

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 9, 2023**

**8:00 am and 9:30 am**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PRELUDE:** *Draw Near with Faith*

Archer

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)**

***Stand***

**HYMN:** *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

*Printed on the next page.*

# How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in  
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and  
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my  
 4 By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -

a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,  
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the  
 shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing  
 though with sin de - filed. The dev - il charg - es

heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.  
 hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.  
 trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace.  
 me in vain, and I am owned a child.

5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,  
 my prophet, priest, and king,  
 my Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
 accept the praise I bring.

6 How weak the effort of my heart,  
 how cold my warmest thought;  
 but when I see thee as thou art,  
 I'll praise thee as I ought.

7 Till then I would thy love proclaim  
 with every fleeting breath;  
 and may the music of thy name  
 refresh my soul in death!

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

### *Kneel/Stand*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we are captive 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.**

- P** In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake God 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.
- G** Amen.

*Stand*

**GREETING**

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

## KYRIE

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

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

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## PRAAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.  
God of glory and love, peace comes from you alone. Send us as peacemakers and witnesses to your kingdom, and fill our hearts with joy in your promises of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

*The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."*

**A** A reading from Zechariah.

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion 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.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Later service only:*

**PSALM 145:8-14** *(The congregation's verses are in bold face type.)*

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full <sup>|</sup> of compassion,  
slow to anger and <sup>|</sup> of great kindness.

<sup>9</sup>**The LORD is loving to <sup>|</sup> everyone  
and his compassion is over <sup>|</sup> all his works.**

<sup>10</sup>All your works praise <sup>|</sup> you, O LORD,  
and your faithful <sup>|</sup> servants bless you.

<sup>11</sup>**They make known the glory <sup>|</sup> of your kingdom  
and speak <sup>|</sup> 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 7:15-25a

*Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.*

**A** A reading from Romans.

<sup>15</sup>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 that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that 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 what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16-19, 25 - 30

*Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.*

**P** The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup>“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup>‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <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 you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

- ☐ The gospel of the Lord.
- ☒ Praise to you, O Christ.

*Sit*

SERMON

Pastor Kochenderfer

*Stand*

*Later service only:*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

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1. There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, Like the wide - ness of the sea;  
 2. There is wel - come for the sin - ner, And more grac - es for the good;

There's a kind - ness in his jus - tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty.  
 There is mer - cy with the Sav - iour; There is heal - ing in his Blood,

There is no place where earth's sor - rows Are more felt than up in heaven;  
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands Of new worlds as great as this;

There is no p'ace where earth's fail - ings Have such kind - ly judg - ment given.  
 There is room for fresh cre - a - tions In that up - per home of bliss.

3 For the love of God is broader  
 Than the measures of man's mind,  
 And the heart of the Eternal  
 Is most wonderfully kind.  
 There is plentiful redemption  
 In the Blood that has been shed;  
 There is joy for all the members  
 In the sorrows of the Head.

4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;  
 It is something more than all;  
 Greater good because of evil,  
 Larger mercy through the fall.  
 If our love were but more simple,  
 We should take him at his word;  
 And our lives would be all sunshine  
 In the sweetness of our Lord.

*The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.*

## **APOSTLES CREED**

**P** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**A** With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

**A** We pray for the church, for its pastors and other ministers, for the newly  
baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our  
growth in grace.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase  
of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and  
among peoples.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts...  
Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** Amen.

## PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*Worshippers do not greet one another. The service continues with the Offertory.*

## LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

*The Offering will be collected in the Narthex as you leave the church.*

## OFFERTORY

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
 pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
 store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
 and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:*

☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.  
 ☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
 C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:*

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*The assembly sings the SANCTUS:*

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav - en 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.

*The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.*

P 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 FOR THE 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 FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

## 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**C** **Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.**

*Sit*

## COMMUNION

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.      The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond*

**R** Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are “truly and substantially” present “in, with, and under” the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing.

Music during Communion:

**LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)**

**☒** 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. A - men

**ANTHEM:** *Blessings*

Story

Jennie Lien, Soloist

**Stand**

**BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

**☒** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**☒** Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A** Let us pray.  
We give you thanks, almighty God,  
that you have refreshed us  
through the healing power of this gift of life.  
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,  
in faith toward you  
and in fervent love toward one another;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- G** Amen.

## SENDING

### BLESSING (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.

**G** A - men, A - men, A - men.

**DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN:** *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*

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# Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;  
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;  
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,

di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.  
for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.  
I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,

With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!

so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.  
for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.  
So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

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## OFFERING

*The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.*

POSTLUDE: *Psalm 19*

Marcello



**The Time of the Church** is the season after Pentecost, beginning with The Holy Trinity and ending with Christ the King. These weeks focus on Christ's ministry and teaching.

**On Sundays for which the color is green**, it is appropriate to omit either the Kyrie or the Hymn of Praise, reserving both together for festival seasons.

**The liturgical color green**, symbolic of growth, is used for the season after Epiphany and after Pentecost.



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9:30 am: Mike Van Blaricum

Offering Tabulation: John Kochel, Sherry Jessee and Shane Elison

The Flowers that Adorn the Altar are given to the glory of God by Richard and Cheryl Camuso on the occasion of their wedding anniversary.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Debra Augustine in loving memory of son, Samuel Carlos Augustine.

The Flowers in the Old Trappe Church are given to the glory of God by Sally Sweeney in memory of her parents Richard and Virginia Weicheld and by Debra Augustine, in memory of her son Samuel Carlos Augustine.

**The Daily Bread Food Pantry is collecting school supplies** for the children of their clients. Last year they distributed school supplies to 303 children. The items needed are listed below along with the anticipated number of each supply required:

- 78 Large Backpacks (distributed to 9th through 12th grade)
- 85 Medium Backpacks (distributed to 5th through 8th grade)
- 85 Small Backpacks (distributed to Kindergarten through 4th grade)
- 30 Plastic pencil boxes (distributed to Kindergarten through 4th grade)
- 53 Pencil cases for binders (distributed to 5th through 12th grade)
- 72 Packs of Dividers for binders
- 54 1" three-ring binders
- 85 pairs of Fiskar (elementary age) scissors
- 12 packs of 3x5 lined index cards
- 40 block erasers (large, usually pink) for elementary age
- 6 rulers
- 300 Flash drives

Please drop your donations in the Food Pantry Donations basket in the Muhlenberg Center. We will get them to the food pantry. This is a great way to share your giving ways with your children by encourage them to choose items to donate for kids their own ages. Help our neighbors in need!

**SENIOR YOUTH GROUP NEWS:** The Senior Youth Group ended the 2022/23 year by taking a trip to Hershey Park. We had 22 people attend the trip and a great time was had by all. We only had one senior this year and we'd like to thank Liz Wentworth for all she's done the last 4 years. We wish her the best in all her future endeavors.

The SYG looks forward to our annual mission trip to Camden, NY, which will take place from July 23 through July 29<sup>th</sup>. We have 9 youth attending this year. Please keep the youth and leaders in your prayers.

Thanks again for all the support you give our group throughout the year. It's very much appreciated. Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

If anyone is interested in becoming a leader in the SYG, contact one of the current leaders. New people bring new ideas and that is always appreciated.

If you are in need of work or you know someone that is, please let us know. The three churches that make up the One Dream Mission Team would like to help where we can. Please contact any of the leaders or contact the office with a message.