

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns 435 728 618 642 Blue 28 (Grey 228)

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

July 4 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

July 4 9:00 a.m. Bible Studies

July 4 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

July 5 - 17 Pastor on Vacation

July 6 No 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

July 6 No 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

July 7 No Noon Bible Study

July 25 11:15 a.m. Voters Meeting at Peace

HYMN OF THE DAY: Today's hymn is one of my favorites, *How Firm a Foundation*. The first verse points us to the foundation of our faith, God's holy Word, and asks the question, "What more could God say to comfort us than he has already said?" The remaining verses are near quotations of Scripture. Thus we hear the voice of God speaking to us in each remaining verse, "Fear not! I am with you. O be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid." "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose I will not, I will not, desert to his foes." "When through fiery trials your pathway will lie, My grace, all sufficient, will be your supply." With such wonderful promises from God, we are able to persevere in our faith through all kinds of weakness, trouble, and affliction, even through death. God has assured us that we belong to him forever. Amen.

A WORD: In Today's gospel reading, Jesus says, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown." The people of Jesus' hometown were indignant that Jesus claimed such wisdom and power for himself. Even though he was close to them, they didn't benefit from his presence because they didn't receive him through faith. There is a warning here for us. We are those close to Jesus today. We are his hometown because he dwells in the church. But even though we are close to Christ, we receive no benefit from him if we don't receive him by faith. So open your heart, trust Jesus as your savior, and receive all the good that God would bestow on you through him.

The Old Testament and epistle lessons are closely related. God calls the prophet Ezekiel to his work through a vision of heaven, a vision that Ezekiel describes in detail in chapters 1-2 of his book. Paul also has a vision, but unlike Ezekiel, he doesn't tell us anything about it. Why? Because he does not want anyone to think more highly of him than he ought. Paul boasts instead about a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan that proves his weakness. In his weakness, he is fit to be a vessel of God's power. When Paul is weak, then he is strong through grace.

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: It is not exactly a welcome homecoming when Jesus' own town of Nazareth chooses to see Him only according to what they know. Their unbelief prevents them from listening to His Word. By God's grace, Christ has welcomed us into the city of God by giving us ears to hear His Word and trust in Him. We are eternal citizens of His kingdom now because Christ has adopted us into the family of God by His cross and resurrection.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Amos 7:7-15 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29

BIBLE DRIVE: Peace Lutheran has been blessed by the use of red NIV Bibles for decades. Unfortunately, these Bibles are beginning to show their wear, and they no longer use the same translation as the rest of the Synod. What we hear read from the lectern Sunday morning is a different translation than what we read in our classrooms. Therefore, it is time to bring some new Bibles to Peace. Pastor Alex would like to purchase three crates of Bibles from Concordia Publishing House for a total of 72 new Bibles. Any Bibles not distributed to classrooms would be presented to students at the beginning of confirmation. There is a sign-up sheet in the back if you would like to donate Bibles for this purpose. Each Bible costs \$10.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR JULY: July 4-Deanna Hrdlicka, July 11-Doris Iwen, July 18-Kathy Kimmel, July 25-Viola McKenney

PICNIC AT THE PARSONAGE: Ashlie and I would like to say thank you. Thank you for welcoming us into these churches, and thank you for welcoming us into your homes. We would love to welcome you into ours. We will be having two more get-togethers at the parsonage this summer. The second one will be July 24th. A sign-up sheet for our July get-together is in the Fellowship Hall. We will be hosting six families at a time. – **Pastor Alex**

THIS MONTH Daughters of Peace will collect pop tarts, granola bars, fruit or snack bars etc. for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

USHERING TODAY is Team 1; Next Sunday is Team 2: Kevin Stueven, Dennis Reuvers, LeRoy Fick, Terry Dieren, Walt Dibbern, Scott Schneidermann

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN 435: COME TO CALVARY'S HOLY MOUNTAIN

LSB 435

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

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 132:13–16; antiphon: Psalm 34:8

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!
For the LORD has chosen Zion;
he has desired it for his dwelling place:

“This is my resting place forever;
here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
I will abundantly bless her provisions;
I will satisfy her poor with bread.

Her priests I will clothe with salvation,
and her saints will shout for joy.”
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.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.
C O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 2:1–5

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Romans 11:33, 36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!
For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen.

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 12:1–10

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Mark 6:13

Alleluia. They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.
C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

After the Reading

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

- C** I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

Mark 6:1–13

and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN 728: HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

SERMON

OFFERTORY

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

+ 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.**

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and saying:

SANCTUS

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

LSB 195

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

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: 618 I COME, O SAVIOR, TO THY TABLE

HYMN: 642 O LIVING BREAD FROM HEAVEN

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,

LSB 162

for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

BLUE HYMNAL 28; GREY HYMNAL 228: AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL

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