

# *Second Sunday after Pentecost*

June 11, 2023    10:30 a.m.



‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ I did not come to call the righteous but sinners.

MATTHEW 9:13

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# Order of Worship

## Gathering

**Prelude**    *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*    Rhonda R.

### Welcome and Announcements

### Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

**We confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Silence

**Righteous God, we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Silence

## **Forgiveness**

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 your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is  
wondrously reigning

And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and  
defend you;

Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
If with his love he befriend you.

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Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life, and breath, come now with praises  
before him.

Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

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## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with  
you all.

**Response:** *And also with you.*

## Canticle of Praise ELW, pages 149-150

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,  
And honor and blessing and glory are his.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God  
And join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing and honor and glory and might  
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**



**This is the feast of victory for our God,  
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

O God, you are the source of life and ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to the wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Word

### First Reading – Hosea 5:15-6:6

I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: “Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.”

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Response: *Thanks be to God!***

## Psalm 50:7-15

“Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

**Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me.**

I will not accept a bull from your house, or goats from your folds.

**For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**

I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine.

**If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and all that is in it is mine.**

Do I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

**Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.**

Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

## Second Reading – Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had

promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.”

Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Response: *Thanks be to God!***

**Gospel Acclamation**

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**Gospel – Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

**Response: *Glory to You, O Lord.***

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples.

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When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Response:** *Praise to you, O Christ.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Mandsager

***When We Must Bear Persistent Pain***

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When we must bear persistent pain  
And suffer with no cure in sight,  
Come, Holy Presence, breathe your peace  
With gifts of warmth and healing light.



Support us as we learn new ways  
To care for bodies newly frail.  
Help us to endure, and live and love.  
Hear our complaint when patience fails.

We thank you for the better days  
When we may smile to greet the sun,  
To do your work with clearing mind,  
And bless your name when day is done.

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In ease or pain, in life and death,  
To you our fragile lives belong,  
And so we trust you in all things,  
You are our hope, our health, our song.

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## Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy  
Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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 the Church**

Christiana Adams

### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**Response: And also with you.**

### **Offertory**

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

Rhonda R.

### **Offering Prayer**

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Meal



### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**Response: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**Response: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Response: It is right to give our thanks and  
and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **Invitation**

All people are called to Christ's table.  
Come, eat what is good.

## **Words of Institution**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray.

**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.**

## Communion Distribution

**Communion Song**    *Lamb of God*    ELW, page 154

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## Communion Music

## Prayer

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Sending

## Blessing

The God of all, who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed  bless, keep and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **Amen.**

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

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Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,  
Praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
All who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine!



## Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

***Response: Thanks be to God.***

**Postlude** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Rhonda R.

Please remain seated for the postlude.



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