

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A New Heritage
June 10, 13, 14, 2020

AS WE GATHER

We begin the long, green season of Sundays after Pentecost by acknowledging the apostolic ministry whereby the authoritative Word of God is delivered to the world. Fundamental to faith in the Word is the understanding of our sin and the love of God for all. Through the apostle Paul, we are given this understanding—sin is an inherited disease from which no one is exempt as descendants of Adam. Even greater, however, is to understand and believe that forgiveness of sin and eternal life come to all who hear and believe the Gospel call to repentance. By Baptism we receive forgiveness and the righteousness of Christ our Savior. God's Word continue to be proclaimed to this day. Thank God for the ministry and His ministers who open to us the way of saving faith.

WELCOME

“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth,
for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak,
and he will declare to you the things that are to come.”

John 16:13

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN #913 “O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

O Holy Spirit, enter in, And in our hearts Your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us.

Sun of the soul, O Light divine, Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us That we may be Truly living,
To You giving Prayer unceasing And in love be still increasing.

Give to Your Word impressive pow'r,
That in our hearts from this good hour As fire it may be glowing,
That in true Christian unity We faithful witnesses may be,
Your glory ever showing. Hear us, cheer us By Your teaching;
Let our preaching And our labor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

O mighty Rock, O source of life, Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
In us be strongly burning That we be faithful unto death
And live in love and holy faith, From You true wisdom learning.
Your grace and peace On us shower; By Your power Christ confessing,
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

(Rise)

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: For while we were still weak, Christ died for the ungodly.

**People: But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Baptized into Christ we have put on Christ.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sin that still so easily takes hold of us, and receive the full forgiveness our Lord daily provides for us.

People: Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ arisen! As your baptized people, Lord, forgive us, renew us, and preserve us in Easter joy.

Pastor: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless you, Father; Your holy name, we sing –
Our thanks for your great glory, Lord God, our Heav'nly King.

To You, O solebegotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High.
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of your apostles and prophets you have proclaimed to us your saving will. Grant us faith to believe your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 19:2–8* (At Mount Sinai)

²They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel." ⁷So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 5:6–15* (Reconciled through Christ)

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. ¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SONG

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven's gates to open wide.
He has washed away my sin, Lets His little child come in.
Yes Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 9:35–10:20* (Jesus sends out the Twelve.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth and tenth chapters.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.

³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ² The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. ⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.

⁹ Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. ¹¹ And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. ¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town. ¹⁶ “Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹ When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰ For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Be seated)

SERMON HYMN #497 “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your graces now out-poured
On each believer’s mind and heart; Your fervent love to them impart.
Lord, By the brightness of Your light In holy faith Your Church unite;
From ev’ry land and ev’ry tongue This to Your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung:
Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Light, guide divine, Now cause the Word of life to shine.
Teach us to know our God aright And call Him Father with delight.
From ev’ry error keep us free; Let none but Christ our master be
That we in living faith abide, In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, holy Fire, comfort true, Grant us the will Your work to do
And in Your service to abide; Let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by Your pow’r prepare each heart, And to our weakness strength impart
That bravely here we may contend,
Through life and death to You, our Lord, ascend. Alleluia, alleluia!

SERMON

“God Loves Weak People”

(Rise)

APOSTLES’ CREED

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.

OFFERING

Offering plates will be placed in the narthex and elevator room for gathering at the end of the service.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, we offer our humble prayer for the well-being of your Church throughout the world. Guide and govern it by your Holy Spirit that all Christians be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in the righteousness of life. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give wisdom and guidance to all who are in authority over us. Supply them with your blessing that they be led to do your will and walk according to your commandments. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We ask for your abiding presence in every situation that you make known your ways among us. Preserve those who travel, and help those who call upon you in any need that they have patience in the midst of suffering and, according to your will, be released from their afflictions. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant patience and healing to those in need, especially Jack, Louis, Dawn, Charles, Carol, Debbie, Edith, Mary, Marilyn, Dennis, Diane, Arlene, Dorothy, June, Jerry, Nancy, Russ, Bette, Cindy, Shirley, Katie, Sarah, Gladys, Shirley and Sarah. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Merciful Father, your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victorious over death and the grave. We remember with thanksgiving all your servants who trusted in Christ and now stand in your nearer presence, where all sorrows are turned to joy. Comfort the Burkee family mourning the passing of Marge and the Krueger, M DeLaCotera and Natarelli families mourning the passing of Sandra. Strengthen us all in the confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come that we await with joy our reunion in your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

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

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: **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.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

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O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION *Wait for the ushers to direct you to come forward.*

HYMN #503

“O Day Full of Grace”

O day full of grace that now we see Appearing on earth's horizon,
Bring light from our God that we may be Replete in His joy this season.
God shine for us now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts emblazon.

O day full of grace, O blessed time, Our Lord on the earth arriving;
Then came to the world that light sublime, Great joy for us all retrieving;
For Jesus all mortals did embrace, All darkness and shame removing.

For Christ bore our sins, and not His own, When He on the cross was hanging;
And then He arose and moved the stone That we, unto Him belonging,
Might join with angelic hosts to raise Our voices in endless singing.

God came to us then at Pentecost, His Spirit new life revealing,
That we might no more from Him be lost, All darkness for us dispelling.
His flame will the mark of sin efface And bring to us all His healing.

When we on that final journey go That Christ is for us preparing,
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow, All joy of the heavens sharing,
And walk in the light of God's own place, With angels His name adoring.

HYMN #693 "O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace"

O Holy Spirit, grant us grace That we our Lord and Savior
In faith and fervent love embrace And truly serve Him ever.
The hour of death cannot bring loss When we are sheltered by the cross
That canceled our transgressions.

Help us that we Thy saving Word In faithful hearts may treasure;
Let e'er that Bread of Life afford New grace in richest measure.
O make us die to ev'ry sin, Each day create new life within,
that fruits of faith may flourish.

And when our earthly race is run, Death's bitter hour impending,
Then may Thy work in us begun continue till life's ending,
Until we gladly may commend Our souls into our Savior's hand,
The crown of life obtaining.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in
loving-kindness sent your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank
you that for His sake you have given us pardon and peace in this
Sacrament, and we ask you not to forsake your children but always to
rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled
constantly to serve you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #839 "O Christ, Our True and Only Light"

O Christ, our true and only light, Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear your voice and in your fold with us rejoice.

Fill with the radiance of your grace The souls now lost in error's maze;
Enlighten those whose inmost minds Some dark delusion haunts and binds.

O gently call those gone astray That they may find the saving way!
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed In you find peace and heav'nly rest.

Shine on the darkened and the cold; Recall the wand'ers to your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart; Confirm the weak and doubting heart.

That they with us may evermore Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore
And endless praise to you be giv'n By all your church in earth and heav'n.

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