



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH | Seward, Nebraska

June 6, 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship the Lord with us today. Large print hymnals and personal assisted listening devices are available on request. The service can be heard throughout the building so that you can participate even if you have to take your child out for a while. Restrooms are in the hall between the chapel and fellowship area. If you have any questions please feel free to ask an usher.

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SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

Worship Materials

The order of service and the hymns for today are printed for you in this folder. They are also in "Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal" which is in the hymnal rack on the back of each pew. Watching the theme and passage on the screen may help you prepare for worship.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

This service offers the congregation a form of worship that focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

OPENING HYMN

Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices | 194

- 1 Oh, that I had a thousand voices To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be, What great things God has done for me.
- 2 Dear Father, endless praise I render For soul and body, nobly joined;
I praise you, Guardian kind and tender, For all the daily joys I find
So richly spread on ev'ry side And freely for my use supplied.
- 3 I praise you, Savior, whose compassion Has brought you down to ransom me.
Your pitying heart sought my salvation; You bore the cross triumphantly,
Brought me from bondage full release, Made me your own, and gave me peace.
- 4 Glory and praise, still onward reaching, Be yours, O Spirit of all grace,
Whose holy pow'r and faithful teaching Give me among your saints a place.
Whatever good by me is done Is worked by grace divine alone.
- 5 Shall I not then be filled with gladness? Shall I not praise you evermore
And triumph over fear and sadness, Although my cup of woe runs o'er?
Though heav'n and earth shall disappear, Your endless love is ever near.

INVOCATION

please stand

M The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C **And also with you.**

CONFESSION

M We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

- C** Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

CW 190

♪ Shine in our hearts, O most precious Light,
That we Jesus Christ may know aright,
Clinging to our Savior, whose blood has bought us,
Who again to our homeland has brought us.
Lord, have mercy!

ABSOLUTION

- M** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

- C** Amen.

CW 190

♪ O sacred Love, grace on us bestow,
Set our hearts with heav'nly fire aglow
That with hearts united we love each other,
Of one mind, in peace with ev'ry brother.
Lord, have mercy!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M** The Lord be with you.

- C** And also with you.

- M** Let us pray.

O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Word

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

¹²Observe the Sabbath day by setting it apart as holy, just as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you are to serve and perform all of your regular work, ¹⁴but the seventh day is a sabbath rest to the LORD your God. You are not to do any regular work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock or the alien who resides inside your gates, in order that your male servant and your female servant may rest like you. ¹⁵Remember that you were slaves in the land of Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out from there with a strong hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the day of rest. (EHV)

M The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God!

PSALM

130

Refrain

Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O Lord;
re - mem - ber your mer - cy and love.

Psalm tone

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Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;*
O Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive*
to my cry for mercy.

If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins,*
O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness;*
therefore you are feared.

Refrain

I wait for the LORD and in his Word I put my hope.*
My soul waits for the Lord more than
watchmen wait for the morning.

O Israel, put your hope in the LORD,*
for with the LORD is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.

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.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 2:13-17

¹³Even when you were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ by forgiving us all our trespasses. ¹⁴God erased the record of our debt brought against us by his legal demands. This record stood against us, but he took it away by nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵After disarming the rulers and authorities, he made a public display of them by triumphing over them in Christ.

¹⁶Therefore, do not let anyone judge you in regard to food or drink, or in regard to a festival or a New Moon or a Sabbath day. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things that were coming, but the body belongs to Christ. (EHV)

M The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God!**

VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us.
Alleluia.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

Mark 2:23-28

please stand

[M] The Gospel according to Mark chapter 2.

²³Once on a Sabbath day, Jesus was passing through the grain fields, and his disciples began to pick heads of grain as they walked along. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath day?"

²⁵He replied to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry (he and his companions)? ²⁶He entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar the high priest and ate the Bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for anyone to eat, except for the priests. He also gave some to his companions."

²⁷Then Jesus said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is the Lord even of the Sabbath." (EHV)

[M] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

be seated

1 Jesus, your blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.

2 Bold shall I stand in that great day—Who can a word against me say?
Fully through you absolved I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

3 Lord, I believe your precious blood, Which at the very throne of God
Forever will for sinners plead, For me—e'en for my soul—was shed.

4 Lord, I believe were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore,
You have for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,
E'en then this shall be all my plea: Jesus has lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly! Your boundless mercy has for me,
For me and all your hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

SERMON

1 Peter 1:17-21

¹⁷If you call on the Father who judges impartially, according to the work of each person, conduct yourselves during the time of your pilgrimage in reverence, ¹⁸because you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, not with things that pass away, such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was chosen before the foundation of the world but revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹Through him you are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there 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.**

OFFERING PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD.

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income. 1 Corinthians 16:2 (NIV)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[M] Lord Jesus Christ, you redeemed us from the empty way of life handed down to us from Adam, not with gold or silver, but with your holy precious blood and innocent suffering and death.

[C] **We thank and praise you for paying the price to redeem us.**

[M] Through your Holy Spirit fill our hearts with the inestimable joy that comes from the precious promise of life and forgiveness in you.

[C] **Make us glad in these heavenly tidings: that your were delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.**

[M] Lord, we remember those who are in pain, or suffering from any sickness, disease or loss.

[C] **Heal those who are sick, console those who are mourning, and give strength to those who are in despair.**

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here

M For your Church we pray, O Lord. Grant that everywhere it may have faithful shepherds who are not ashamed of the gospel which is the power of salvation. Grant that all believers through the world may find the fullness of your grace and peace in the gospel message.

C **Help us all to be faithful unto death, that we may receive the crown of life.**

M Now to you, the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

be seated

HYMN

The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me | **749**

1 The love of Christ, who died for me Is more than mind can know,
His mercy measureless and free To meet the debt I owe.
He came my sinful cause to plead, He laid his glories by,
For me a homeless life to lead, A shameful death to die.

2 My sins I only see in part, My self-regarding ways;
The secret places of my heart Lie bare before his gaze.
For me the price of sin he paid; My sins beyond recall
Are all alike on Jesus laid, he died to bear them all.

3 O living Lord of life, for whom The heavens held their breath,
To see, triumphant from the tomb, A love that conquers death,
Possess my heart that it may be Your kingdom without end,
O Christ who died for love of me And lives to be my friend.

PRAYER

[M] O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

[M] The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

Son of God, Eternal Savior | **340**

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!

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

3 The name of Jesus calms our fears And bids our sorrows cease.
'Tis music in the sinners ears; 'Tis life and health and peace.

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

5 See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.
His life was once an off'ring made That you might live again.

6 Glory to God and praise and love Be ever, ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: 8:00 AM Bible Class, 8:45 AM Worship

Wednesday: 6:00 PM Catechism

Sunday: 8:00 AM Bible Class; 8:45 AM Worship with Communion



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