my soul from death,  
yes, my feet from falling,  
that I may walk before God  
in the light of life.  
When I am afraid,  
I put my trust in you.  
In God, whose word I praise,  
in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.  
What can flesh do to me?  
In God, whose word I praise,  
in the Lord, whose word I praise,  
in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.  
What can man do to me?  
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.  
For you have delivered my soul from death,  
yes, my feet from falling,  
that I may walk before God  
in the light of life.

## The Kyrie

PASTOR: In peace let us pray to the LORD.  
CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*  
PASTOR: For the peace from above and for our salvation  
let us pray to the LORD.  
CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*  
PASTOR: 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.  
CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*  
PASTOR: For this holy house and for all who offer here  
their worship and praise let us pray to the LORD.  
CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*

PASTOR: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious  
LORD.  
CONG..... *Amen.*

## Choir: "Thy Strong Word"

1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
At thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank thee  
While thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!
2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,  
Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of thy salvation,  
Breathed thine own life-giving breath.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!
3. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;  
Bright with thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory,  
And our lives our hope confess.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!
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 to 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 from Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

**PASTOR: Collect of the Day.**

O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us,  
keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure  
and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your  
Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**The 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."

**Gradual:**

Ps 145:3, 5b, 6b

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.  
On your wondrous works, I will meditate,  
And I will declare your greatness.

**The 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 suffer with him in order that we may  
also be glorified with him.

**Verse:**

Matt 10:32

Alleluia. Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also  
will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven. Alleluia.

**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 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.

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 tribulation 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 understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

### **The Sermon Hymn: 545 ss. 1-4**

1. Word of God, come down on earth,  
Living rain from heav'n descending;  
Touch our hearts and bring to birth  
Faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty, we revere You;  
Word made flesh, we long to hear You.

2. Word eternal, throned on high,  
Word that brought to life creation,

Word that came from heav'n to die,  
Crucified for our salvation,  
Saving Word, the world restoring,  
Speak to us, Your love outpouring,

3. Word that caused blind eyes to see,  
Speak and heal our mortal blindness;  
Deaf we are: our healer be;  
Loose our tongues to tell Your kindness,  
Be our Word in pity spoken,  
Heal the world, by sin now broken.

4. Word that speaks God's tender love,  
One with God beyond all telling,  
Word that sends us from above,  
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,  
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;  
Word of life, with one bread feed us.

### **The Sermon: “What's the Purpose?”**

Isaiah 55:10-13

### **The Post-Sermon Hymn: 577 ss. 1-4**

1 Almighty God, your Word is cast  
like seed into the ground;  
now let the dew of heav'n descend,  
and righteous fruits abound.

2 Let not the sly satanic foe  
this holy seed remove,  
but give it root in ev'ry heart  
to bring forth fruits of love.

3 Let not the world's deceitful cares  
the rising plant destroy,  
but let it yield a hundredfold  
the fruits of peace and joy.

4 So when the precious seed is sown,  
Life giving grace bestow,  
that all whose souls the truth receive,  
its saving pow'r may know.

### **The Apostles' Creed** (We Confess Together)

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 and The LORD's Prayer**

#### **The Collect for the Word**

PASTOR: Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

CONG: Amen.

### **The Benediction**

PASTOR: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

CONG: *Amen.*

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