

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Observing the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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OPENING HYMN

"Before You Lord, We Bow"

LSB 966

**Before you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns above
And rules the world below, boundless in power and love.
Our thanks we bring in joy and praise, Our hearts we raise to You, our King!**

**The nation You have blest, may well Your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest, protected by Your care.
For this bright day, for this fair land Gifts of Your hand, our thanks we pay.**

**May every mountain height, each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word's pure light, and its rich fruits be seen!
May every tongue be tuned to praise And join to raise, a grateful song.**

**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.**

**And when in power He comes, oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs, send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng, with joy to sing To heaven's high king, salvation's song!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INVOCATION *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

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

C: Amen.

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. *Heb. 10:22*

P: Our Help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth. Ps.124:8

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Ps. 32:5

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 deserve 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.

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. *Jn 20:19-23*

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 132:13–16; antiphon: Psalm 34:8

P: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! For the Lord has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his dwelling place: "This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it. I will abundantly bless her provisions; I will satisfy her poor with bread. Her priests I will clothe with salvation, and her saints will shout for joy."

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray. O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ezekiel 2:1–5

1He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." 2And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. 3And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. 4The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' 5And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 12:1–10

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. 2I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. 3And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— 4and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. 5On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. 6Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. 7So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. 8Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. 9But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 6th chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:1–13

1[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. 2And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? 3Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. 4And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." 5And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching. 7And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff— no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— 9but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. 10And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. 11And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." 12So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. 13And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

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 on 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 worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe 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

HYMN OF THE DAY

"O Christ, Our True and Only Light"

LSB 839

**O Christ, our true and only light, enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Your voice and in Your fold with us rejoice.**

**Fill with the radiance of Your grace the souls now lost in error's maze;
Enlighten those whose inmost minds some dark delusion haunts and blinds.**

**O gently call those gone astray that they may find the saving way!
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed in You find peace and heav'nly rest.**

**Shine on the darkened and the cold; recall the wand'ers to Your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart; confirm the weak and doubting heart,**

**That they with us may evermore such grace with wond'ring that adore
And endless praise to You be giv'n by all Your Church in earth and heav'n.**

SERMON

THE OFFERTORY

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you. *[2 Timothy 4:22]*

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

C: It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should in all times and all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

THE SANCTUS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"How Firm a Foundation"

LSB 728

**How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

**Fear not! I am with You, O be not dismayed, For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!**

**When through fiery trials your pathway will lie, My grace, all sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**

Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then when gray hairs will their temple adorn, Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.

"Stand Up, Stand up for Jesus"

LSB 660

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead,
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;
Stand forth in mighty conflict, in this His glorious day.
Let all His faithful serve Him against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you; ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor; each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;
This day the din of battle, the next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming, their crown of life shall see;
And with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

NUNC DIMITTIS *Luke 2:29–32*

THE THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: And His mercy endureth forever. *Ps. 107:1*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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 AND BENEDICAMUS

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit. *2 Tim 4:22*

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. *Ps. 103:1*

BENEDICTION

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!

**God bless our native land; firm may it 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.**

**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!**