

Second Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday, June 19, 2022 – 8:00 AM



Welcome!

To our guests and visitors:

We are glad that you are here with us today!

If you have no church home, why don't you consider joining us?
Please speak to Pastor Parrish after the service and enjoy a special
gift for visiting with us today!

Opening Hymn **God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It** St. 1-2 LSB 594

- 1 God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it, gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free, Lasting to eternity!
- 2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me, since my baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood, sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 3, adapted; Luke 8:39

Pastor: Arise, O LORD!
People: **Save me, O my God!**

Pastor: O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;
People: **many are saying of my soul, there is no salvation for him in God.**

Pastor: Arise, O LORD!
People: **Save me, O my God!**

Pastor: But You, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my
head.
People: **I cried aloud to the LORD, and He answered me from His holy hill.**

Pastor: Arise, O LORD!
People: **Save me, O my God!**

Pastor: I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.
People: **I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.**

Pastor: Salvation belongs to the LORD; Your blessing be on Your people! Arise, O LORD!
People: **Save me, O my God!**

Pastor: Return to your home,
People: **and declare how much God has done for you.**

HYMN God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It Sts. 3–4: LSB 594

3 Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
 Drop your ugly accusation; I am not so soon enticed.
 Now that to the font I've traveled, all your might has come unraveled,
 And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!

4 Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!
 When I die, I leave all sadness to inherit paradise!
 Though I lie in dust and ashes faith's assurance brightly flashes:
 Baptism has the strength divine to make life immortal mine.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Isaiah 65:8–9*

Pastor: 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.

People: **We confess we often remain captive and enslaved to our sin and have neglected the name You have given us as Your children.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **We, on our own, have no right to be called Your heirs or to receive Your blessings.**

Pastor: For the many times we forget Christ’s power and victory and all we ever need fear in this body and life,

People: **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.**

Pastor: 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 given out of love, 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.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

St. 5: LSB 594

5 There is nothing worth comparing to this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising, still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:1–9

“I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me;
I was found by those who did not seek me.
To a nation that did not call on my name,
I said, ‘Here am I, here am I.’
² All day long I have held out my hands
to an obstinate people,
who walk in ways not good,
pursuing their own imaginations—
³ a people who continually provoke me
to my very face,
offering sacrifices in gardens
and burning incense on altars of brick;
⁴ who sit among the graves
and spend their nights keeping secret vigil;
who eat the flesh of pigs,
and whose pots hold broth of impure meat;
⁵ who say, ‘Keep away; don’t come near me,
for I am too sacred for you!’

Such people are smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that keeps burning all day.

⁶“See, it stands written before me:

I will not keep silent but will pay back in full;

I will pay it back into their laps—

⁷both your sins and the sins of your ancestors,”
says the LORD.

“Because they burned sacrifices on the mountains
and defied me on the hills,

I will measure into their laps

the full payment for their former deeds.”

⁸This is what the LORD says:

“As when juice is still found in a cluster of grapes
and people say, ‘Don’t destroy it,
there is still a blessing in it,’

so will I do in behalf of my servants;

I will not destroy them all.

⁹I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,

and from Judah those who will possess my mountains;

my chosen people will inherit them,

and there will my servants live.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading

Galatians 3:23–29, 4:1-7

²³ Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. ²⁴ So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ

Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. ² The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. ³ So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world. ⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ⁶ Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "*Abba, Father.*" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 8:26–39

²⁶ They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. ²⁷ When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!" ²⁹ For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

³⁰ Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him. ³¹ And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

³² A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. ³³ When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, ³⁵ and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. ³⁷ Then all the people of

the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Apostles Creed

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

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.

Sermon

Hostage Released

Galatians 3:23-29

Offering

Prayer of Blessing

P God, who welcomes everyone with open arms, we bring these gifts and ask that You would bless them and multiply them. May they be used to make Your church a visible sign of Your grace in the world. May they be used to open our arms in hospitality to all who would come and encounter Your goodness in this faith community. Teach us how to be Your faithful, passionate followers in Jesus' name.

C **Amen!**

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: God the Father Almighty, You so loved the world that You gave Your only-begotten Son

People: to save us from our sin and to make us Your children and heirs of all Your blessings through faith in Him.

Pastor: As You have destroyed the lasting penalties of our sin, eternal death, and the power of the devil,

People: help us to live each day knowing the victory has been won by and through Christ, our Lord.

Pastor: We pray for our families: On this celebratory weekend, we pray for fathers,

People: that they faithfully lead their families and children in the way of Christ and peace;

Pastor: for mothers,
People: that they have strength and grace to manage their many responsibilities and to give them joy and fulfillment in their work and duties;

Pastor: and for children,
People: that they grow in the faith in which You have called them through Baptism, heirs of Your promises, and develop in all ways pleasing to You.

Pastor: Lift up all those who are weighed down by the guilt and shame of sin.
Release them from their bondage
People: and point them to forgiveness at the feet of Jesus.

Pastor: Lord, walk with all those who are grieving in the shadow of death. Look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. Comfort them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal life.
People: Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will.

Pastor: Strengthen all those who are fighting against the power of Satan. Remind them of Your presence in Your Word and Sacraments. Give hope to all those who are isolated and lonely.
People: Bring them into the presence of the loving community of Your Church that they find help and hope among Your people.

Pastor: Embolden and enliven the faith You have given through Your Spirit as we are in the world but not of the world. Empower us to be Your witnesses in our relationships, our vocations, and among our neighbors, that all may know the power and the victory of Your Son's death and resurrection and rejoice in forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
People: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

Pastor: 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

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Hymn

Amazing Grace

LSB 744

1 Amazing grace--how sweet the sound--

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found,

Was blind but now I see!

2 The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.

4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

The Dismissal

Post-Communion Collect

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You call us Your children,
heirs of the blessings You bestow 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.

People: Amen.

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.**

Departure Hymn Oh, For A Thousands Tongues to Sing LSB 528

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name.

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.

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;
He sets the pris-'ner free
His blood can make the roulest clean;
His blood avails for me.

Look unto Him, ye nations; own
Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone,
Be justified by grace.

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.

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.