



Sixth Sunday After Pentecost  
July 9, 2023  
*Lutheran Book of Worship – Setting Two*

**GOD GATHERS US AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE**

PRELUDE

*In remembrance of Baptism, you may sign a cross on your chest or forehead.*

We gather to worship the One true God – the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (LBW p.77)

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*We keep silence for self-reflection and contrition.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: "Children of the Heavenly Father" (LBW #474)

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
 2 God his own doth tend and nour - ish, In his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

Nest - ling bird or star in heav - en Such a ref - uge ne'er was giv - en.  
 From all e - vil things he spares them, In his might - y arms he bears them.  
 Un - to them his grace he show - eth, And their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 His the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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 Tune: *Swedish folk tune*

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AFFIRMATION OF PURPOSE *Matthew 28:18-20, 22:36-39; Mark 12:30-31*

We are Joy Mission Church, missionary-disciples of Jesus Christ.  
 We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name.

APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 78) *2 Corinthians 13:14*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE (“Lord, have mercy...” LBW pp. 78-79) *Matthew 9:27, 15:22; Psalm 51:1*

Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord.    Ⓞ Lord,    have mer - cy.

Ⓐ For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.

Ⓞ Lord,    have mer - cy.

Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Ⓞ Lord,    have mer - cy.

Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.    Ⓞ Lord,    have mer - cy.

Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord.    Ⓞ A - men

SALUTATION (LBW p. 82) *Sung by pastor and congregation. Ruth 2:4*

Ⓟ The Lord be with you.    Ⓞ And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

**O God, you never undermine your purpose, as you perfectly provide for all that you create. Remove from our way all that is harmful and give us what will profit that we may share in your invincible grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 145:1-15 *Sung responsively between cantor and congregation. (Tone #9)*

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O | God my King,\*

and bless your name forev- | er and ever.

<sup>2</sup>**Every day | will I bless you\***

**and praise your Name forev- | er and ever.**

<sup>3</sup>Great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised;\*

there is no end | to his greatness.

<sup>4</sup>**One generation shall praise your works | to another\***

**and shall de- | clare your power.**

<sup>5</sup>I will ponder the glorious splendor | of your majesty\*

and all your mar- | velous works.

<sup>6</sup>**They shall speak of the might of your | wondrous acts,\***

**and I will tell | of your greatness.**

<sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of | your great goodness;\*

they shall sing of your | righteous deeds.

<sup>8</sup>**The Lord is gracious and full | of compassion,\***

**slow to anger and | of great kindness.**

<sup>9</sup>The Lord is loving to | everyone\*

and his compassion is over | all his works.

<sup>10</sup>**All your works praise | you, O Lord,\***

**and your faithful | servants bless you.**

<sup>11</sup>They make known the glory | of your kingdom\*

and speak | of your power;

<sup>12</sup>**That the peoples may know | of your power\***

**and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.**

<sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an ever- | lasting kingdom;\*

your dominion endures through- | out all ages.

<sup>14</sup>**The Lord is faithful in | all his words\***

**and merciful in | all his deeds.**

<sup>15</sup>The Lord upholds all | those who fall; \*

he lifts up those who | are bowed down.

SECOND READING: Romans 7:14-25a

<sup>14</sup>We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup>For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup>So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but

the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! ...

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

VERSE (LBW p. 83) *John 6:68*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL ANNUNCIATION (LBW p. 83)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the eleventh chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:25-30

<sup>25</sup>Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (LBW p. 83)

Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

*Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” (SBH #499)

*Unison*

SECOND TUNE

1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, 'Come un - to me and rest;

Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up - on my breast.'

*Harmony*

I came to Je - sus as I was, Wea - ry, and worn, and sad;

I found in him a rest - ing-place, And he hath made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
 'Behold, I freely give  
 The living water, thirsty one,  
 Stoop down, and drink, and live.'  
 I came to Jesus and I drank  
 Of that life-giving stream;  
 My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
 And now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
 'I am this dark world's light;  
 Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
 And all thy day be bright.'  
 I looked to Jesus, and I found  
 In him my star, my sun;  
 And in that light of life I'll walk  
 Till traveling days are done.

*Horatius Bonar. 1808-89*

APOSTLES' CREED (LBW p. 85) *Genesis 1-2; John 3:16; Luke 2; Acts 2*

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people as they have need...

*Each petition ends with these words:* Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with these words:* ...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

#### OFFERING OF PEACE *John 20:19-21*

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Having been reconciled to God in Christ, we share His peace with others.*

#### OFFERING OF TITHES & ADDITIONAL GIFTS with SPECIAL MUSIC as available.

*We offer our time, talents, and treasure in gratitude for all of the blessings God has given us.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

#### OFFERTORY HYMN and OFFERTORY PRAYER: (LBW pp. 86-87)



☞ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Let us pray...

Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 88)

♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And also with you.

♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.

♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE (LBW p. 88) *Sung or spoken by the pastor.*

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death in the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (“Holy” LBW p. 89) *Psalm 118:25-26; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9*

♩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

♩ Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

♩ Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

♩ in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20*

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.



Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 91) *Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

**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.**

COMMUNION HYMN ("*Lamb of God...*" LBW p. 92) *John 1:29*



**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;**



**grant us peace, grant us peace.**

*Please be seated.*

### WE RECEIVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

*All who are baptized and trust that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine may come forward to commune. The usher will direct you and offer you hand sanitizer.*

- *If you require gluten-free wafers or abstain from wine, indicate so to the pastor.*
- *To receive the Sacrament in your seat, notify the usher and it will be brought to you.*
- *If you abstain from the Sacrament, you have full forgiveness of sins by God's Word alone.*

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

*After the elements are covered, please stand as you are able.*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & CANTICLE (LBW pp. 92-93)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.  
 Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.  
 He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy  
 with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (adapted from SBH p. 13) & BENEDICTION (LBW p. 95)  
 Let us pray. Almighty God, who gives the true Bread which comes down from heaven, your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech you, that we who have received the Sacrament of his Body and Blood may abide in him, and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.  
**Amen.**

☩ 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.  
 A - - - men

**GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE**

SENDING HYMN: “Go, My Children, With My Blessing” (WOV #721)

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.  
 4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.  
 I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."  
 Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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**WELCOME!** We are delighted to have you join us for worship today!



Love God. Love neighbor.  
Serve with joy in Jesus' name.  
worship + fellowship + discipleship

**Who We Are** - As a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church we strive to be:  
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