

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Waiting on the Lord  
June 26, 29 & 30, 2024

### AS WE GATHER

There's an old English proverb which states, "Good things come to those who wait." Though a nice thought, there is no certainty of the saying coming to fruition. The Word of God, however, is always true, especially as we hear the Old Testament Reading from Lamentations: "The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD" (3:25–26). Even as we hear in today's Gospel from Mark, people waited in affliction and grief, as Jesus would heal a woman's twelve-year ailment and raise the dead daughter of a synagogue ruler. Though our waiting on the Lord may not result in a miracle in this earthly life, in our greatest wait we are assured of what is sure to come to fruition as we, "wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD" (Lamentations 3:26).

**Reception of Holy Communion:** If you are planning to receive Christ's supper today, please read through the words of exhortation in the fellowship folder. For members, it is a good review of important spiritual matters for gathering at the table. For guests, it explains our stance on confession of faith, doctrinal unity, and proper spiritual preparation to receive the Supper for your benefit.

### WELCOME

You also were included in Christ  
when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.  
Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.  
Ephesians 1:13 NIV

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

#### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### OPENING HYMN #809

#### "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

(Rise)

### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Great is the Lord's faithfulness, even though we have been unfaithful. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: We hear the voice of the Lord through His Word as we come before Him: "The LORD is good to those who wait for Him. . . . It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD." In our waiting, we have not been faithful.

People: **We confess we have not always used our time in ways pleasing to you and have become apathetic as we wait for you. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

Pastor: We hear the voice of the Lord through the apostle Paul as he commended the generous giving of the Macedonians: “But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.” In our giving, we have not been faithful.

**People: We confess we have not always faithfully managed your time, treasures, and talents entrusted to us. We have often been selfish instead of stewards and have failed to excel in the grace of giving to others, for the Gospel and for the sake of your kingdom.**

Pastor: We hear the voice of Jesus in today’s Gospel and watch the power of His Word as Christ commends the faith of a long-suffering woman healed and raises from the dead the daughter of Jairus.

**People: We confess in our times of distress, we have doubted. In our times of sadness, we have separated ourselves from your sustenance for our spirits. We have allowed other voices around us to direct us instead of the voice of your Word, which brings us lasting comfort, peace, and hope.**

Pastor: Great is the Lord’s faithfulness, even though we have been unfaithful. We hear the voice of the Lord assuring and affirming us in our time of waiting and time of need. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

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To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus’ birth!  
We praise and bless you, Father; Your holy name, we sing –  
Our thanks for your great glory, Lord God, our Heav’nly King.

To You, O solebegotten, The Father’s Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow’r are seated At God’s right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High.  
In God the Father’s glory. “Amen!” our glad reply.

#### **SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, during His earthly ministry your Son, Jesus, healed the sick and raised the dead. By the healing medicine of the Word and Sacraments, pour into our hearts such love toward you that we may live eternally; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

#### **☩ WORD ☩**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Lamentations 3:22–33* (Great is the Lord’s faithfulness.) <sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup>they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup>“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” <sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. <sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. <sup>27</sup>It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. <sup>28</sup>Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him; <sup>29</sup>let him put his mouth in the dust— there may yet be hope; <sup>30</sup>let him give his cheek to the one who strikes, and let him be filled with insults. <sup>31</sup>For the Lord will not cast off forever, <sup>32</sup>but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; <sup>33</sup>for he does not afflict from his heart or grieve the children of men.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *2 Corinthians 8:1–9, 13–15* (Encouragement to give generously)

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia,<sup>2</sup> for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.<sup>3</sup> For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord,<sup>4</sup> begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints —<sup>5</sup> and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

<sup>6</sup> Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace.<sup>7</sup> But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.<sup>8</sup> I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine.<sup>9</sup> For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.<sup>13</sup> For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness<sup>14</sup> your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness.<sup>15</sup> As it is written, “Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 5:21–43* (Jesus heals a woman and Jairus’s daughter.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fifth chapter.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup> And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea.<sup>22</sup> Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet<sup>23</sup> and implored him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live.”<sup>24</sup> And he went with him. And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him.<sup>25</sup> And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years,<sup>26</sup> and who had

suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse.<sup>27</sup> She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment.<sup>28</sup> For she said, “If I touch even his garments, I will be made well.”<sup>29</sup> And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.<sup>30</sup> And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my garments?”<sup>31</sup> And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’”<sup>32</sup> And he looked around to see who had done it.<sup>33</sup> But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth.<sup>34</sup> And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”<sup>35</sup> While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler’s house some who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?”<sup>36</sup> But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.”<sup>37</sup> And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James.<sup>38</sup> They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.<sup>39</sup> And when he had entered, he said to them, “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.”<sup>40</sup> And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was.<sup>41</sup> Taking her by the hand he said to her, “Talitha cumi,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.”<sup>42</sup> And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement.<sup>43</sup> And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **CHILDREN’S SONG & CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**“Father I Adore You”** Terrye Coelho

Father, I adore You and I lay my life before You, How I love You!

Jesus, I adore You and I lay my life before You, How I love You!

Spirit, I adore You and I lay my life before You, How I love You!

Three-in-one, I adore You and I lay my life before You, How I love You!

**SERMON HYMN #761 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"**

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly: Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

**SERMON**

(Rise)

**OFFERTORY**

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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.

**NICENE CREED**

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.

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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.

(Be seated)

**OFFERING** As your offering is collected, **please sign our fellowship folder** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the folder along to others in your pew, and return it to the center aisle. You may check the folder to see names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, from whom our help comes, you have brought us into your Holy Christian Church and made Christ our shield from every enemy.

Preserve us in such faith until at last you bring us out of this world in the resurrection forevermore. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Holy Father, you have shown to your Church the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who for our sakes became poor that by His poverty we might become rich. Give us generous hearts, that our abundance may supply our fellow saints in their need. Let our preachers serve for the sake of Christ's call, not for earthly gain; and let those who have received excellence in faith, speech, knowledge and every other gift of God's Word provide richly for the preaching of the Gospel and the work of the Church. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Gracious Lord, your compassion does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men, but your mercies are new every morning. Bestow your steadfast love on every Christian home. Turn parents in kindness to their children; make children ready in obedience and love toward their parents and each other. Let the young learn discipline and trust in you, and let fathers not exasperate their children, but be devoted to the fear and instruction of the Lord as examples to them. Bless all marriages especially Barb Heimsoth & family celebrating her parents, Lyle & Phyllis', 70th wedding anniversary and Paul & Jo Shemanske celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Continue to bless and preserve them, as they grow closer to you and one another. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Lord, you did not turn aside the bold request of Jairus nor the timid faith of the woman. We implore you, hear our prayers for those in need. Drive away our fears and give us believing faith. Give healing and strength to the sick and suffering especially Wendy, June, Audrey, Janice, David, Helga, Ruth, Karen, Dick, Michael, Margie, Anna, Charlene, Danielle, Marlene, RoseMarie, Dorothy, Marga, Ardis, Noah, Guy, Mike, Jill, Janet, Vern, Cathy, Shirley and Sarah. Give comfort to those who mourn in the knowledge that Christ has destroyed death and all who die in Him are only sleeping until you awaken them at the Last Day. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, your Son used His divine powers as a man on earth to heal and save. We thank you that He continues to use His divine powers as a man, bodily present in the Holy Sacrament, to deliver His healing and saving power to faith. Grant that we may worthily seek this medicine of immortality in the Lord's Supper, believing His promises and receiving them now and in eternity. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before you, where He ever stands for us as our own High

Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to you alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

#### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

#### PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

#### SANCTUS

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Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

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O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Be seated)

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#### HYMN #571 "God Loved the World So That He Gave"

God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save,  
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.

Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death;  
All then who trust in Him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.

God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh;  
His Spirit in the Word declares How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.

Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which you have done;  
And, justified by Jesus' blood, Your Baptism grants the highest good.

If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.

Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

#### HYMN #789 "Praise and Thanksgiving"

Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer  
For all things living, Created good:  
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard,  
Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.

Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You  
That with our neighbor We may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling, We would work with You,  
Harvesting, milling For daily bread.

Father, providing Food for Your children,  
By Your wise guiding Teach us to share  
One with another, So that, rejoicing  
With us, all others May know Your care.

#### HYMN #621 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand.

King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture, In the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the Light of Light, descending From the realms of endless day,  
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish As the darkness clears a way.

At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

#### COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

#### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have  
refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your  
mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You  
and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son,  
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever.

People: Amen.

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN #731      “O God, Forsake Me Not”**

O God, forsake me not! Your gracious presence lend me;  
Lord, lead Your helpless child; Your Holy Spirit send me  
That I my course may run. O be my light, my lot,  
My staff, my rock, my shield – O God, forsake me not!

O God, forsake me not! Take not Your Spirit from me;  
Do not permit the might Of sin to overcome me.  
Increase my feeble faith, Which You alone have wrought.  
O be my strength and pow’r – O God, forsake me not!

O God, forsake me not! Lord, hear my supplication!  
In ev’ry evil hour Help me resist temptation;  
And when the prince of hell My conscience seeks to blot,  
Be then not far from me – O God, forsake me not!

O God, forsake me not! Lord, I am Yours forever.  
O keep me strong in faith That I may leave You never.  
Grant me a blessed end When my good fight is fought;  
Help me in life and death – O God, forsake me not!

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