

# THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, June 6, 2021  
11:00 A.M.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Plain text indicates a part of the liturgy led by a worship leader.  
**Bold text indicates the congregational response.**

Hymn numbers refer to their corresponding pages in the back of the  
cranberry-colored *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal.

Welcome  
Prayer Requests

Prelude

*Meditation on A Mighty Fortress*

Phil Lehenbauer

## ENTRANCE RITE

*We stand as we are able.*

Hymn 607

*Come, Ye Disconsolate*

Greeting

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

C **And also with you.**

*Standing is the posture of the resurrection. We stand when we sing hymns and for other parts of the service as an expression of resurrection joy. It is a way of proclaiming that Jesus is powerfully alive! Colossians 3:14-18*

*The Gloria*  
 ("Glory to  
 God...") is a con-  
 tinuation of resur-  
 rection praise.  
 With the angels  
 we sing God's  
 glory revealed in  
 Je-sus Christ.  
 (Luke 2:14).

## Gloria

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - mighty God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

*The Prayer of the Day is tied to the overall theme of the scripture lessons or, sometimes, to the theme of day if it is a special occasion in the church calendar.*

#### Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory.

Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*We are seated.*

*The tradition of reading sacred scripture in worship is a tie to our roots in Judaism. 1 Timothy 4:13 reminds us of the importance of this practice.*

*The first lesson is normally from the Old Testament.*



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Genesis 3:8-15

L A reading from Genesis.

<sup>8</sup>[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.<sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"<sup>10</sup>He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."<sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"<sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate."<sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel."

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 130

*We chant the Psalm responsively, with the congregation singing the **bold** verses..*

<sup>1</sup>Out | of the depths

I cry to | you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, | hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.**

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch | over sins,

O LORD, | who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>**Yet with you | is forgiveness,**

**in order that you | may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; | my soul waits;

in your word | is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning,  
more than those who keep watch | for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is | steadfast love;  
with the LORD there is plen- | teous redemption.

<sup>8</sup>**For the LORD shall | redeem Israel  
from | all their sins.**

*A Psalm is spoken or sung as a meditation on the first lesson and as a response to it.*

*The second reading, usually from the New Testament letters, bears the witness of the early church.*

## Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

**L** A reading from Second Corinthians.

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

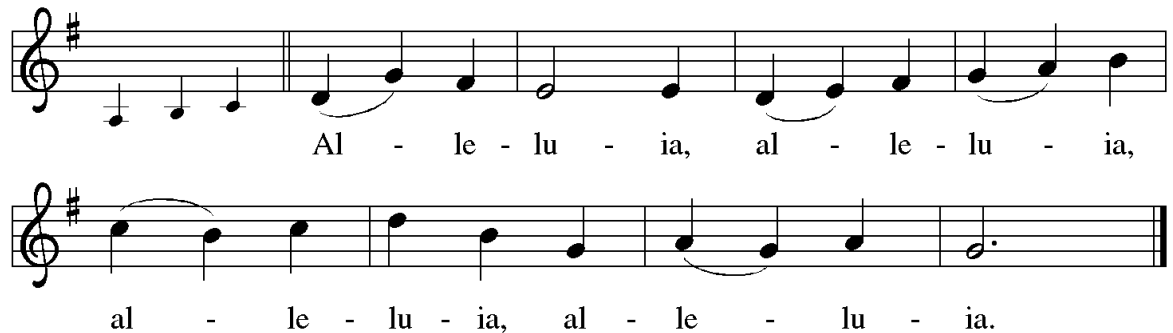
<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*We stand.*

### Gospel Acclamation



*The Liturgy of the Word culminates in the reading of the gospel and the sermon by which Christ comes among his people and speaks to us in our own context. Because of this we stand to listen to the good news of our Lord.*

### The Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus went home;] <sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him.

<sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." <sup>33</sup>And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

*We sit.*

## Sermon

Pastor James Armentrout

*We stand as we are able and sing the hymn.*

## Hymn 504

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*This hymn complements the day's scripture readings and sermon.*

*We make our confession of faith together in response to the whole proclamation of the Word of God.*

*The Apostles' Creed (which begins, "I believe...") is traditionally attributed to the first apostles, working under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It has been known to the church since at least the fourth century.*

*We join our hearts in prayer as we pray for the Church, for the well-being of creation, for peace and justice, for those in need. 1 Timothy 2:1-2*

*Much more than a pleasant greeting—we do this to proclaim God's promise of peace. 2 Corinthians 13:11*

## The Apostles' Creed

**P** Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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**

## The Prayers



*Each petition concludes:*

**L** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

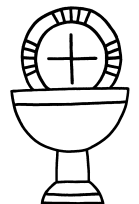
## THE EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

### The Peace

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*The congregation greets one another with a gesture of peace. Some worshippers may not yet be comfortable with traditional exchanges of peace. Smiles, waves, and elbow bumps all communicate the promise of God's peace as fully as hugs and handshakes.*



### The Offering

*Our gifts are received and dedicated to our Lord's service. These offerings support the ministries of this congregation, the Virginia Synod, ELCA, and our global mission partners.*

## Anthem

## Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

W. Walker

Creating God, your fingers trace  
The bold designs of farthest space;  
Let sun and moon and stars and light  
And what lies hidden praise your might.

Sustaining God, your hands uphold  
Earth's myst'ries known or yet untold;  
Let water's fragile blend with air,  
Enabling life, proclaim your care.

Redeeming God, your arms embrace  
All now despised for creed or race;  
Let peace, descending like a dove,  
Make known on earth your healing love.

Indwelling God, your gospel claims  
One fam'ly with a myriad names;  
Let ev'ry life be touched by grace  
Until we praise you face to face.

- text by Jeffrey Rowthorn

*We stand as we are able and sing the Offertory.*

## Offertory

## God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*As our gifts of offerings and tithes are brought forward we sing a canticle of thanksgiving for God's generous goodness.*



God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and  
end - less store: na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom,  
cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door, gift - ed by you,  
we turn to you, of - fring up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall  
rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.

*Our prayer is modeled after the Jewish prayer of thanksgiving and dedicates the giver to a stewardship of all life.*

## Offertory Prayer

**P** Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life,,  
**C** **you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.  
Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.  
Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world.  
Amen**

*The Thanksgiving Dialogue begins the part of our worship called the Great Thanksgiving.*

*The dialogue and the Proper Preface are ancient parts of the worship which proclaim our thanks for the gifts of God in the meal.*

## Thanksgiving Dialogue

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## The Proper Preface

*The presiding minister continues:* "It is indeed right and salutary..."

*The proper preface concludes:* "we praise your name and join their unending hymn."

*The Sanctus echoes the angels' cry in Isaiah 6:3 and the crowds of Mark 11:9 as Jesus entered Jerusalem.*

*This reminds us that we are in the presence of a God identified both by holiness and humility.*

## Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



*The Eucharistic Prayer recalls God's saving acts throughout history and, particularly, the words and actions, the commands and promises of Jesus at the last supper with his disciples as recorded in scripture.*

*The Lord's Prayer brings the Great Thanksgiving to a conclusion. Prayed here, this familiar and beloved prayer becomes the table-prayer of the congregation. Luke 11:1-13; Matthew 6:5-15*

### Eucharistic Prayer

**P** Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.  
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C Amen**

### The Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

*We are seated.*

**COMMUNION WITH OUR RISEN LORD  
WELCOME TO CHRIST'S TABLE**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

We come to the altar rail by way of the center aisle. We will be handed a wafer which we will intinct (dip) in the chalice. We will return to our seats by way of the side aisles.

Communion Hymn 462

*Now We Join in Celebration*

*Once we have all received the sacrament and returned to our seats, we celebrate the personal encounter with the risen Christ through blessing, prayer, and singing.*

#### Post-Communion Blessing

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen

#### Post-Communion Prayer

**P** Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life,

**C** **we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.**

**As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray. Amen**

#### Blessing

**P** Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen

#### Hymn 537

*On Our Way Rejoicing*

*We are dismissed from worship knowing that our service does not end. Rather, having been in the presence of the risen Lord, we leave so that our service may truly begin.*

#### Dismissal

**P** Go in peace, loving God and loving your neighbor.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

#### Postlude

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Helmut Walcha



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