



2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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As We Gather

As the Church enters the long season of Pentecost, the liturgical color green is commonly used throughout the many weeks ahead. Like various things planted by a gardener or farmer in spring, green shows growth and maturation of what was been planted. In the same way, the color green on the altar can remind us of our continued need and privilege as God's people to grow and mature as disciples of Christ by the working of the Holy Spirit. The Readings in this Pentecost season often remind us of the Early Church and its growth and spread to all people, even to us here and now, beginning with our Baptism and continuing through all the days the Lord grants us.

Prelude

"Processional"

G. Handel

Opening Hymn

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

#906

1 O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness,
Most beautiful, most bright;
This day the high and lowly,
Through ages joined to bless,
Sing, "Holy, holy, holy,"
The triune God confess.

2 This day at earth's creation
The light first had its birth;
This day for our salvation
Christ rose from depths of earth;
This day our Lord victorious
The Spirit sent from heav'n,
And thus this day most glorious
A threefold light was giv'n.

3 This day, God's people meeting,
His Holy Scripture hear;

His living presence greeting,
Through bread and wine made near.
We journey on, believing,
Renewed with heav'nly might,
From grace more grace receiving,
On this blest day of light.

△4 That light our hope sustaining,
We walk the pilgrim way,
At length our rest attaining,
Our endless Sabbath day.
We sing to Thee our praises,
O Father, Spirit, Son;
The Church her voice upraises
To Thee, blest Three in One.

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Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

P In this world we are surrounded by enemies,

C but Christ sets us free.

P Sin has enslaved us all,

C but Christ forgives us.

P We deserve death for our sinful lives,

C but Christ is risen and will raise us as well.

P We are vulnerable to the attacks of Satan,

C but Christ is present and protects us.

Confession and Absolution

Isaiah 65:8–9

- P** We come before our Lord in confession, no longer as slaves, but as God’s own children and as heirs of all He graciously gives.
- C** **We confess we often remain captive and enslaved to our sin and have neglected the name You have given us as Your children.**
- P** Like those in Isaiah’s day, we are a rebellious people who walk in a way that is neither good nor faithful, following our own devices and desires.
- C** **We, on our own, have no right to be called Your heirs or to receive Your blessings.**
- P** For the many times we forget Christ’s power and victory over all we fear in this body and life,
- C** **forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** In spite of our sin, the Lord gives His grace and good news of hope, promise, and victory. To the people in Isaiah’s day and to us, He speaks: “‘Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,’ so I will do for My servants’ sake. . . . I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of My mountains; My chosen shall possess it, and My servants shall dwell there.” Through the mercy and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus, and in spite of our sinful nature and willful breaking of His Law, He calls us His children and His heirs to set us free and to live in the victory He has won for us. Through Christ alone we have gained access to His grace by which we now stand. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

Introit

- P** Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;
- C** **you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.**
- P** You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.
- C** **You will increase my greatness and comfort me again.**
- P** I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God;
- C** **I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.**
- P** My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed.
- C** **And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all the day long, for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to do me hurt.**
- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
- C** **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come; you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Prayer of the Day

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

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You have won the victory over all the challenges we face in this world, and You have defeated whatever may harm us eternally.

C Free us from the power of sin, death, and Satan, and all that binds us.

P Enable and equip us to serve You and our neighbors with joy and gladness, for You reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

✠ Judgment and Salvation ✠

Isaiah 65:1-9

¹I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here am I, here am I," to a nation that was not called by my name. ²I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; ⁴who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; ⁵who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. ⁶Behold, it is written before me: "I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their bosom ⁷both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their bosom payment for their former deeds." ⁸Thus says the LORD: "As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Anthem of Praise Solo

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

arr. M. Pooler

Epistle

✠ Sons and Heirs ✠

Galatians 3:23-4:7

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. ¹I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

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

²⁶Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." ²⁹For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. ³¹And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³²Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. ³⁴When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Confession of Faith

**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.**

The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

Sermon Hymn

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

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1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.

Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.

2 Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.

Jesus died and rose victorious
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the One who makes us one.

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

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

Prayer Response

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; Come and listen to me.

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Offertory Meditation

✠ SERVICE of the SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

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.

Proper Preface

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father...

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven...

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

✠ DISTRIBUTION of the SACRAMENT ✠

Hymn

“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

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| <p>1 Baptized into Your name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,
Your Spirit now shall live within.</p> <p>2 My loving Father, here You take me
To be henceforth Your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, here You make me
The fruit of all Your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me
When threat'ning clouds around I see.</p> | <p>3 My faithful God, You fail me never;
Your promise surely will endure.
O cast me not away forever
If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled;
Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.</p> <p>4 All that I am and love most dearly—
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely;
Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own
Serve any will but Yours alone.</p> |
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Hymn

“Our Father, by Whose Name”

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| <p>1 Our Father, by whose name
All fatherhood is known,
Who dost in love proclaim
Each family Thine own,
Bless Thou all parents, guarding well,
With constant love as sentinel,
The homes in which Thy people dwell.</p> <p>2 O Christ, Thyself a child
Within an earthly home,
With heart still undefiled,
Thou didst to manhood come;
Our children bless in ev'ry place</p> | <p>That they may all behold Thy face,
And knowing Thee may grow in grace.</p> <p>3 O Spirit, who dost bind
Our hearts in unity,
Who teachest us to find
The love from self set free,
In all our hearts such love increase
That ev'ry home by this release
May be the dwelling place of peace.</p> |
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Communion Blessing

P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

Closing Prayer

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You call us Your children, heirs of Your blessings without any merit or worthiness in us. We thank You for the victory won for us out of Your mercy, and for feeding us with this foretaste of the feast to come, when all Your heirs will be free from sin and sorrow; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Catechism

P As we have prayed the prayer our Lord taught us and have been reminded of His victory over Sin and Satan, we close by reflecting on the petitions of that Prayer that remind us of His care as we go from here to live our days in His name. In the Sixth Petition, we pray,

C **And lead us not into temptation.**

P What does this mean?

C **God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.**

P In the Seventh Petition, we pray:

C **But deliver us from evil.**

P What does this mean?

C **We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.**

Closing Sentences

Psalm 3:7; Luke 8:39

P Arise, O LORD!

C **Save me, O my God!**

P Return to your home,

C **and declare how much God has done for you.**

Benediction

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

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

#528 sts. 1-3 & 7

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| <p>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!</p> <p>2 My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name.</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
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Postlude

“Largo”

J. Walther



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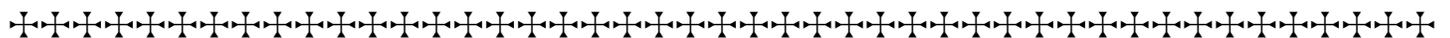
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Warren Miller	Denise & Mark Murray

Prayers of Thanksgiving...

- *For Bill Volk who celebrates a birthday today and for his daughter Susan Volk, who will celebrate her birthday on Thursday, June 23*
- *For Bill & Jan Leise and Mike & Debbie Will. Both couples celebrated anniversaries on June 17.*

Announcements & Notes:

Our service on Sunday, July 3, will feature several patriotic songs and hymns. If you would like to join the choir in singing some special pieces for that day, two rehearsals are planned for 7:15pm on the Wednesday evenings of June 22 and June 29. All are invited to join in!

Please join us after our worship service today in the Timothy Room. Jess Lilja will share her experiences and pictures from her short-term mission trip to Istanbul earlier this year, telling how God was at work in the lives of the team of eight throughout the trip.

On behalf of Rich Przybycien and Operation Barnabas, THANK YOU to the congregation and to the LWML for giving so much in support of the care packages they send to some of those serving in our nation's military. The goal was 80 items, and you went far beyond that. THANKS!

Please pray for these friends and family of our members:

Andrew Mrochen	Vern Howe
Eugene Marcinkowski	Roberta & Carlos Owens
Denise DeLaurentis	Dorothy Kroll
Eric Kessler	Barb & Emily Feehan
Bob Hessert	Georgiana Easton
Jackie Plichta	Patricia Paulsen
Ken Kruckow	Janet Trierweiler
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