

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 6, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

Prelude “Sheep May Safely Graze” -J. S. Bach arr. Jack Schrader

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: “Rise, Shine, You People”

LSB 825

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in Him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
With grace unbounded.
- 2 See how He sends the pow’rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
Now are forgiven.
- 3 Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
Of Jesus’ glory.
- 4 Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev’ry nation
His new creation.

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.
Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Introit

Pastor: Blessèd be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

People: The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

Pastor: my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

People: The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

Pastor: Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

All: 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.

Pastor: Blessèd be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

Pew Edition

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Proper 5 (Year B)

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray.
Almighty and eternal God, Your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 3:8–15

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. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." The 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. I 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."

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Psalms

Psalms 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

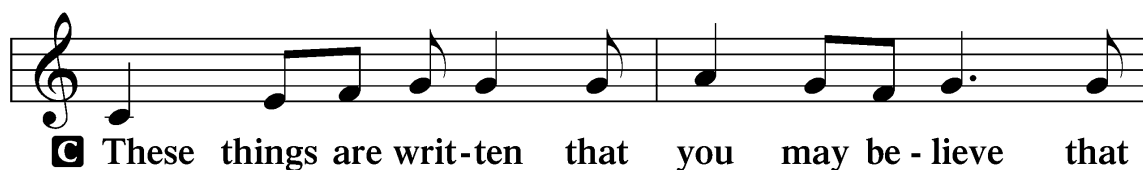
Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Though our

outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as 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. For 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Mark 3:20–35

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Then [Jesus] went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.” And 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.” And he called them to him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. But 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. Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” And he answered them, “Who are my mother

and my brothers?” And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever 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.

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.

Hymn of the Day: “Built on the Rock”

LSB 645

- 1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand
Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.
- 2 Surely in temples made with hands
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands,
All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above
Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.
- 3 We are God's house of living stones,
Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell,

Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.

- 4 Here stands the font before our eyes,
 Telling how God has received us.
 The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice
 And what His Supper here gives us.
 Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim
 Christ yesterday, today, the same,
 And evermore, our Redeemer.
- 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,
 That, when the church bells are ringing,
 Many in saving faith may come
 Where Christ His message is bringing:
 "I know My own; My own know Me.
 You, not the world, My face shall see.
 My peace I leave with you. Amen."

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Sermon "History's Famous Heist" Mark 3:20-27

- I. The Antwerp Diamond Heist
- II. Jesus' Family (3:20-21)
 - Why is Jesus' family concerned about Him?
- III. The Scribes from Jerusalem (3:22-26)
 - Who is Beelzebul?
 - What is the point of Jesus' rebuttal?
 - What are they trying to steal?
- IV. The Real Heist (3:27; Assorted Texts from Mark 15-16)
 - Who is the strongman?
 - Through His _____, He has _____ Satan.
 - What did Jesus plunder?
 - When is Satan plundered?

In 2003, Leonardo Notarbartolo pulled off what is called the "heist of the century" when he and some others stole loose diamonds, gold, silver, and other valuable pieces from the Antwerp Diamond Center in Belgium. He got it from a vault that featured a lock with 100 million possible combinations, infrared heat detectors, a seismic sensor, doppler radar, and magnetic field. The building itself had a private security force, and it was located in a heavily guarded and monitored part of Antwerp. He was eventually caught when one of his team members panicked when destroying the plans for the heist. Instead of burning them, he tossed them in a bush, and the plans were later found by someone who turned them into the police. Notarbartolo and his accomplices were later caught, and he served some jail time. Despite his being caught, his Antwerp Diamond Heist is still one of the biggest and famous thefts in history. In our Gospel text this morning, there is another theft, another heist taking place. Who is it of? What is stolen? Let's take a look.

In the opening verses, Mark reports, **"Then Jesus went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. And when his family heard it, they went out to seize Him, for they were saying, 'He is out of his mind.'"** Mark tells us that Jesus' family comes to *seize* Him, to take Him home. Is this the heist? Jesus' family thinks that He has gone crazy and lost His mind. They want to protect and help Him; they want to take Him home. From their perspective, you can see why. Jesus left His home in Nazareth and career as a carpenter to become a wandering teacher that now operates from Capernaum. Seems a little strange. Jesus is also facing rising opposition from the religious leaders of the land, too. In 2:7, Jesus is accused of blasphemy

from the local scribes. In 2:16, He is sneered at by the Pharisees for eating with tax collectors and sinners. In 2:24, the Pharisees accuse Him of breaking the Sabbath. In 3:6, the Pharisees are plotting His death with the Herodians. Jesus now also hangs out with weird people. His friends are ordinary fisherman. He associates with tax collectors, viewed as traitors and scoundrels by the people, and even eats with them! He doesn't turn away sinners, and He is friends with zealots, who were the equivalence of domestic terrorists in His day. He later will hang out with prostitutes, lepers, the demon-possessed, sick, and lame. On top of it all, He is so crowded and busy that He is unable to eat. You can't blame His family for being concerned for Him, can you? So they come and try to seize Him. They come to try to take Him home. However, that will take Jesus from His Messianic mission, from what He has been sent to do: save God's people from their sin.

It is worth noting, however, that His family does come around. Mary is in the early chapters of Acts, and will live with John the Apostle for about 30 years. His brother, James, becomes the head of the Jerusalem church, and is arguably one of the most important figures in the early church. Jude, another brother, becomes a pastor and pens the letter that bears his name. Fortunately, though, this theft is unsuccessful. They mean well, but doing that won't make things *end well*. This heist isn't the one Mark is talking about.

But as Mark mentions the end of this heist, another attempt immediately begins. He says, **“And 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.’”** Scribes from Jerusalem, the social, political, and religious capital, come down, and they have an explanation for why Jesus can cast out demons. They argue that it is by a theft of Beelzebul that he can do that. Who is that? Beelzebul was originally a Philistine god, and his name later became a reference to Satan. The scribes argue that Jesus casts the demons out with a stronger demon, and is Himself possessed. Jesus, however, answers that claim soundly, and logically. He makes the same point three times. He foils the attempt.

He says, **“How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.”** Jesus argues, “Why would Satan work against himself? If a kingdom is at war against itself, how will it last? It can't.” Jesus continues, though: **“And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.”** We all have experienced, or at least, seen this, haven't we? A divided house makes for tense moments, awkwardness, and splintered unity. This is something no one wants. His point is even more pointed since we just saw the division within *His own family*. Jesus makes His point a third and final time by saying, **“And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end.”** In other words, why would he work against himself? It just makes no sense. Jesus says I'm not possessed by demons, nor have them! The scribes tried to steal His popularity and ministry. They tried to steal His image of being the Messiah of God by replacing it with being the messenger of Satan. Like before, Jesus repels this theft and foils the heist. The next one that Mark records, however, is successful. This is the one he wants to focus on.

Jesus finishes His defense by saying, **“But 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.”** Who is the strongman in His little parable? Given the context, that would be Satan, wouldn't it? And strongman is an accurate description of him, too, isn't it? We can't compete with him, or stand. He often overpowers, and exerts his strength over us. He can dominate our thoughts with temptations that hammer away at our self-control, chip away at our patience, put cracks in our faith, hollow out our love, and collapse our lives. His lies about sin can shipwreck our dreams, sink relationships, and lock us in the prison of guilt and shame. Look no further than our Old Testament reading. There he tells Eve: “Did God really say?” “You shall not surely die when you eat of it. When you do, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God!” Humanity, and the world, have never been the same since they took their first bites of that fruit. His voice screams over ours with his deadly accusations, and his words can puncture our identity when he says, “You are a failure. You are unloved. You are a terrible daughter. You are a pathetic father. You are a poor example of a Christian.” With his overpowering and strength, he often steals our peace, our identity, our joy, and life itself. Fortunately, this description is one of perception, not truth, though. He might be the strongman, but there is a Stronger One. The strongman is bound. How? In history's other famous heist. It is a strange heist, indeed. Mark puts it this way.

Mark 14:45-46: **“And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, ‘Rabbi!’ And he kissed him. And they laid hands on him and seized Him.”** Mark 15:1 **“And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and**

led him away and delivered Him over to Pilate.” Mark 15:15: “So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, He delivered Him to be crucified.” Mark 15:25: “And it was the third hour when they crucified Him.” He is bound to the cross by nails in His hands and feet. Mark 15:46, “And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down [from the cross], *wrapped Him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.*” This isn’t looking good, but Mark 16: “And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back...and entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side...and he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.’” Mission failed? Mission accomplished.

Through His binding, Jesus has bound Satan. In His death and resurrection, Jesus has plundered Satan, and has plundered Him ruthlessly, and continues to do so. What did He plunder? You. Jesus has taken you from sin’s clutches and grasp. You are no longer Satan’s possession, but are Jesus’ own through the waters of baptism. You no longer live in darkness, but in His marvelous light by the Gospel. Death has lost its grip on you and has been defeated by His own death, and resurrection. Because He lives, you will live, and do live, in Him.

And as the stronger one, He strengthens and sustains you in the face of temptation. As 1 John 4:4 says, “**Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.**” Jesus, the Stronger One, silences Satan’s accusations, and He gives us peace through His death in your place. Jesus, the Stronger One, restores our identities by saying, “You are loved. You are valued. You are precious. You are God’s Son, and His daughter. You are forgiven. You are mine, and nothing will ever change that except unbelief!” Jesus, our Savior, gives us joy in Him, and life through His Spirit. He grounds us in God’s grace. And, as the Stronger One, He continues to plunder Satan when the Word is proclaimed, the Gospel believed, the Supper administered, and a child baptized. Satan’s house *will* fall.

Leonardo Notarbartolo might have the heist of the century, but in pales in contrast to the heist that Jesus has done.

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

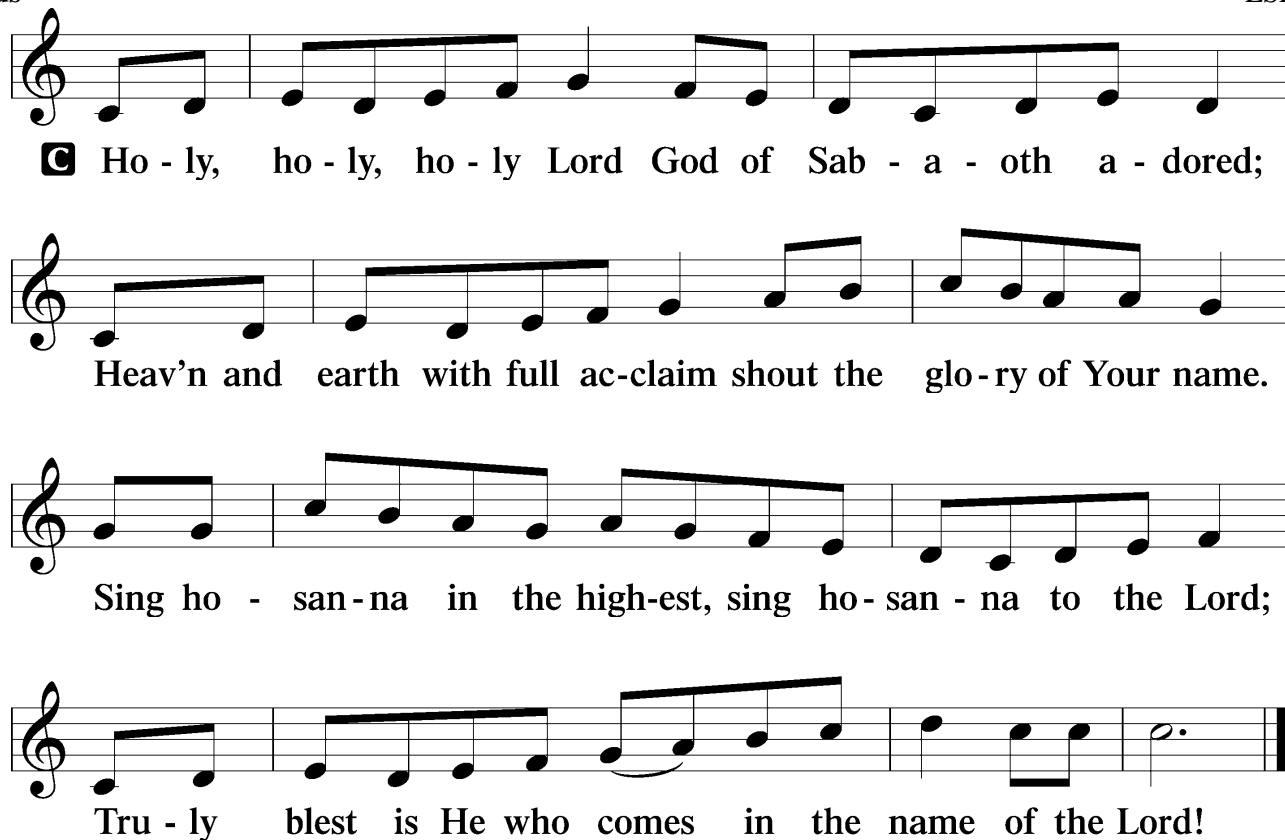
P Lift up your hearts.

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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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

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 209

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

Agnus Dei

LSB 210



C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing. You may kneel, but it is not required.

Distribution Hymn

LSB 733

1. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:
 2. Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.
 3. Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.
 4. A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.
 5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.
 6. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!
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1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the be - Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

Benedicamus

A

Let us bless the Lord.

C

Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 212

- 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.

Hymn: “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

LSB 528

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name.
- 3 Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
’Tis music in the sinner’s ears,
’Tis life and health and peace.
- 4 He breaks the pow’r of canceled sin;
He sets the pris’ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood avails for me.
- 5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own
Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone,
Be justified by grace.
- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off’ring made
For ev’ry soul of man.
- 7 To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv’n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav’n.

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Postlude “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise” -Edward John Hopkins

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship 9:30 a.m.

FOR PASTORAL CARE outside of normal business hours, please contact Pastor Nick Kooi at 651-424-6294.

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: *Mark 3:35 – “Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”* Doing the will of God starts with trusting in His Son Jesus Christ. Once we have faith in Him and have been reborn as new creatures through Holy Baptism, we strive to grow in this faith and in a life that agrees with our faith. We should strive to grow in generosity, in kindness, and in love across our callings, which include the home, church, and society while growing in the family of God. For all who do His will are his brothers, and sisters, and mothers.

EMMAUS GENERATIONS will gather Thursday, June 17th at 11:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. Our theme will be Thanksgiving. We hope to see you there!

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays we will have a prayer and Bible Study group. Please check with Pastor Kooi for the current start time. Each week, we will gather together to pray and study a text. We will be meeting in-person and virtually. For those that attend virtually, we will have you join us via Zoom (contact Pastor Kooi for the link). Please contact Pastor Kooi for more details.

JUNE 13TH is the date of our next congregational meeting. This meeting will take place immediately after our service. There will be a presentation updating the status of the rain garden, voting on our boards and officers for the next year, as well as other items of interest. We hope to see you there.

48 IS GREAT! We have officially collected 48 bags of shoes for our youth fundraiser. You can help us continue our efforts by spreading the word about our Thursday night drop off option (5:30 - 7pm June 10th & 17th). We are also accepting drop offs during the week (M-Th). Finally, we can arrange for pick up as well (contact Pam U). **THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

JOHN1516TEENS IS BACK! After a one-year hiatus, John1516teens is back! We will meet on June 15, 22, and 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to do a service project and fun event. Pick-up will be at Bethel Lutheran Church on Wheelock Parkway. The cost is \$50 for all three weeks, and includes a t-shirt, lunch, transportation, and admission to the all the events. Registration forms are available in the Narthex and Church Office, and from Pastor Kooi. Please get your completed registration form to Pastor Kooi ASAP to reserve your spot since registration is limited this year. This is for all youth from 7th grade to senior year of high school. The schedule for the summer is below.

June 15: Trinity First and Zero Gravity

June 22: Global Health Ministry and Movie

June 29: Feed My Starving Children and Bunker Beach Waterpark

HEAR “THE LUTHERAN HOUR” on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week’s broadcast: “Clearly Christian: Good” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Many think they know what Christianity is all about, but Dr. Michael Zeigler asks, what if what they think it is, it isn’t?