

2nd Sunday After Pentecost

June 2, 2024



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PRESERVICE MUSIC

AS WE GATHER

It is not uncommon to hear someone described as (or even describe themselves as) “self-made.” Those words should never be uttered by a Christian! We were created by God. We were redeemed by Jesus at the cross and the empty tomb. We became a part of God’s family through the working of the Holy Spirit at our Baptism. May we always remember our Creator and be vessels that serve His purposes: jars of clay but filled with Christ.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

All in attendance in the sanctuary are asked to complete the Connect Card located in the pew rack and they will be collected along with Prayer Cards, during the Sermon Hymn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

♪ OPENING HYMN: FATHER WELCOMES

LSB 605

ref Father welcomes all His children

To His fam’ly through His Son.

Father giving His salvation,

Life forever has been won.

- 1 Little children, come to Me,
For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give,
Mercy for your sin. Refrain
- 2 In the water, in the Word,
In His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe
Shall be born again. Refrain
- 3 Let us daily die to sin;
Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God. Refrain

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PREPARATION *(please stand)*

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

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

C **Amen.**

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

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all**

unrighteousness.

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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 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.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE

Mark 10:47

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

♪ **THIS IS THE FEAST** *Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9*

C **This is the feast of victory for our God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor,

blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.

Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Eternal God, Your Son Jesus Christ is our true Sabbath rest. Help us to keep each day holy by receiving His Word of comfort that we may find our rest in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen. *(please be seated)*

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 5:12–15

A The Old Testament Reading is from Deuteronomy, chapter 5.

“Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 4:5–12

A The Epistle is from 2 Corinthians, chapter 4.

What we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ

as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.** *(please stand)*

♪ COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 6:68

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 2:23—3:6

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

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

One Sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. And the Pharisees were saying to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?” And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?” And he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man with the withered hand, “Come here.” And he said to them, “Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do

harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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. *(please be seated)***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Those present may fill out a Prayer card. Our volunteers will gather them during the following hymn, to be offered up during the Prayer of the Church.

♪ SERMON HYMN: LIFT HIGH THE CROSS *LSB 837*

ref Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain

2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.
Refrain

3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
Refrain

- 4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. Refrain
- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.
Refrain
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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SERMON

9:00AM - OFFERING

Please bring forward your offerings, tithes, and mites.

♪ **OFFERTORY** *(please stand)*

© What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,

in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

God of all light and power, You shine upon Your creatures and eradicate all darkness that lies within them. Destroy the darkness our sin has caused in our lives. Help us to shine the light of Your grace and truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of glory, You have gathered Your Church and sanctified us in Your truth. Guide and direct Matthew, our Synod president; _____, our district president; and _____, our circuit visitor. Preserve all vacant congregations, send laborers into Your harvest and sustain those whom You have sent. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Bless the fields and orchards with good weather, that all people may be well supplied and filled with an awareness of Your mercies. Grant that we may show forth grateful and generous hearts within Your Church and in the world around us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, You have established all authorities on the earth. Bless all public servants, especially Joseph, our president, and Gretchen, our governor, that they would fulfill their offices with wisdom and compassion. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, be the strength and song of those who are afflicted in body or mind, [*especially Joyce; Sidney; Scott; Debbie; Rob; Debbie; Samantha; Jim; Lynn; Chris; Noah; Dixie; Alice; Brian; Cathy; David; Debbie; Fred; Vicki; Patricia; Doreen; Bill; Zoe; MaryAnn; Mary; Bea; and Gail,*] as well as all who suffer in our midst. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give repentance and faith to all who receive our Lord's body and blood today, that in the unity of a true confession, they may receive it for the forgiveness of their sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember

the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

We welcome to the table of the Lord all those who believe and confess alongside this family the teachings of the Lutheran Church. For more on this, refer to the Worship Card, located in each pew rack.

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

♪ **SANCTUS**

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

P The table is prepared. Welcome to the Lord's table.

♪ AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace. *(please be seated)***

DISTRIBUTION

9:00AM - SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION

♪ DISTRIBUTION HYMN: LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS *LSB 685*

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;

All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.

Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.

Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die,
There to live with You on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.

He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,

Life eternal grant to me.

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♪ **DISTRIBUTION HYMN: LORD, TAKE MY HAND AND
LEAD ME** *LSB 722*

- 1 Lord, take my hand and lead me
Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me
From day to day.
Without Your grace and favor
I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior,
And lead the way.
- 2 Lord, when the tempest rages,
I need not fear,
For You, the Rock of Ages,
Are always near.
Close by Your side abiding,
I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding,
In peace I go.
- 3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen
And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen

My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me,
O blessèd Friend;
So take my hand and lead me
Unto the end.

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♪ **DISTRIBUTION HYMN: LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES**

EXCELLING

LSB 700

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit;
Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,

Set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

4 Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P 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.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

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.

♪ **CLOSING HYMN: LISTEN, GOD IS CALLING** *LSB 833*

Refrain

Leader: Listen,

All: listen, God is calling

Through the Word inviting,

Offering forgiveness,

Comfort, and joy.

1 Leader: Jesus gave His mandate:

All: Share the good news

Leader: That He came to save us

All: And set us free. Refrain

- 2 Leader: Let none be forgotten
All: Throughout the world.
Leader: In the triune name of God
All: Go and baptize. Refrain
- 3 Leader: Help us to be faithful,
All: Standing steadfast,
Leader: Walking in Your precepts,
All: Led by Your Word. Refrain

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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SERVING in the LORD'S HOUSE

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Today – June 2

Acolyte Kendall D
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Paul Meyer
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Sound Aaron Garn
Candles -
Counters Chris Mobley
Steve Oswood

Cookies

Next Sunday – June 9

Madison M
Chris Donbrock
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Christopher Mobley
Chris Donbrock
Jason Moore
Daniel Tucker
Elizabeth Tucker
Jacque Osborn
Liz Donbrock

IN OUR PRAYERS

Cancer patients: Joyce Adams; Sidney Bills; Scott
Brandenberg; Debbie; Rob Eickmann; Debbie Gaunt;
Samantha Greenburg; Jim Mallow; Lynn McCurley;
Chris Mills; Noah; Dixie Pawloski.

Family & Friends: Alice; Brian; Clark; Cathy Harari; David
Hobday; Debbie Jenner; Fred Jenner; Kay Kaepf; Vicki
Keokuk; Patricia; Doreen Robinson; Bill Tunison; Zoe.

Shut-ins: MaryAnn Morrill; Mary Osbon; Bea Richardson;
Gail Tryner.

Those in military service: Lance Bonkoske; Jeffrey

Kaapp; Tristan Karl; Joe Meyer; Logan Ostrander; Ryan Schlueter; Heath Taner; Chelsea Terrones; Arie Vincegerra.

OFFERINGS May 26 (Includes Direct Payments):
General Fund-\$1,910; Youth-\$12; Total-\$1,922.

ATTENDANCE May 26 Worship: 9am-60, 11:30am-12; Adult Sunday School-11.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please have all announcements to the office by 8:30am, Wednesdays.*

Guest This Morning Rev. Randy Johnson is leading our worship this morning. Randy, and his wife Lynne', are members of our congregation. He works for the Michigan District office of the LCMS as Director of District Facilitators / District Facilitator - West Region. As the Director of District Facilitators, Randy is responsible for working closely with the three part-time District Facilitators to develop strong, effective working relationships with congregations, pastors, circuits, and circuit visitors. He is also responsible for assisting with new mission and ministry starts, mission renewal, pastoral transition study (inventory, survey, and pastoral profile), demographic study and counsel, and strategic planning.

<https://michigandistrict.org/people/rev-randy-johnson/>

Pastor on Vacation Pastor Aaron will be on vacation through June 11. He'll be back in the office June 12. If you need anything you can contact the church office, Head Elder Chris Donbrock, or your Elder.

Summer Office Hours *may be closed 12-1 for lunch*

Monday - Thursday: 8am-3:30pm

Fridays: Closed (June, July, August)

Family Promise is a ministry to some of the homeless in our community. St. Paul has been a supporter for many years. We assist with a grocery gift card for a week of meals every third month of the year; June 10-14 will be our next week. Donations of any size to purchase a grocery gift card can be given to the church office or Renee Taden by June 5. "God is great, God is good, Let us thank Him for this food."

Graduate Recognition Sunday We will recognize our 2024 graduates during the 9am worship service on June 16. Join us as we celebrate together and eat cake after worship.

Photo Contest Memorial Day - Labor Day. Pick up a Submission Form and Rules and Regulations packet by the triangle bulletin board.

