

# ✠ The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost ✠

## July 20, 2025

**Hymn of Invocation:** *“God Has Spoken by His Prophets”* *LSB 583*

- 1 God has spoken by His prophets,  
Spoken His unchanging Word;  
Each from age to age proclaiming  
God, the one, the righteous Lord.  
In the world’s despair and turmoil,  
One firm anchor holds us fast:  
God is king, His throne eternal;  
God the first, and God the last.
- 2 God has spoken by Christ Jesus,  
Christ, the everlasting Son,  
Brightness of the Father’s glory,  
With the Father ever one;  
Spoken by the Word Incarnate,  
God of God, before time was;  
Light of Light, to earth descending,  
He reveals our God to us.
- 3 God is speaking by His Spirit,  
Speaking to our hearts again,  
In the ageless Word declaring  
His own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations  
One sure faith yet standing fast;  
God abides, His Word unchanging;  
God the first, and God the last.

*Stand*

*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.

## Exhortation

LSB 184

- 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 184

- 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 185

- 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.

## Introit

*Psalm 119:57–60, 64; antiphon: v. 105*



Your word is a lamp | to my feet\*  
and a light | to my path.

**The LORD is my | portion;\***

**I promise to | keep your words.**

I entreat your favor with | all my heart;\*

be gracious to me according to your | promise.

**When I think | on my ways,\***

**I turn my feet to your testi- | monies;**

I hasten and do | not delay\*

to keep your com- | mandments.

**The earth, O LORD, is full of your | steadfast love;\***

**teach me your | statutes!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Your word is a lamp | to my feet\*

and a light | to my path.

## Kyrie

*LSB 186*

**C** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 187*

**P** Glory be to God on high:  
**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our  
prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have  
mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** *Let us pray...* O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## **Old Testament Reading**

*Genesis 18:1–14*

*(God's promise, not human effort,  
brings new life to Abraham and Sarah.)*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup>and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor

in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup>while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup>And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” <sup>10</sup>The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.*



How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the | good news,\*  
who publish peace and bring good news of sal- | vation.  
Their voice has gone out to | all the earth,\*  
and their words to the ends | of the world.

*(Through Christ's death, God reconciles us and presents us holy, a mystery proclaimed to all.)*

<sup>21</sup>You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup>if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

<sup>24</sup>Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, <sup>25</sup>of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup>Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup>For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

Alleluia

LSB 190

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*(Jesus commends Mary for choosing the one needful thing: receiving His life-giving Word.)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup>but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** 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.**

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: “One Thing’s Needful”**

*LSB 536*

- 1 One thing’s needful; Lord, this treasure  
Teach me highly to regard.  
All else, though it first give pleasure,  
Is a yoke that presses hard!  
Beneath it the heart is still fretting and striving,  
No true, lasting happiness ever deriving.  
This one thing is needful; all others are vain—  
I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain!



- 2     How were Mary's thoughts devoted  
       Her eternal joy to find  
       As intent each word she noted,  
       At her Savior's feet reclined!  
       How kindled her heart, how devout was its feeling,  
       While hearing the lessons that Christ was revealing!  
       All earthly concerns she forgot for her Lord  
       And found her contentment in hearing His Word.
- 3     Wisdom's highest, noblest treasure,  
       Jesus, is revealed in You.  
       Let me find in You my pleasure,  
       And my wayward will subdue,  
       Humility there and simplicity reigning,  
       In paths of true wisdom my steps ever training.  
       If I learn from Jesus this knowledge divine,  
       The blessing of heavenly wisdom is mine.
- 4     Nothing have I, Christ, to offer,  
       You alone, my highest good.  
       Nothing have I, Lord, to proffer  
       But Your crimson-colored blood.  
       Your death on the cross has death wholly defeated  
       And thereby my righteousness fully completed;  
       Salvation's white raiments I there did obtain,  
       And in them in glory with You I shall reign.
- 5     Therefore You alone, my Savior,  
       Shall be all in all to me;  
       Search my heart and my behavior,  
       Root out all hypocrisy.  
       Through all my life's pilgrimage, guard and uphold me,  
       In loving forgiveness, O Jesus, enfold me.  
       This one thing is needful; all others are vain—  
       I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain!

## Votum

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

## *Stand*

## Offertory

*LSB 192*

- 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.

## Prayer of the Church

## Preface

*LSB 194*

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C** It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface

- P** It is truly meet, 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. For You have graciously made known to us the mystery hidden for ages, revealing in Your Son the fullness of Your grace, that in Him we

might be reconciled and presented holy before You. He, who came not to be served but to serve, invites us to sit at His feet and receive His life-giving Word, the one thing needful that brings true rest and everlasting life. 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

*LSB 195*

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the  
name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

## Lord's Prayer

**P** 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.

**C** For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

*LSB 197*

**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**

*LSB 197*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## **Agnus Dei**

*LSB 198*

**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.

*Sit*

## **Distribution**

**Distribution Hymn:** “*Jesus, Priceless Treasure*”

*LSB 743*

1 Jesus, priceless treasure,  
Fount of purest pleasure,  
Truest friend to me,  
Ah, how long in anguish  
Shall my spirit languish,  
Yearning, Lord, for Thee?  
Thou art mine,  
O Lamb divine!  
I will suffer naught to hide Thee;  
Naught I ask beside Thee.

2     In Thine arms I rest me;  
     Foes who would molest me  
         Cannot reach me here.  
     Though the earth be shaking,  
     Ev'ry heart be quaking,  
         Jesus calms my fear.  
         Lightnings flash  
         And thunders crash;  
     Yet, though sin and hell assail me,  
     Jesus will not fail me.

3     Satan, I defy thee;  
     Death, I now decry thee;  
         Fear, I bid thee cease.  
     World, thou shalt not harm me  
     Nor thy threats alarm me  
         While I sing of peace.  
         God's great pow'r  
         Guards ev'ry hour;  
     Earth and all its depths adore Him,  
     Silent bow before Him.

4     Hence, all earthly treasure!  
     Jesus is my pleasure,  
         Jesus is my choice.  
     Hence, all empty glory!  
     Naught to me thy story  
         Told with tempting voice.  
         Pain or loss,  
         Or shame or cross,  
     Shall not from my Savior move me  
     Since He deigns to love me.

- 5    Evil world, I leave thee;  
      Thou canst not deceive me,  
      Thine appeal is vain.  
      Sin that once did blind me,  
      Get thee far behind me,  
      Come not forth again.  
      Past thy hour,  
      O pride and pow'r;  
      Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,  
      Leave thee now forever.
- 6    Hence, all fear and sadness!  
      For the Lord of gladness,  
      Jesus, enters in.  
      Those who love the Father,  
      Though the storms may gather,  
      Still have peace within.  
      Yea, whate'er  
      I here must bear,  
      Thou art still my purest pleasure,  
      Jesus, priceless treasure!

**Distribution Hymn:** *“Come Unto Me, Ye Weary”*

*LSB 684*

- 1    “Come unto Me, ye weary,  
      And I will give you rest.”  
      O blessèd voice of Jesus,  
      Which comes to hearts oppressed!  
      It tells of benediction,  
      Of pardon, grace, and peace,  
      Of joy that hath no ending,  
      Of love that cannot cease.

2 “Come unto Me, ye wand’rers,  
And I will give you light.”  
O loving voice of Jesus,  
Which comes to cheer the night!  
Our hearts were filled with sadness,  
And we had lost our way;  
But Thou hast brought us gladness  
And songs at break of day.

3 “Come unto Me, ye fainting,  
And I will give you life.”  
O cheering voice of Jesus,  
Which comes to aid our strife!  
The foe is stern and eager,  
The fight is fierce and long;  
But Thou hast made us mighty  
And stronger than the strong.

4 “And whosoever cometh,  
I will not cast him out.”  
O patient love of Jesus,  
Which drives away our doubt,  
Which, though we be unworthy  
Of love so great and free,  
Invites us very sinners  
To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 199*

**☐ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace  
according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast  
prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people  
Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.**

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

## 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.

## Salutation

LSB 201

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

## Benedicamus

LSB 202

- A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face 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 to Depart:** *“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”*      *LSB 655*

- 1    Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;  
     Curb those who by deceit or sword  
     Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son  
     And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2    Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known,  
     For You are Lord of lords alone;  
     Defend Your holy Church that we  
     May sing Your praise eternally.
- 3    O Comforter of priceless worth,  
     Send peace and unity on earth;  
     Support us in our final strife  
     And lead us out of death to life.