



6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2020

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

Welcome and Announcements

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross ✠ *may be made in remembrance of Baptism.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.
Reconciling God,

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts.

We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

We fear difference and do not welcome others

as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed.

By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us;

and in your Spirit, lead us;

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Beloved of God,

by the radical abundance of divine mercy

we have peace with God through ✠ Christ Jesus,

through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been

Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope.

poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Jill Sousek, piano

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By
your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and
grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return
there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that
goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall
accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent
it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the
hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap
their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the
brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

SECOND READING Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law
of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh,
could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to
deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of
the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but
according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their
minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit
set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is
death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the
mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's
law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God
dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not
belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of
sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who

raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SERMON

Pastor Scott Ludford

SPECIAL MUSIC *Jesus Is All the World to Me* Jill Sousek, piano

APOSTLES' CREED

We have been made God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

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 into hell. 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

Hear us, O God. / **Your mercy is great.**

The petitions conclude: ... through Jesus Christ our Lord. / Amen

LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

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.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SPECIAL MUSIC *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* Jill Sousek, piano

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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