

PENTECOST 2

June 6, 2021



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Sunday Worship, 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School, in recess

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ORDER OF SERVICE FOR PENTECOST 2

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN 16 (TLH)

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

THE INVOCATION

(We declare that the triune God is the God we worship.)

P In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

(God cares for our spiritual needs.)

P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

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

C If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us pray.

PC Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, out of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful to us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need.

KYRIE ELEISON

(Latin for "Lord, have mercy." We ask God to care for our earthly needs.)

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

C Christ, have mercy upon us.

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

(We sing a hymn of glory to God.)

Melody: TLH 244 *Glory Be to God the Father*

 **C** **Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(A prayer that collects and reflects the themes of the day.)

THE LESSONS

(We hear Bible readings that support the thoughts of the season.)

Deuteronomy 5:12-15^{NIV84} *For Israel, the Sabbath was a day for them to remember that the Lord had delivered them from slavery in Egypt. Today, whenever we take time to remember how the Lord delivered us from our sins, that is our "Sabbath Day."* | "Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the LORD your God has commanded you. ¹³ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor the alien within your gates, so that your manservant and maidservant may rest, as you do. ¹⁵ Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.

2 Corinthians 4:5-12^{NIV84} *Although we are weak, we share the message of Christ—a message which gives life.* | For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. ⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body. ¹² So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

PSALM FOR THE SEASON

(see insert)

Psalm 45
My Heart Is Overflowing

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

(We respond to the lessons by reciting what we believe.)

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.

HYMN 630 (TLH)

Ye Parents, Hear What Jesus Taught

THE SERMON

(We learn from God's word.)

Bring Your Children to Jesus!


Mark 10:13-16^{NIV84} People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

PRAYER

(We respond to the sermon in prayers to God.)

P And the peace of God which is a greater peace than any our own minds can give to us shall guard your hearts in Christ Jesus unto life everlasting. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

 **C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

OFFERING

PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 753 (see insert)

Let the Children Come to Me

THE LORD'S SUPPER

(We receive the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.)

† **To any visitors seeking communion:** Since the Lord's Supper is a public expression of agreement in beliefs, we ask that only those who are members of congregations in the Church of the Lutheran Confession come forward to receive the sacrament. We observe this practice in loving obedience to the Scriptures, and not as a judgment against anyone's personal faith, sincerity, or standing before God. For more information, see the pamphlet in the entryway entitled *Why Close Communion?* †

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.


C We lift them up to the Lord.

P It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God: Who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. And in the confession of the only true God we worship You, three persons in one God and one God in three persons. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we glorify Your name, praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

(A hymn to the Lord based on Isaiah 6:1-4.)

Melody: TLH 2 To Thy Temple I Repair

 **C** Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim
Shout the glory of Your name.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION


(We declare that we are now celebrating the Lord's Supper, distinguishing this from other ordinary meals of bread and wine.)

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed took bread . . . The peace of the Lord be with you always!

THE AGNUS DEI

Melody: TLH 147 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God

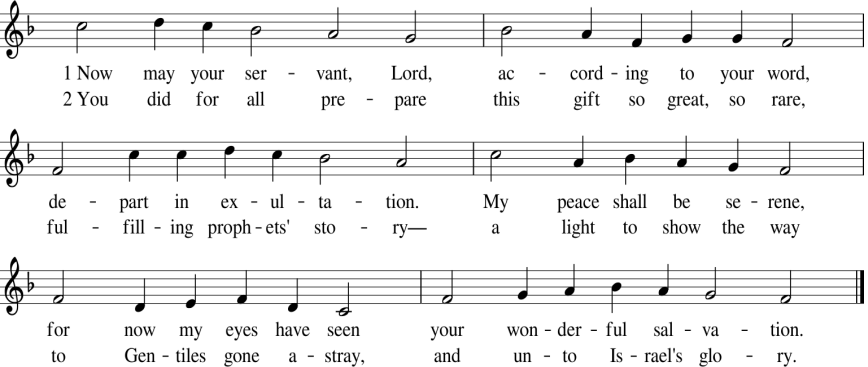
(Latin for "Lamb of God." A hymn to Christ who died for our sins.)

 **C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
That takest away the sin of the world, Have mercy upon us!
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
That takest away the sin of the world, Have mercy upon us!
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
That takest away the sin of the world, Grant us Thy peace! Amen.**

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

(Latin for "Now you are dismissing." A hymn based on Simeon's words in Lk 2:29-32.)




1 Now may your ser - vant, Lord, ac - cord - ing to your word,
2 You did for all pre - pare this gift so great, so rare,
de - part in ex - ul - ta - tion. My peace shall be se - rene,
ful - fill - ing proph - ets' sto - ry— a light to show the way
for now my eyes have seen your won - der - ful sal - va - tion.
to Gen - tiles gone a - stray, and un - to Is - rael's glo - ry.

CLOSING PRAYER

The Collect for Peace

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

 **C Amen.**

BENEDICTION

(The Lord sends us home with His blessing.)

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

♪ C Amen, Amen, Amen.

HYMN 309 (TLH)

O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee



Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions, June 7-12, 2021

by Prof. Paul Koch (retired)

Mon Deuteronomy 5:12-15 We love our heavenly Father, so we do not find His commandments grievous; He loves us enough to provide for our physical rest and spiritual refreshing. The qualifier *To keep it holy* is of the essence; we *keep it holy* when we dedicate it to our redeemer God—and we try to do so with prayers, Bible study, worship, and testimony. Our Sunday services are not Jewish Sabbath observances, and for good reason. Stay tuned.

Tues Mark 2:23-28 Jesus is our guide into all truth, leading us to perceive that God did not intend this commandment to be a burden; so whatever makes it a burden is not God-pleasing. Jesus understood the Sabbath law that way, and He practiced it that way, as did David and the priests/clergy in performing their Temple duties. Thank You, dear Savior!

Wed 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Q: Who created the Universe, *commanding light to shine out of darkness*? Who *has shone in our hearts*, enlightening us to see how splendid God is? A: Trinity God, with Jesus Christ up-front (6). Knowing God via Jesus is such a *treasure* that we can take all kinds of abuse without collapsing (8-9). So if-and-when this happens to you, it's a reflection of Jesus' suffering and death—all for your benefit (10-12).

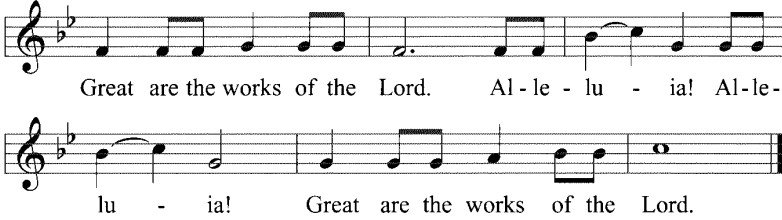
Thurs Psalm 126 There are all kinds of *captivity* (economic, social, spiritual), so we apply God's Word wherever and whenever it fits. In King David's era, God's people were recovering from civil war. In Luther's time, God was doing even greater things, and so it goes throughout the centuries. Hard times are followed by good times; God turns a tough beginning into a happy outcome (5-6). *The LORD has done great things for us, whereof we are glad* (3).

Fri John 12:34-36 The Bible is universally available, and the Bible has God's answer to every valid question. However, the skeptics had already dismissed Jesus as the Light of the world (ch. 9) and needed to recover from that mistake. So Jesus put their question "on hold" and urged them to take current advantage of His light. Would they come to the Light and escape the darkness of separation from God? [It's a better question than theirs was.]

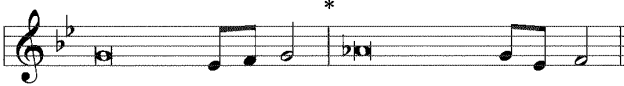
Sat Acts 27:1-12 Some might consider this to be a Mediterranean cruise, but the ship was not a luxury liner, and Paul was not a workaday sailor but a prisoner manacled with others headed for trial in Rome. Evidently each port-of-call was important to Luke and Paul (2-3). Although weather conditions were threatening, and Jesus (who controls the weather) was giving notice that things were about to get worse, the non-Christians thought they were smart enough to chart their own course. Bottom line: Man proposes; God disposes.

MY HEART IS OVERFLOWING

Antiphon



Psalm Tone



My heart is overflowing with a good theme;*
I recite my composition concerning the King;
My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.*
You are fairer than the sons of men;
Grace is poured upon Your lips;*
Therefore God has blessed You forever.
Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One,*
With Your glory and Your majesty.

Antiphon

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;*
A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.
You love righteousness*
and hate wickedness;
Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You*
With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.
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.

Antiphon

LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME

1 "Let the chil-dren come to Me, And for - bid them
 2 "Let the chil-dren be re - born. Give them life a -
 3 "Let the chil-dren be ar - rayed. Those bap - tized in
 4 "Bless the chil-dren in My name. Wa - ter with My

not; to such be - longs the king - dom. Come to set your
 new by wa - ter and the Spir - it. Free them from all
 Me are clothed with My per - fec - tion. For this robe I've
 Word re - fresh - es with for - give - ness, Brought to them in

chil - dren free. Let the chil-dren come to Me."
 wrath and scorn. Let the chil-dren be re - born."
 ful - ly paid. Let the chil-dren be ar - rayed."
 Spir - it - flame. Bless the chil-dren in My name."

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