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# **Second Sunday after Pentecost** **June 6th, 2021**

*Amen!*

**HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED AT OUR 5:30PM & 9:00AM SERVICES**  
Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

### **AS WE GATHER**

“Whoever does the will of God, He is My brother and sister and mother,” said Jesus. What is the will of the God? That all people would come to the knowledge of the truth in Christ and be saved by His mercy. Faith is the will of God and family is the fruit of this faith—a people united in Christ’s death and resurrection by Baptism. A house divided cannot stand. We know this to be true in an earthly sense, but it is an eternal truth. We belong to the Lord, not just in part but in whole. God was even willing to own our sins to restore us from Satan and his dominion. What keeps us from this wonderful identity and this future is only this: our refusal of God’s mercy and our rejection of His work to save us. The goal of God in all that He is doing is faith, for by this faith we are made one with Him and are united together as His family, the Church.

### **DIVINE SERVICE FOUR**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

Elder of the Day

**OPENING HYMN**

*“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”*

LSB 549 vs 1-5

**INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

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**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

*“Glory to God in the Highest”*

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**SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

**All: 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. Amen.**

✠ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Genesis 15:1-6*

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM ~ *Read Responsively*

*Psalms 41*

Leader: Blessed is the one who considers the poor!

People: **In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;**

Leader: the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land;

People: **you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.**

Leader: The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;

People: **in his illness you restore him to full health.**

Leader: As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gracious to me;

People: **heal me, for I have sinned against you!”**

Leader: My enemies say of me in malice,

People: **“When will he die, and his name perish?”**

Leader: And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity;

People: **when he goes out, he tells it abroad.**

Leader: All who hate me whisper together about me;

People: **they imagine the worst for me.**

Leader: They say, “A deadly thing is poured out on him;

People: **he will not rise again from where he lies.”**

Leader: Even my close friend in whom I trusted,

People: **who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.**

Leader: But you, O LORD, be gracious to me,

People: **and raise me up, that I may repay them!**

Leader: By this I know that you delight in me:

People: **my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.**

Leader: But you have upheld me because of my integrity,

**People: and set me in your presence forever.**

Leader: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,

**People: from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.**

**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.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

*2 Corinthians 1:15-22*

Because I was sure of this, I wanted to come to you first, so that you might have a second experience of grace. I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia, and to come back to you from Macedonia and have you send me on my way to Judea. Was I vacillating when I wanted to do this? Do I make my plans according to the flesh, ready to say “Yes, yes” and “No, no” at the same time? As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been Yes and No. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes. For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **ALLELUIA & VERSE**

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Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL READING**

*John 8:54-58*

Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

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HYMN OF THE DAY      *“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”*

LSB 680

SERMON                      *“The Amen of Faith”*

*Genesis 15:1-6*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor:      Having heard the call of God’s grace, let us come near to His throne of grace with prayers on behalf of ourselves and all people according to their needs.

*Silence for prayer.*

Pastor:      Make Your Church one family, a people born again of Your promise in baptismal water, who believe in You and who delight in Your mercies, and sustain them in faith until that day when we shall dwell in Your presence forevermore.

**People:      Give courage and strength to all pastors and church workers who serve Your people in Your name, grant success to the proclamation of the Gospel, and guide Your Church through the Holy Spirit to be faithful amid persecution and steadfast against temptation.**

Pastor:      Bless our president, Congress, governor, legislature, and all who make, administer, and judge our laws, that they lead with wisdom and serve with integrity on behalf of all people, and particularly for the unborn.

**People:      Bless the fruits of the earth and those who tend the fields on our behalf, bless all honest labor and industry, and give inspiration and grace to those who serve us with the arts and music.**

Pastor:      Give to all families grace to love one another, that husbands and wives live in fidelity toward each other and show compassionate care to their children. Bless all women in childbirth and sustain the aged in strength of body and mind.

**People:      Rally the nations to peace that all peoples enjoy the protection of law, the gift of liberty, and the freedom to live fruitful, upright, and godly lives; bring an end to all oppression, acts of terror, and violence.**

Pastor:      Deliver the sick from the burdens of the flesh and grant them healing according to Your will, give peace to those troubled in mind, deliver the dying into Your everlasting arms, and comfort the grieving with hope, [*especially . . . and those we name in our hearts . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:      hear our prayer.**

*(Special petitions that end in, “Lord, in Your mercy”).*

**People:      hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Make us a generous people that we willingly share the resources You have given with those in need and for the support of Your Church and the good work of Your kingdom.

**People:** **Prepare us to receive Your blessed gifts in this Holy Communion that we eat the bread of Christ’s flesh and drink the cup of His blood with faith and repentance and show forth its fruits in our daily lives.**

**Pastor:** All these things we would ask of You, O Lord, trusting in Your mercy to grant us only what is best for us. Give us faith, trusting in Your mercy, that we may abide in Your presence in peace, in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** **Amen.**

**OFFERING**

**‡ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ‡**

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<b>HYMN</b>	<b>“The Word Is So Near”</b>	CCS 50
	<i>Words and Music by Michael Card</i>	

1. The Word is so near to your heart and your tongue: with the one you confess and acknowledge the Son; with the other, believe and are justified, and find life in knowing it was for you He died.
2. No, it’s not up in heaven where your thoughts could not reach, nor beyond the ocean on some distant beach. No, the Word is so near in the innermost part; it’s alive on your lips, it abides in your heart.
3. The Word is so near to your heart and your tongue: with the one you confess and acknowledge the Son; with the other, believe and are justified, and find life in knowing it was for you He died.

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**HYMN**

***“Bind Us Together”***

CCS 8

*Bob Gillman*

Bind us together, Lord bind us together with chords that cannot be broken  
Bind us together, Lord bind us together, bind us together in love

There is only one God, there is only one King  
There is only one body, that is why I sing

Bind us together, Lord bind us together with chords that cannot be broken  
Bind us together, Lord bind us together, bind us together in love

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**HYMN**

***“By Grace I’m Saved”***

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**NUNC DIMITIS**

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**POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

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**BENEDICTION**

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**CLOSING HYMN**

***“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”***

LSB 575



**OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**5:30PM WORSHIP**

**Brian Ternus**  
Elder  
**Kris Deardoff**  
Organist

**9:00AM WORSHIP**

**Ron Stimpson**  
Elder  
**Kris Deardoff**  
Organist  
**Bella Reif**  
**Karlee Small**  
Acolytes

**Mike Beyer**  
Congregational Chairman  
**Rick Melius**  
Head Elder

