

Second Sunday After Pentecost

June 11, 2023

For the Gathered –

Jesus has unexpected company.
He welcomes “sinners” to his table,
whom some religious leaders detest.

Those too good to dine with the Savior
missed out on his food, and his presence.
But those who are the searching and lost –
they feast on food, and the living Word.

Jesus still opens his table to all who come –
especially to sinners like us.



Greeting – ELW 147

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

(All) - And also with you.

Gathering Song – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty - ELW 858

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Assembly may stand

Confession and Forgiveness – ELW 95

(Pastor) Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God, and of one another. Gracious God –

(All) - have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you, and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry, and humbly repent.

In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done, and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(Pastor) God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Kyrie – ELW 147

(Liturgist) – In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(ALL) – Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

Canticle of Praise – ELW 139

(Liturgist) – Glory to God in the highest and peace to God’s people on earth.

(ALL SING) Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God, and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world - have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father – receive our prayer,
for you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High – Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, the Father. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Jesus, invite us to your feast. Don’t forget us – we are among the needy and hungry.
Invite our friends and neighbors too, O Lord, so we can all feast together with you.

Amen.

First Reading – Hosea 5:15 – 6:6

*God is still love, even when his children ignore him, and go their own way.
His divine love is unrelenting. He disciplines his people for their own good.
He continually calls them to come close to his side.*

I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress, they will beg my favor: “Come, let us return to the Lord, for it is he
who has torn, and he will heal us. He has struck down, and he will bind us up.

After two days he will revive us. On the third day - he will raise us up, that we may
live before him. Let us know. Let us press on to know the Lord. His appearing is as sure
as the dawn. He will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water
the earth.”

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.

Therefore, I have hewn them by the prophets. I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light.

For I desire steadfast love, and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God, rather than burnt offerings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50: 7-15

Listen as I speak, Israel. I speak a ^l word against you,
for I am the Lord, ^l your Lord God.

I do not accuse you for ^l your burnt offerings.

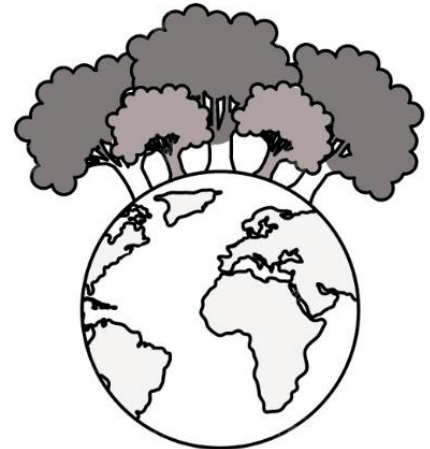
They are always ^l in my house.

But I will not accept a calf ^l from your stalls,
nor goats ^l from your pens,
for all the animals of the ^l wild are mine,
even the cattle on a ^l thou-sand hills.

I know every bird ^l that flies above,
all the creatures of the ^l field are mine.
If I were hungry, I would ^l not tell you,
for the world is mine, and ^l all in it.

Do you imagine that I eat the ^l flesh of bulls,
or drink the ^l blood of goats?
But offer to God a sacrifice ^l of giving thanks,
and be true to your vows to ^l The Most High.

Call upon me in the ^l day of trouble,
and I will deliver you, and you shall ^l give me honor.



Epistle Reading – Romans 4: 13-25

Paul teaches that the ideal of "grace" began before Christ came as Savior. He says that Abraham, of the Old Testament, was a sinner like us today, yet he trusted in God's promises. God responded with a gracious embrace, and made Abraham the father of many nations.

The promise that he would inherit the world, did not come to Abraham, or to his descendants, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath. But where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason, it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace, and be guaranteed to all his descendants. Not only to the adherents of the law, but also to those who share the faith of Abraham for he is the father of all of us, as it is written - "I have made you the father of many nations."

In the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist, hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said - "So numerous shall your descendants be."

He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead, for he was about a hundred years old, or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God.

But he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore, his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness."

Now, the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Gospel Announcement – Matt. 9: 9-13 and 18-26

(Assembly May Stand)

Acclamation – ELW 151

(ALL SING) - Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up, and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came, and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous, but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died. But come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.

Then, suddenly, a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter. Your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well.

When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players, and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead, but sleeping." And they laughed at him.

But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Sit)

Message - Everyone Gets a Chair

Installation - Council and Call Committee

Hymn of the Day - Lord of All Hopefulness - ELW 765 (vs.1-3)

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

(Assembly may stand)

Apostles' Creed – ELW 105

(ALL)

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 power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried. He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again, ascended into heaven, and was seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

Sit

Prayers of Intercession

Response

(Liturgist) – God, in your mercy,

(All) – Hear our prayer.

Offering and Prayer –

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord Jesus, you accept us in your loving embrace of forgiveness, and new life. Accept now these gifts we bring to you, so Shepherd of the Valley may be strengthened, and we may serve our Merced neighbors well.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer – ELW 154

**(ALL) - 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.**

Blessing

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

Amen.

(Assembly May Stand)

Sending Song – Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee - ELW 836

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922

(Sit)

Announcements

Dismissal –

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

(ALL) - Thanks be to God.

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