



“THY WORD IS TRUTH.”

John 17:17

Allowing God's Word to shape  
how we view the world around us



**Worship with Holy Communion**  
**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 19, 2022**

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**Weekend Worship Services:**

Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 AM  
Adult Bible Class 9:15 AM

## **PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*O Lord, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness.  
Hear me for the sake of His Name. Amen.*

## **WORDS OF WELCOME**

*(We rise)*

### **WE BEGIN IN SONG**

“Father Welcomes”

**LSB 605**

*Refrain:*

Father welcomes all His children  
To His fam’ly through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation,  
Life forever has been won.

Little children, come to Me, for My kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give, mercy for your sin. *(refrain)*

In the water, in the Word, in His promise, be assured:  
Those who are baptized and believe shall be born again. *(refrain)*

Let us daily die to sin; let us daily rise with Him,  
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, live in the peace of God. *(refrain)*

*Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

*Pastor: We read responsively from Psalm 3: Lord, how many are my foes!*

**People: How many rise up against me!**

*Pastor: Many are saying of me, “God will not deliver him.”*

**People: But you, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high.**

*Pastor: I call out to the Lord, and he answers me from his holy mountain.*

**People: I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.**

*Pastor: I will not fear though tens of thousands assail me on every side.*

**People: Arise, Lord! Deliver me, my God! Strike all my enemies on the jaw; break the teeth of the wicked.**

*Pastor: From the Lord comes deliverance.*

**People: May your blessing be on your people.**

*(Please be seated)*

**THE FIRST LESSON**

1 Peter 1:3-9

(God graciously has given us our faith, which is more valuable than anything else in our lives.)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*Reader: This is the word of the Lord!*

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## **THE SECOND LESSON**

Galatians 3:23-4:7

(Through the faith He gives and the work of His Son, our Heavenly Father has promised us an eternal inheritance.)

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. So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 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. The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world. But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

*Reader: This is the word of the Lord!*

**People: Thanks be to God!**

*(We rise)*

## **THE GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 18:18-27

*Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th chapter, beginning at the eighteenth verse.*

**People: Glory to You, O Lord!**

A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.'"



“All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said. When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” Those who heard this asked, “Who then can be saved?” Jesus replied, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.”

*Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord!*

**People: Praise to You, O Christ!**

*Pastor: Together, as God’s People, united in faith by the One who promises us treasure in Heaven, let us join together professing our common faith using the words of the Nicene Creed:*

**People: 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, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **SONG OF THE DAY**    “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”                      **LSB 590**

Baptized into Your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly, among Your saints, Your chosen host.  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin, Your Spirit now shall live within.

My loving Father, here You take me to be henceforth Your child and heir.  
My faithful Savior, here You make me the fruit of all Your sorrows share.  
O Holy Spirit, comfort me when threat’ning clouds around I see.

My faithful God, You fail me never; Your promise surely will endure.  
O cast me not away forever if words and deeds become impure.  
Have mercy when I come defiled; forgive, lift up, restore Your child.

All that I am and love most dearly – receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely; help me Your faithful child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own serve any will but Yours alone.

### **THE MESSAGE**    “Heirs to our Heavenly Father”    Seminarian Dylan Meyer

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*Special prayers are lifted...we then join together in speaking:*

**All:            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.**

## **AN INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE**

*Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, in preparation for coming to our Lord's Holy Supper today, let us prepare ourselves by confessing our sins unto God. O almighty God, merciful Father,*

**People: We confess to you that we have sinned in our thoughts, in our words, and in our actions. We have unknowingly and knowingly disobeyed your Law and gone against your will for us. This has hurt our relationship with You and our relationships with others. Forgive us, O Lord, for we are in desperate need of Your forgiveness. And grant us in our faith the work of Your Holy Spirit so that we may turn away from the wicked ways of this world and that we may focus more on our relationship with You. Amen.**

*Pastor: God has heard our prayer for forgiveness and has given us a meal by which we receive that forgiveness: the Lord's Supper. As we eat and drink the Body and Blood of Christ, we are connected with the finished work of the cross, we are forgiven, and we are given power and a fresh start with which to live out our faith lives as sons and daughters of God!*

## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE DISTRIBUTION**

*(At St. John's, we believe Jesus' words that the bread and wine of which we partake in this meal are, in a mysterious way, His very Body and Blood given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26: 26-28). If you believe this and desire God's forgiveness and a new start in which to follow Christ, please join us! Non-alcoholic wine and gluten-free wafers are in the center of each tray for those who request them; just simply ask your server. We also invite you to bring your children to receive a blessing at the altar rail.)*

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”  
“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”  
“God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

**LSB 637**  
**LSB 618**  
**LSB 594**

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

## **THE BENEDICTION**

## **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**SPECIAL GUEST** Patty Washatka, Cornerstone Options for Women

*(We rise)*

**WE CLOSE IN SONG** “Children of the Heavenly Father” **LSB 725**

Children of the heav’nly Father safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e’er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish; in His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them; in His mighty arms He bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth, and their sorrows all He knoweth.

Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne’er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.