

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY, June 18, 2022 5:00 PM

SUNDAY, June 19, 2022 8:15 AM

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WEEKEND WORSHIP TIMES

5:00 pm Saturday Worship

8:15 am Sunday Worship

9:45 am Sunday School and Bible Class

11:00 am Sunday Worship (Contemporary Music)

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – TREE OF LIFE SERMON SERIES

June 18 & 19, 2022

5:00 PM & 8:15 AM

AS WE GATHER

As we enter the long Church Year season of Pentecost, the liturgical color green is commonly used for the many weeks ahead. Like many things planted by a gardener or farmer in spring, green shows growth and maturation of that which was planted. In the same way, at this time of the Church Year, we are reminded that that green carries the symbolic importance of our continued need and privilege as God's people to grow and mature as disciples of Christ through the Holy Spirit given. The Readings in this Pentecost season often remind us of the Early Church continuing to grow and spread to all people, which has continued to us here and now beginning in our Baptism and through all the days the Lord grants us.

PRELUDE

Organ

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: ONCE HE CAME IN BLESSING

LSB 333

(Please Stand)

INVOCATION *Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Isaiah 11:1; Psalm 36:7*

- P** There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
C and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
- P** The tree of life:
C God's promise of salvation.
- P** How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
C The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

(or)

A In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: FRUITFUL TREES, THE SPIRIT'S SOWING

LSB 691 v. 1-3



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, May we rip - en
2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing Gifts the Giv - er
3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern



and in - crease, Fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly fast - er,



Rich in love and joy and peace.
Pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
Good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 22:1-14*

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Galatians 3:23-4:7*

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

¹I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *John 6:68*

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 8:26-39*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.

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

²⁶Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." ²⁹For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. ³¹And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³²Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

³⁴When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please Be Seated)

1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -
va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

Refrain
There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me
dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

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HYMN OF THE DAY: AWAY FROM US! THE DEMON CRIED

LSB 541

SERMON

CREDAL HYMN: WE ALL BELIEVE IN ONE TRUE GOD

LSB 953

1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,
3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,
Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;
Who de - scend - ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;
Who sus - tains and com - forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.
All He made His love en - folds, All cre - a - tion He up - holds.
By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.
Bless - ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

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(Please Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P God the Father Almighty, You so loved the world that You gave Your only-begotten Son
C to save us from our sin and to make us Your children and heirs of all Your blessings through faith in Him.

P We pray for our families: On this celebratory weekend, we pray for fathers,
C that they faithfully lead their families and children in the way of Christ and peace;

- P** Lift up all those who are weighed down by the guilt and shame of sin. Release them from their bondage
- C** **and point them to forgiveness at the feet of Jesus.**
- P** Lord, walk with all those who are grieving in the shadow of death, [*especially . . .*]. Look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Comfort them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal life.
- C** **Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will.**
- P** Strengthen all those who are fighting against the power of Satan. Remind them of Your presence in Your Word and Sacraments. Give hope to all those who are isolated and lonely.
- C** **Bring them into the presence of the loving community of Your Church that they find help and hope among Your people.**

(Special Petitions)

- P** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

Your tithes and offerings shape the lives of people through the Gospel of Jesus Christ for now and eternity. Thank you for your generosity! "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

OFFERTORY: TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

LSB 783 v. 1, 4 & 6



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;
 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its trea - sure store;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
 Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

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‡ SACRAMENT ‡

We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.

How should we each examine ourselves before coming to Holy Communion?

1. Be aware of our sins and be sorry for them
2. Believe in our Savior, Jesus Christ, and in His words in the Sacrament
3. Intend, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to live as God's forgiven people walking in newness of life

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P 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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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 *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



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

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

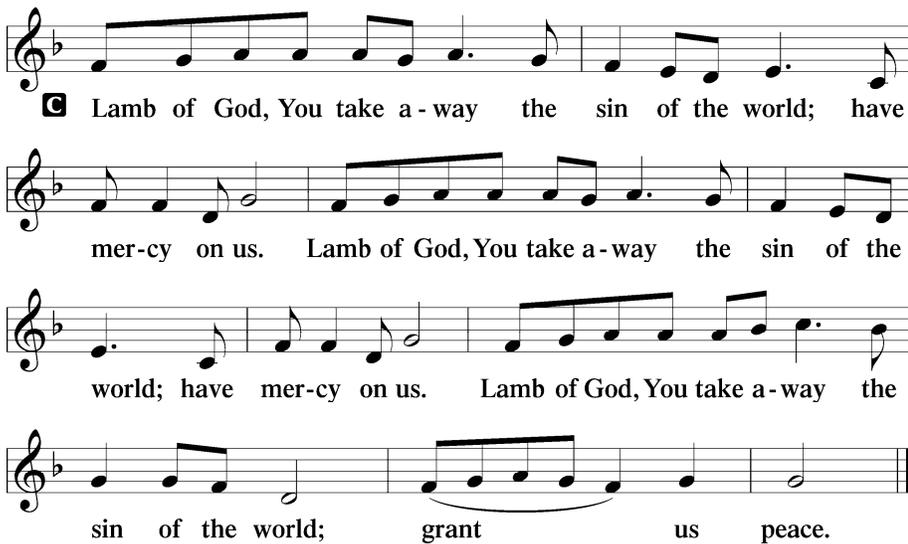
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PAX DOMINI *John 20:19*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen

AGNUS DEI *John 1:29*



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please Be Seated)

✠ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS ✠

I BIND UNTO MYSELF TODAY

LSB 604

AMAZING GRACE

LSB 744

YOUR HAND, O LORD, IN DAYS OF OLD

LSB 846

(Please Stand)

POST COMMUNION VERSE: SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

LSB 643 v. 1

I Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con - fess-ing,
 The peo - ple of God from His dwell - ing take leave.
 The Sup - per is end - ed. O now be ex - tend - ed
 The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
 The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,
 Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
 His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us
 To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.

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BENEDICAMUS

- P** We are people loved by Christ
- C** **Sharing Christ's love.**

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

- P** 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.
- C** **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: CHRIST, THE LORD OF HOSTS, UNSHAKEN

LSB 521

POSTLUDE

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