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And **SPREAD** the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Worship –9:00 AM

+ Service of Holy Communion +

Divine Service, Setting One (LSB)

AS WE GATHER – *When Israel was in exile, God called Ezekiel to speak for Him to tell the truth to Israel. The Lord made no promises about results, but at least the people would recognize that a prophet had been among them. After His hometown did not believe His Messiahship, Jesus still sent out the Twelve to the surrounding towns. Not only did He instruct them about what to do or say, He also prepared them for rejection and how to respond to it. Now it is our turn, as we are called to tell others the truth about sin and grace. But we might think we are not up to the task. Here, Paul is our model, for he was well aware of his limitations, including his thorn in the flesh. Rather than keep silent, he spoke and wrote, confident that God's power was made perfect in weakness. Our worship today is a reminder that above all else, the truth reveals God's great love for us in Christ.*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Shout to the North" with "God Bless Our Native Land"
by Carol Tornquist

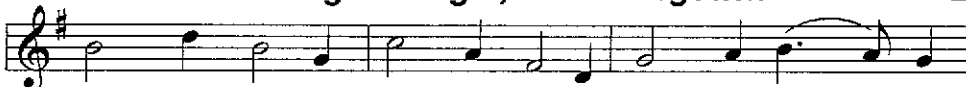
WELCOME

[♩ Means please stand; ♪ Means please be seated]

♩ OPENING HYMN

Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten

LSB 914



1 Light of Light, O Sole - Be - got - ten Ra - diance of the
2 Word e - ter - nal, through Your be - ing God cre - at - ed
3 Still Your brood - ing Spir - it hov - ers O - ver cha - os,
4 Come, Lord Je - sus, by Your Spir - it In our hearts Your



Fa - ther's face, Word made flesh, who lived a - mong us
all we see, When the emp - ty spac - es ech - oed
dark and deep, Call - ing out with in - vi - ta - tion:
work be - gin, Bring the heal - ing res - to - ra - tion

(continued)

Full of truth and full of grace, Shine up - on our
 With the Fa - ther's "Let there be . . ." Light and life burst
 "Rise, a - wak - en from your sleep; Christ the Lord will
 Of Your im - age lost by sin; From Your full - ness

hu - man dark - ness; Pierce the night that shrouds our race.
 from the glo - rious Pow - er of Your maj - es - ty!
 shine up - on you And from death your soul shall keep."
 all re - ceiv - ing Grace on grace, new life with - in!

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INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION & FORGIVENES

- 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.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

- 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.**

INTROIT

Psalm 132:13–16; antiphon: Psalm 34:8

- P** *Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!*
C **Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!**
P *For the LORD has chosen Zion;*
C **he has desired it for his dwelling place:**
P *"This is my resting place forever;*
C **here I will dwell, for I have desired it.**
P *I will abundantly bless her provisions;*
C **I will satisfy her poor with bread.**
P *Her priests I will clothe with salvation,*

C and her saints will shout for joy.”

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P *Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!*

C Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

KYRIE

P *In peace let us pray to the Lord.*



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P *For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P *For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P *For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast



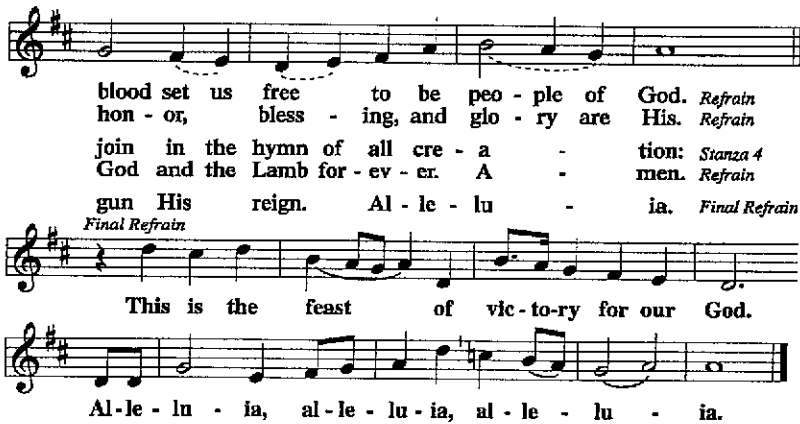
C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*



G And al - so with you.

P *Let us pray.*

All: O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 2:1-5

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

A *This is the Word of the Lord.* **G** Thanks be to God.

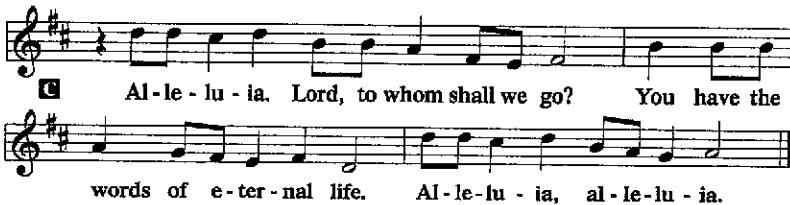
EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

A *This is the Word of the Lord.* **G** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE



G 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

Mark 6:1-13

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.*



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Christ, Our True and Only Light

LSB 839



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now
 3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may
 4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the
 5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
 lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose
 find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science
 wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who
 won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.
 in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
 sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
 walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
 You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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SERMON

"REJOICE IN WEAKNESS?"

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

- I. Our culture says that strength is good and weakness is bad.
- II. But Paul reminds us today that God's "power is made perfect in weakness."

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 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. 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 worshipped 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.

OFFERING *“O Christ, Our True and Only Light”* by Christopher S. Ahlman

OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Let us pray for the Church around the world, for ourselves and our nation, and for all people in their various circumstances. For peace and harmony between nations,*
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** *For human rights, freedom, and justice in our nation and for people everywhere,*
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** *For bountiful harvests and an end to malnutrition and hunger,*
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** *For human dignity and ample clothing and shelter,*
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** *For wise leaders, alert armed forces, and compassionate first responders,*
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** *For the bold proclamation of the Gospel and compassionate care for the poor,*
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** *For new insights into the workings of God's good creation,*

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P For answers to the prayers of [names, and] all who call to God for healing, comfort, or any other need,

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P For these and any other things You would have us ask, heavenly Father, that You would grant them for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,

C Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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.

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 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 singing:



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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we

beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, 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. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

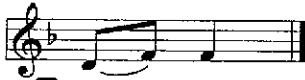
P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

Musical notation for Agnus Dei, consisting of four staves with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

Reminder: gluten free wafer (by holding up an index finger to the elder), and non-alcoholic wine (the white grape juice in the center) are also available.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

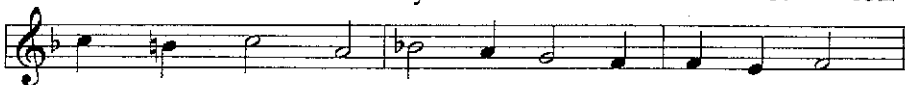
LSB 623



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may
 2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y
 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
 4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
 bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
 gift of love re - told; All that You are we
 in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
 stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
 sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
 here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
 til You come, To bring Your seat - tered loved ones home.
 wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

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How Firm A Foundation

LSB 728



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
 5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.
 My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
 Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

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Hope of the World

LSB 690



1 Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great com - pas - sion;
 2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,
 3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,
 4 Hope of the world, who by Thy cross didst save us
 5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,



Speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.
 Bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life,
 Show - ing to wan - d'ring souls the path of light,
 From death and dark de - spair, from sin and guilt,
 Who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain,



Save us, Thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
 Still let Thy Spir - it un - to us be giv - en
 Walk Thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways
 We ren - der back the love Thy mer - cy gave us;
 We would be faith - ful to Thy Gos - pel glo - rious.



Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
 To heal earth's wounds and end our bit - ter strife.
 Lure us a - way from Thee to end - less night.
 Take Thou our lives and use them as Thou wilt.
 Thou art our Lord! Thou dost for - ev - er reign!

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank the Lord



☞ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.

He re-calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P *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.*

G A - men.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you His peace.*

G A - men.

DISMISSAL

P *Go in peace! Serve the Lord!* **G** **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN

God Bless Our Native Land

LSB 965

1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;
Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard-ing with
wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
watch-ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

"The Festive Trumpet"

by Brian Glyncannon

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WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

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Altar Guild Marilyn Kettner & Beth Tevah
Communion Assistant David Kurth
Counters..... Brian Albee & Carl Kurth
Greeter Inge Fabian
Organist / Music Director..... Beth Buss
Service Web Recorder Robert Showalter
Service Live Streaming..... Renee Ortado
Ushers **Phil Vandre, *Naomi Kettner, Tim Cueva, Cameron Hatton, Devin Monasmith
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My **G**rade  
is sufficient for you, for  
my **power**  
is made perfect  
in **w e a k n e s s .**

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