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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, July 17, 2022 11:00 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)

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AS WE GATHER

Our prayers are filled with “just one more thing” that we ask of God. Crowded into the prayers of God’s people are the manifold concerns and burdens of this mortal life. But from another perspective, it is not one more thing but one thing only. In the Gospel for today, we see the contrast between the many things occupying the attention and creating stress upon Martha and the one thing needful, which her sister, Mary, has recognized. It is this one thing to which we are called today, and it is the key to finding our way through the stresses, burdens, and concerns that complicate our lives of faith.

PRESERVICE

Instrumental

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: 10,000 REASONS Redman

CHORUS: Bless the Lord O my soul. O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before. O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes CHORUS

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find CHORUS

Interlude

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore CHORUS X2

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name
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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; 1 Corinthians 6:11*

- 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** But you were washed, you were sanctified,
C You were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; 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)

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 18:1-14*

¹ The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." ¹⁰The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Colossians 1:21-29*

²¹You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 3:13-17*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 3 :13-17*

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13तब येशू गालीलबाट यूहन्नाकहाँ तिनीद्वारा बप्टिसमा लिन यर्दनमा आउनुभयो। 14तर यूहन्नाले यसो भनेर उहाँलाई रोक्न खोजे, "बरु मलाई पो तपाईंबाट बप्टिसमा लिनु आवश्यक छ, र के तपाईं मकहाँ आउनुहुने?" 15तर येशूले तिनलाई भननुभयो, "अहिलेलाई यसै हुन देऊ। किनभने यसरी नै हामीहरूले सबै धार्मिकता पूरा गर्नुपर्दछ।" तब यूहन्ना राजी भए। 16अनि येशू बप्टिसमा लिएर तुरुन्तै पानीबाट माथि निस्कनुभयो, अनि स्वर्ग उघ्रियो, र उहाँले परमेश्वरका आत्मालाई ढुकुरझैँ ओर्लिरहनुभएको र आफूमाथि आइरहनुभएको देख्नुभयो। 17तब स्वर्गबाट यो वाणी आयो, "यिनी मेरा प्रिय पुत्र हुन्, यिनीसँग म अति प्रसन्न छु।"

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

- C** I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ,
His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

विश्वासको सार

म विश्वास गर्दछु -

एक ईश्वर सर्वशक्तिमान पिता, स्वर्ग र पृथ्वी सृजनेमाथि ।
 अनि उहाँको एकले पुत्र हाम्रा प्रभु येशू खीष्टमाथि ।
 उहाँ पवित्र-आत्माका शक्तिले देहधारी हुनुभयो ।
 कन्ये मरियमदेखि जन्मनुभयो ।
 पन्तियस पिलातसको अधिकारमा दुःख भोग्नुभयो ।
 क्रूसमा टाँगिनुभयो ।
 मारिनुभयो अनि गाडिनुभयो । आत्मालोकमा उत्रनुभयो ।
 तेस्रो दिनमा मरेकाहरूबाट विउँतनुभयो ।
 स्वर्गमा चढिजानुभयो ।
 सर्वशक्तिमान ईश्वर पिताको दाहिने हातपट्टि बस्नु भएको छ ।
 जहाँदेखि उहाँ
 जीउँदो र मरेकाहरूको न्याय गर्नलाई आउनुहुनेछ ।
 म विश्वास गर्दछु -
 पवित्र आत्मामाथि, पवित्र विश्व एक्लेसियामाथि,
 पवित्रहरूको संगतिमाथि,
 पाप मोचनमाथि, शरीरको पुनरुत्थानमाथि
 र अजम्मरी जीवनमाथि अभिन ।

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE GOD LOVES ME DEARLY

LSB 392 v.1

I 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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SONG OF THE DAY: BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

LSB 537

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
 Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
 Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;
 Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
 Glory and honor, Praise, adoration Now and forevermore be thine!

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SERMON

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray to the Lord on behalf of all people and especially for the people of God and the saints in this place.

For the Lord to grant us knowledge of the mystery long hidden and revealed in Christ, that we may rejoice in our own salvation and be bearers of this Good News to the world at large, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For loving hearts, patience, and compassion, that we not speak harshly but with kindness, putting the best construction on all things, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For hospitality, that our homes be places of love and that our churches welcome new people with genuine affection in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For peace among the nations, for an end to violence and hate, and for responsible leaders in government who will hearken to the voice of God's Word and serve us with justice and integrity, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick, the suffering, the grieving, and the dying, [*especially . . .*], and all whom we name before the Lord in our hearts [*silence*], that God answer them with mercy, heal them in accordance with His will, and bring them to everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

(Special Petitions)

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

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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.**

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

प्रभुले सिकाउनुभएको प्रार्थना (मत्ती ६:९-१३)
हे हाम्रा पिता, जो स्वर्गमा बसुहुन्छ,
तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र होस्।
तपाईंको राज्य आओस्,
तपाईंको ाच्छा स्वर्गमा जस्तो छ त्यस्तै ास पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस्।
हामीलाई आज हाम्रो दैनिक भोजन दिनुहोस्।
हाम्रा अपराध क्षमा गर्नुहोस्,
जसरी हामीले पनि आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं।
हामीलाई परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्,
तर दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस्।
किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा सदासर्वदा तपाईंकै हुन्।
आमिन्।

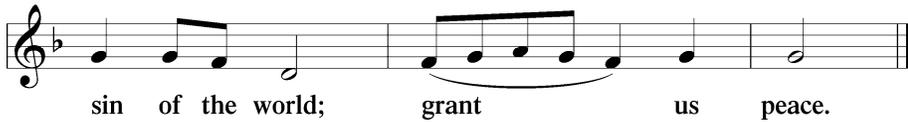
PAX DOMINI *John 20:19*

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



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IT IS WELL DiMarco

Grander earth has quaked before Moved by the sound of His voice
 And seas that are shaken and stirred Can be calmed and broken for my regard

PRE-CHORUS: Through it all, through it all My eyes are on You
 Through it all, through it all, it is well
 Through it all, through it all My eyes are on You, and it is well with me.

And far be it from me to not believe Even when my eyes can't see
 And this mountain that's in front of me Will be thrown into the midst of the sea

PRE-CHORUS: Through it all, through it all My eyes are on You
 Through it all, through it all, it is well
 Through it all, through it all My eyes are on You, and it is well.

It is well . . .

So let go, my soul, and trust in Him
 The waves and wind still know His name REPEAT X3

The waves and wind still know His name

CHORUS: It is well with my soul, It is well with my soul
 It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul. REPEAT CHORUS

It is well, it is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

PRE-CHORUS: Through it all, through it all My eyes are on You
 Through it all, through it all, it is well
 Through it all, through it all My eyes are on You, and it is well with me

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I WILL WAIT FOR YOU Kauflin/Gwetty/Merker/Townend

Out of the depths I cry to You In darkest places I will call
Incline Your ear to me anew And hear my cry for mercy Lord

Were You to count my sinful ways How could I come before Your throne
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze I stand redeemed by grace alone

CHORUS 1: I will wait for You I will wait for You
On Your word I will rely
I will wait for You surely wait for You
Till my soul is satisfied

So put Your hope in God alone Take courage in His power to save
Completely and forever won By Christ emerging from the grave

His steadfast love has made a way And God Himself has paid the price
That all who trust in Him today Find healing in His sacrifice CHORUS 1

CHORUS 2: I will wait for You I will wait for You
Through the storm and through the night
I will wait for You surely wait for You
For Your love is my delight
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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 SONG: NOBODY Casting Crowns

Why You ever chose me
Has always been a mystery
All my life I've been told I belong
At the end of the line
With all the other Not-Quites
With all the Never-Get-It-Rights
But it turns out they're the ones
You were looking for
All this time

CHORUS

('Cause) I'm just a nobody
Tryin' to tell everybody
Well all about Somebody
Who saved my soul
Ever since You rescued me
You gave my heart a song to sing
I'm living for the world to see nobody but Jesus
I'm living for the world to see nobody but Jesus

Well Moses had stage fright
And David brought a rock to a sword fight
You picked twelve outsiders nobody would've chosen
And You changed the world
Well the moral of the story is
Everybody's got a purpose
So when I hear that devil start talking to me saying
Who do you think you are
I say

CHORUS

BRIDGE

So let me go down down down in history
As another blood-bought
Faithful member of the family
And if they all forget my name
Well that's fine with me
I'm living for the world to see nobody but Jesus
I'm living for the world to see nobody but Jesus

REPEAT BRIDGE

CHORUS

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POSTLUDE

Instrumental

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