

Holy Cross Lutheran
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
June 21, 2020

AS WE GATHER We continue our Sermon Series on the Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans. Chapter 1-5, Paul develops an Outline that culminates with Christ as the gift of God's grace. Today in Chapter 6, Paul reminds us that God's grace is to be lived out in service to the Lord and to our neighbor and not to abuse the greatest gift known to mankind, unconditional love. God calls us to be renewed by our Baptism into Christ and not to relapse into the ways of the world that destroy. The Lord bless your hearing of His good news unto life everlasting.

† IN DOMINE JESU †
(In the Name of Jesus)

Prelude

Welcome "This is the Day that the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it." PS 118:24

GATHERING HYMN

"Onward, Christian Soldiers"

LSB 662 vs 1-2

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: We come before the Lord this day to be strengthened in faith and to be witnesses of righteousness and truth before a hostile world. Let us first confess our own sinfulness, that we receive mercy, grace, and forgiveness from God.

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: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Loving Father, since You have called us by the light of Your truth to let that light shine through us to the world, give us the boldness, love, and strength to be Your faithful witnesses, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

† The Living Word †

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 20:7–13

(Jeremiah is mocked by the fallen nation of Israel. He continues to preach that the Lord will bring vengeance.)

⁷O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 6:1-23

(Let us live in the Baptism of Christ and drown the sinful nature)

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

Matthew 10:32

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(Jesus says to the disciples, the world will hate you, but do not be afraid of those that can only kill the body.)

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ²¹"Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. ²⁴"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. ²⁶"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Seek Ye First”

LSB 712

SERMON

Bad to the Bone. Bury those Bones in Baptism!”

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. *Romans 6:3-4*

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (During petitions please respond to, “Let us pray to the Lord,” with, “**Lord have mercy.**”)

(after all petitions , the prayers of the church concludes with these words and response)

P: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

LORD’S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

† CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER †

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and after giving thanks, He broke it and gave it to His 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 after supper, He took the cup, and after giving thanks He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this is My † blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

DISTRIBUTION

(instructions given by Pastor)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray together. **We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have sent Jesus to be our light and our salvation. We implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us in this Sacrament and empower us to walk in Your light; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

SENDING HYMN

“Onward, Christian Soldiers”

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P: Go in peace and join Jesus on His mission.

C: Amen. We will. Amen.

**† SOLI DEO GLORIA †
(To God be the Glory)**

POSTLUDE

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE 9:00 am

Elder/Communion Helper:	Jon Dobberstein
Lector:	Michele Lein
Ushers:	Steve & Dorene Oak
Acolyte:	Allie Wagner
AV:	Dinah Gilberts
Offering Counters:	Meg Batchelder & Michele Lein



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Holy Cross Happenings

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WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS!

Welcome to the Lord's House. God bless you as hear the Good News today of His unconditional love! Jesus promised wherever two or three are gathered in His name, His presence is there. Jesus is here! We pray and know He will bless you with faith, hope, and love for your daily life through His Word and Spirit! If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to one of our ushers or greeters.

QUOTE: June 21 - "So how do we handle Father's Day? First, thank God for your father and for any lessons he taught you, either through positive or negative actions. (If Dad is still around, thank him too.) Second, thank your Father God that He fills in all the gaps where earthly fathers don't always measure up." *Linda Kerr, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Volunteers to clean church– We are in need of 4 to 6 volunteers on Saturday mornings to clean the church before service on Sunday. We will meet at 9:00 am at church. See Pastor for details. Thank you for considering helping out.

Summer Women's Bible Study - Join us for a Summer Women's Bible Study on the Book of Nehemiah. Nehemiah is a wonderful example for us in today's world. Nehemiah prayed constantly and relied on scripture. Read over this great book in preparation of our study. Great background reading is the book of Ezra, which is right before Nehemiah. We will be meeting in the Preschool Room starting Wednesday, June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29th at 7 to 8:30 pm.

Questions - contact Michele Lein. Join us and be changed by Scripture, the power of the Holy Spirit and the book of Nehemiah.

Holy Communion Holy Communion is celebrated today. Our belief and practice is Confessional. Jesus clearly teaches He is truly present in His supper in the bread and wine. We receive miraculously, in the gift of faith He has given us His true body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. If this is your confession and you have been baptized and confirmed in our church body, please commune with us. If you have questions about communing, please wait to commune until receiving instruction in one of our communion classes. Thank you. You may still come forward with those communing to receive a blessing by the Pastor or Elders. To help us to know not to offer the sacrament please hold your hands folded on the railing table. Thank you. All children, not confirmed are also invited to come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor or Elder with their parent(s) and family.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

Sun. June 21 9 am	<u>Third Sunday after Pentecost</u> Worship Live also via Zoom
Mon. June 22	
Tues. June 23 8 am	Men's Bible Study via Zoom
Wed. June 24 12 pm	Happenings Articles Due
Thurs. June 25	
Fri. June 26 11:30 pm	Lunch Time Romans Bible Study via Zoom
Sat. June 27 9 am	CHURCH CLEANING – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Sun. June 28 9 am	<u>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</u> Worship Live also via Zoom

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – JUNE 28, 2020 9:00 am

Elder/Communion Helper:	Brit Weimer
Lector:	Dinah Gilberts
Ushers:	Rich Vannett
Acolyte:	Allie Wagner
AV:	Dinah Gilberts
Offering Counters:	Meg Batchelder & Michele Lein

CHURCH OFFICE REPORTS

Responding to God's Grace

Contributions needed each month (General Fund): \$21,982.50
Contributions received May \$15,154.57

Attendance – 06-07-2020

Worship: 21+? Households watching on-line



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