

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Hymn ----- By Grace I'm Saved

CW 384

1. By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why waver at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
So then this word must true remain:
By grace you, too, shall heav'n obtain.
2. By grace God's Son, our only Savior, Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought him from his heav'nly throne.
3. By grace! Oh, mark this word of promise
When you are by your sins oppressed,
When Satan plagues your troubled conscience,
And when your heart is seeking rest.
What reason cannot comprehend God by his grace to you did send.
4. By grace to timid hearts that tremble, In tribulation's furnace tried-
By grace, despite all fear and trouble, The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?
5. By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; In Jesus' promise I rejoice.
For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad; all grief has flown Since I am saved by grace alone.

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 OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called 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.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O Lord, Our Lord



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,

you crown our life with your love. You take a-way our sin;

you com-fort our spir-it; you make us pure and

ho-ly in your sight. You did not spare your on-ly Son,

but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,

how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e-ter-nal Word of the Fa-ther,

you came to live with us; you made your Fa-ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be seated.

THE WORD

First Lesson ----- Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, where you were slaves.

You shall have no other gods beside me. You

shall not make any carved image for yourself or a likeness of anything in heaven above, or on the earth below, or in the waters under the earth. Do not bow down to them or be subservient to them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God. I follow up on the guilt of the fathers with their children,

their grandchildren, and their great-grandchildren, if they also hate me. But I show mercy to thousands who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not permit anyone who misuses his name to escape unpunished.

Remember the Sabbath day by setting it apart as holy. Six days you are to serve and do all your regular work, but the seventh day shall be a sabbath rest to the LORD your God. Do not do any regular work, neither you, nor your sons or daughters, nor your male or female servants, nor your cattle, nor the alien who is residing inside your gates, for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything

that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. In this way the LORD blessed the seventh day and made it holy.

Honor your father and your mother so that you may spend many days on the land that the LORD your God is giving to you.

You shall not commit murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, his male servant, his female servant, his ox, his donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

Psalm of the Day ----- Psalm 146

CW p.120

Refrain

I will praise your name forever, my King and my God.

Praise the LORD, O my soul.*

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes*,

in mortal men, who cannot save.

Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God,*

the maker of heaven and earth.

Refrain

The LORD gives food to the hungry*,

the LORD sets prisoners free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind*,

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

The LORD watches over the outcast*
and sustains the fatherless and the widow.

The LORD remains faithful forever.*
He upholds the cause of the oppressed.

**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 ----- Romans 6:3–11

Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him by this baptism into his death, so that just as he was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too would also walk in a new life.

For if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be united with him in the likeness of his resurrection.

We know that our old self was crucified with him, to make our sinful body powerless, so that

we would not continue to serve sin. For the person who has died has been declared free from sin. And since we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that since Christ has been raised from the dead, he will never die again. Death no longer has control over him. For the death he died, he died to sin once and for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way also consider yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Verse of the Day

Colossians 3:13

M: Alleluia. Forgive each other if anyone has a complaint against anyone else.
Forgive, just as Christ forgave you. Alleluia.



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!

Stand.

Gospel ----- Matthew 5:20–26

Indeed I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and experts in the law, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

You have heard that it was said to people long ago, “You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be subject to judgment.” But I tell you that everyone who is angry with his brother without a cause will be subject to judgment, and whoever says to his brother, “Raca,” will have to answer to the Sanhedrin. But whoever says, “You fool!” will be in danger of hell fire.

So if you are about to offer your gift at the altar, and there you remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother. Then come and offer your gift.

If someone accuses you, reach an agreement with him quickly, while you are with him on the way. Otherwise your accuser may bring you to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen I tell you: You will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day ----- Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness

CW 376

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 ----- Matthew 5:20-26

Only by Jesus' Righteousness Can You Enter Heaven

Stand.

Nicene Creed

- C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and be-

came fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated.

Offering

Stand.

Prayer of the Church

*The minister calls for the petitions and the congregation prays with “**Lord, have mercy.**”*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For Christian people as they ponder all truth, goodness and beauty, that they would learn the truth of God’s Word, be filled with virtue and righteousness, and be inspired to adore the glory of the Lord, and so always be one with Him, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For our Synod, its leaders, its organizations and our congregation, that we may honor and follow God and dwell in Him from everlasting to everlasting, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For all Christians, that God would increase in them true fear, love and trust in His saving name; and that we may have no other gods but Him, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

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of the Gospel here and around the world.

- M: For all fathers and mothers, pastors and teachers, that God would guide and bless them as they bring up children in the discipline and knowledge of the true faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: For Donald Trump, our president; Michael Kehoe, our governor; our legislatures and judges; our local leaders; and all who serve in our armed forces, that God would grant peace graciously in our time, since there is no other who fights for us but the Lord, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: For ourselves and all who call to God in any need, [*especially* _____,] let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: For all who commune, that we would believe firmly that our God does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they would turn from their evil way and live; and that, in such faith, we would worthily go to His altar to receive the very body and blood that Christ gave for our redemption, and so praise, serve and honor Him always, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: In thanksgiving for joy in the Lord's gift of eternal life, that we, with the faithful dead who rest in the hope of the resurrection, may dwell in the Lord throughout all generations, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: Lord God, heavenly Father, we confess that we are poor, miserable sinners with no good in us. Our hearts and our flesh and blood are so corrupted by sin that we are never without sinful desires in this life. Therefore, we implore You, forgive us our sins. Let Your Holy Spirit so cleanse our hearts that we would love Your Word, abide by it and, by Your grace, be saved forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- 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.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

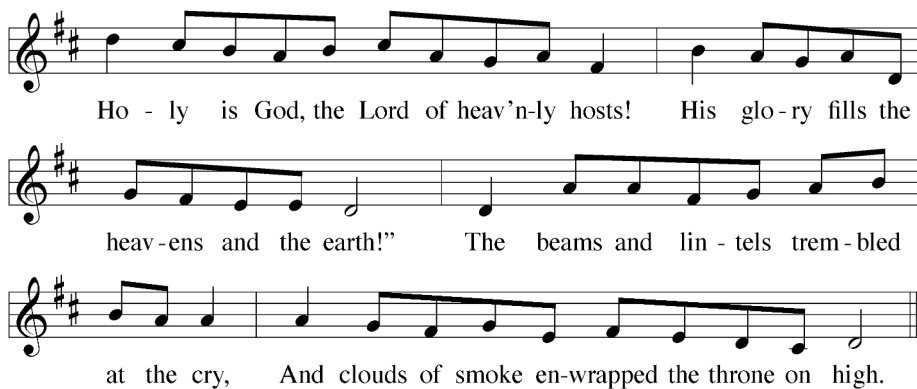
Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the
Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old

Sanctus, CW 267



I - sa - iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it
did be-hold High on a loft - y throne, in splen-dor bright,
With robes that filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were
flam-ing ser - a-phim; Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of him.
With two they veiled their fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly
hid their feet from sight, And with the oth-er two a - loft they soared;
One to the oth-er called and praised the Lord: "Ho - ly is God, the
Lord of heav'n-ly hosts! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav'n-ly hosts!



Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav'n-ly hosts! His glo-ry fills the
heav-ens and the earth!" The beams and lin - tels trem - bled
at the cry, And clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

In Holy Communion we believe that Jesus gives us his own body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins. We ask that, in keeping with God's Word, only confirmed members who are in confessional unity with our church (WELS and ELS) would come forward to receive this sacrament. If you have any questions or are interested in communicant membership, please speak with the pastor.

During the distribution, the congregation sings the following hymns:

Hymn ----- Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

CW 313

1. Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior, Turned away God's wrath forever;
By his bitter grief and woe He saved us from the evil foe.
2. As his pledge of love undying, He, this precious food supplying,
Gives his body with the bread And with the wine the blood he shed.
3. Jesus here himself is sharing; Take heed how you are preparing,
For if you do not believe, Judgment instead you shall receive.
4. Useless would be Jesus' passion If salvation you could fashion.
Do not come if you suppose You need not him who died and rose.
5. Christ says, "Come, all you that labor, And receive my grace and favor;
Those who feel no pain or ill Need no physician's help or skill."
6. Then hold fast with faith unshaken That this food is to be taken
By the souls who are distressed, By hearts that long for peace and rest.
7. Praise the Father, who from heaven Unto us such food has given
And, to mend what we have done, Gave into death his only Son.
8. If your heart this truth professes And your mouth your sin confesses,
Surely you will be his guest And at his banquet ever blest.

Hymn ----- Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

CW 309

1. Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured.
Offered was he for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and himself the priest.

2. He that his saints in this world rules and shields
To all believers life eternal yields,
With heav'nly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsty soul.
3. Come forward, then, with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
Before your altar, Lord, your servants bow;
In this your feast of love be with us now.

THANKSGIVING

Stand.

Thank the Lord



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'-ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised
you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the

coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Blessing

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



Be seated.

Hymn ----- Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven
CW 388

1. Redeemed, restored, forgiven Through Jesus' precious blood,
Heirs of his home in heaven-Oh, praise our pard'ning God!
Praise him in tuneful measures Who gave his Son to die;
Praise him whose sev'nfold treasures Enrich and sanctify.
2. Once on the dreary mountain We wandered far and wide,
Far from the cleansing fountain, Far from the pierced side.
But Jesus sought and found us; Our many sins he bore.
With cords of love he bound us To him forevermore.

3. Dear Master, yours the glory Of each recovered soul.
Ah, who can tell the story Of love that made us whole?
Not ours, not ours the merit; To you alone the praise!
Give us a thankful spirit To serve you all our days.
4. Now keep us, holy Savior, In your true love and fear,
And grant us by your favor The grace to persevere
Till, in your new creation, Our earthly troubles o'er,
Heirs of your free salvation, We praise you evermore.



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