

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 6, 2021 – 9 AM

AS WE GATHER The Apostle Paul brings words of encouragement to the church in Corinth that though our lives are like clay vessels or like a tent for shelter and only temporary, we have assurance that faith in God's grace, though unseen, is real in Christ death and resurrection. Thus the temporary nature of our life and its struggles will ultimately give way to complete eternal victory and eternal life. The Lord bless your worship as we hear the good news of Christ's grace for all and to be alert not to reject His Holy Spirit guiding our lives.

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME "This is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it." *Psalm 118:24*

GATHERING HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" *LSB 809 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: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

C: Merciful Father, we confess our sinfulness. We are sinful from our birth and since that time have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Our actions have brought injury to others. We have left undone those things we ought to have done; we have done those things we ought not to have done. We sincerely repent of our sins. Graciously hear our confession, O Lord, and grant us Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of Your Holy Spirit within us, continue to lead us to amend the sin in our lives, that each day we grow in righteousness and in hope to the glory of Your holy name.

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. Alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" *LSB 809 v 3*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together. **Father in Heaven, You have sent Your Spirit into our lives that we would know Your grace through the life blood of your Son, an undeserved gift that you have revealed to our hearts that covers the sin that so easily entangles us. Thank You for Your forgiveness in Christ's suffering and death paying the debt of all my sin. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, all glory and praise be to Your name. Amen.**

† THE LIVING WORD †

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 3:8-15

(God addresses Adam and Eve with the promise of the One to come who would restore them to Him.)

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

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

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

(We look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen)

¹³Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. ¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. ¹⁹For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

VERSE

2 Corinthians 4:18a

Alleluia, we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 3:20-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the third chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(Jesus teaches about who truly is His family.)

²⁰Then [Jesus] went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." ²³And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house. ²⁸"Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— ³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." ³¹And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³²And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." ³³And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

LSB 685

SERMON "Enduring Momentary Afflictions Through Eternal Things Not Yet Seen!"

¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are for a brief time, but the things that are unseen are eternal. *2 Corinthians 4:17-18*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All: 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(after petitions, Pastor prays "Lord in your mercy" please pray, "Hear our prayer") (after all the petitions have been prayed, we commend all the prayers with these words)*

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

† CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER †

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PREPARATION *(please take your communion vessel in hand for our Lord's Words of Institution)*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also, with you.**

DISTRIBUTION *(Pastor invites first all with the communion kit to partake, then invite those to receive from the altar)*

COMMUNION HYMN

"What Is This Bread"

LSB 629

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray together, **Lord God, we give thanks that You have nourished us with our precious Savior's body and blood, His true presence, in, with, and under the bread and wine. Bless, and preserve us against unbelief, division, and conflict, that our fellowship may be marked with compassion, kindness, and forgiveness, until we know at last the joys of Your heavenly kingdom; 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 His favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

SONG OF SENDING "Come Thou Fount Come Thou King"

By: Robert Robinson, John Wyeth, Thomas Miller

DISMISSAL

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

C: Amen! We will! Amen!

POST SERVICE MUSIC

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

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE (9:00 am)

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