

Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

6:00 pm, July 4th

8:15 am, July 5th

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ourselves to grow in faith
and love, to serve together,
and to reach out with the
Gospel of Jesus Christ.*



**250th
Anniversary**

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening Hymn: Before You, Lord, We Bow

LSB 966, sts. 1, 3–4

- 1 Before You, Lord, we bow,
Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below,
Boundless in pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring
In joy and praise,
Our hearts we raise
To You, our King!
- 3 May ev'ry mountain height,
Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word's pure light,
And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue
Be tuned to praise
And join to raise
A grateful song.
- 4 Earth, hear your Maker's voice;
Your great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice,
And worship Him alone.
Cast down your pride,
Your sin deplore,
And bow before
The Crucified.

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Stand, as able

CALL TO WORSHIP

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

Psalm

Psalm 145:1-14

- P: ¹I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.
- C: ²**Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**
- P: ³Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.
- C: ⁴**One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.**
- P: ⁵On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- C: ⁶**They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.**
- P: ⁷They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
- C: ⁸**The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
- P: ⁹The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.
- C: ¹⁰**All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!**
- P: ¹¹They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,
- C: ¹²**to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**
- P: ¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.
- C: ¹⁴**The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Exhortation

LSB 213

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 213

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

LSB 213

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Salutation and Collect 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.**

Be Seated

Hymn of Praise: We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God *LSB 941,*

- 1 We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:
“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”
- 2 The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:
“O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,
And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!”
- 3 You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev’ryone:
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin’s womb,
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—
You opened heaven’s kingdom to all who would believe.
- 4 You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God’s right hand,
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

First Reading ~ Old Testament Prophet

Zechariah 9:9–12

⁹Rejoice 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. ¹⁰I 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.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return 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 ~ New Testament Epistle

Romans 7:14–25a

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For 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. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but 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. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand, as able

Third Reading

Isaiah 61:1–3

¹The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;

that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

Fourth Reading ~ Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:25–30

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

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

²⁵At 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; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All 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. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For 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

C **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.**

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sermon Hymn: Savior of the Nations, Come

LSB 332, sts. 1, 3, 8

1 Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

3 Here a maid was found with child,
Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown:
God was there upon His throne.

△ 8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

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SERMON ~ "The Prisoner's Paradox" (Zechariah 9:11-12)

THE GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS & WE CARE CARDS

Remain Seated

Offertory Hymn: Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

LSB 806,

1 Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son.
And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Veterans are asked to rise during their branch of service in prayers.

For the United States Army *I invite those who have served in the Army to stand.* Lord God of Hosts, You are our shield and our buckler. We thank You for these "Prisoners of Hope" who have marched in the defense of our land. As they have "Fought the Good Fight," we pray that You would continue to be their Stronghold and their "Light of Life." Lord, in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For the United States Marine Corps *I invite those who have served in the Marine Corps to stand.* O Eternal Father, we thank You for those who have served "from the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli." We praise You for their faithfulness and discipline. Grant them Your peace, which passes all understanding, and keep them always *Semper Fidelis* to You. Lord, in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For the United States Navy *I invite those who have served in the Navy to stand.* O Lord, Your way is in the sea and Your path is in the great waters. We thank You for those who have gone down to the sea in ships to guard our liberty. When the "restless waves" of life grow high, be their anchor and their City of Refuge. Lord, in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For the United States Air Force *I invite those who have served in the Air Force to stand.* Almighty God, who "soars on the wings of the wind," we thank You for those who have guarded our skies. Protect them in the "upper sky" and keep them under the shadow of Your wings, for You are the high tower from which our help comes. Lord, in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For the United States Coast Guard *I invite those who have served in the Coast Guard to stand.* Lord Jesus, You are the Master of the storm. We thank You for those who are "Always Ready" to rescue the perishing. In all the "perils of the flood," may they find their ultimate safety in the Blood of Your Covenant. Lord, in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

For the United States Space Force *I invite those who have served in the Space Force to stand.* Creator of the Stars and Night, we thank You for those who look toward the "stellar heights" to protect this land. As they serve "Always Above," remind them that nothing in all of height or depth

can separate them from Your love in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

For our Nation and Leaders

Gracious Father, we give You glory for 250 years of providence. We pray for our President, our Congress, our Courts, and all local leaders. Enlist them in the service of truth and justice. Grant them wisdom to see their work as a holy vocation, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

As the High Priest of our salvation has died to set us free, let this Jubilee Year be a time of national healing and spiritual restoration. Keep us ever mindful that our ultimate citizenship is in Heaven, from which we await our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Heavenly Father, fill our homes with Your Word and grace. Be the companion of those who are alone. Strengthen husbands and wives. Bless parents as they catechize their children. Let them all find refuge in You and so preserve them from every plague and evil. Lord in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord God, be with all who are weary and heavy-laden with the tribulations of this life. Give comfort to and all who suffer illness. Console them with the knowledge that Your yoke is easy and Your burden light, and that in You they will find rest for their souls. Lord in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Be Seated

SOLO: Ole Oleson

"God Bless the U.S.A."

Stand as able

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

LSB 216

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 Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Introduction to The Words of Our Lord

P In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 217

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 ✠ 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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.

Distribution Hymn: Chief of Sinners Though I Be

LSB 611

- 1 Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.
- 2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me—wondrous thought!
Found me when I sought Him not.
- 3 Only Jesus can impart
Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.
- 4 Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with Him from earthly strife.
- 5 O my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

Distribution Hymn: Eternal Father, Strong to Save

LSB 717

- 1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
 Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
 Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
 Its own appointed limits keep:
 O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.
- 2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain,
 O'er which our traffic runs amain
 By mountain pass or valley low;
 Wherever, Lord, Thy people go,
 Protect them by Thy guarding hand
 From ev'ry peril on the land.
- 2a O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
 And hushed their raging at Thy word,
 Who walkedst on the foaming deep
 And calm amid its rage didst sleep:
 O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.
- 3 O Spirit, whom the Father sent
 To spread abroad the firmament;
 O Wind of heaven, by Thy might
 Save all who dare the eagle's flight,
 And keep them by Thy watchful care From ev'ry peril in the air.
- 3a Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood
 Upon the chaos dark and rude,
 And bid its angry tumult cease,
 And give, for wild confusion, peace:
 O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.
- 4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,
 Our people shield in danger's hour;
 From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
 Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
 Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
 Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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Stand, as able

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 218

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P 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.

C Amen.

Remain Standing

Sending Hymn: God Bless Our Native Land

LSB 965

1 God bless our native land;
Firm may she ever stand Through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save By Thy great might.

2 So shall our prayers arise
To God above the skies; On Him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry: God save the state!

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Sending Instructions & Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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