

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Children and Heirs  
June 15, 18 & 19, 2022

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### 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.

**Reception of Holy Communion:** If you are planning to receive Christ's supper today, please read through the words of exhortation in the fellowship folder. For members, it is a good review of important spiritual matters for gathering at the table. For guests, it explains our stance on confession of faith, doctrinal unity, and proper spiritual preparation to receive the Supper for your benefit.

### WELCOME

We give thanks to God always for all of you,  
constantly mentioning you in our prayers,  
remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love  
and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

### OPENING HYMN #594 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" Stanzas 1 & 2

God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!

1 continued

Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my Baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

(Rise)

### INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Arise, O LORD!

**People: Save me, O my God!**

Pastor: O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;

**People: many are saying of my soul, there is no salvation for him in God.**

Pastor: Arise, O LORD!

**People: Save me, O my God!**

Pastor: But You, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.

**People: I cried aloud to the LORD, and He answered me from His holy hill.**

Pastor: Arise, O LORD!

**People: Save me, O my God!**

Pastor: I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.

**People: I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.**

Pastor: Salvation belongs to the LORD; Your blessing be on Your people! Arise, O LORD!

**People: Save me, O my God!**

Pastor: Return to your home,

**People: and declare how much God has done for you.**

### HYMN #594 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" Stanzas 3 - 5

Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,  
and, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!

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Death, you cannot end my gladness; I am baptized into Christ!

When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!

Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:

Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.

There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!

Open eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.

Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:

I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We come before our Lord in confession, no longer as slaves, but as God's own children and as heirs of all He graciously gives.

**People: We confess we often remain captive and enslaved to our sin and have neglected the name you have given us as your children.**

Pastor: Like those in Isaiah's day, we are a rebellious people who walk in a way that is neither good nor faithful, following our own devices and desires.

**People: We, on our own, have no right to be called your heirs or to receive your blessings.**

Pastor: For the many times we forget Christ's power and victory and all we ever need fear in this body and life,

**People: forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: In spite of our sin, the Lord gives His grace and good news of hope, promise, and victory. To the people in Isaiah's day and to us, He speaks: "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for My servants' sake. . . . I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of My mountains; My chosen shall possess it, and My servants shall dwell there." Through the mercy and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus, and in spite of our sinful nature and willful breaking of His Law given out of love, He calls us His children and His heirs to set us free and to live in the victory He has won for us. Through Christ alone we have gained access to His grace by which we now stand. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, 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

**Refrain This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are His. *Refrain*

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. *Amen. Refrain*

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

### ✠ WORD ✠

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 65:1–9* (Judgment and salvation)

I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that was not called by my name. <sup>2</sup>I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; <sup>3</sup>a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; <sup>4</sup>who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; <sup>5</sup>who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. <sup>6</sup>Behold, it is written before me: "I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their lap <sup>7</sup>both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they made

offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their lap payment for their former deeds.”<sup>8</sup> Thus says the LORD: “As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, ‘Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,’ so I will do for my servants’ sake, and not destroy them all.”<sup>9</sup> I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *Galatians 3:23–4:7* (Children and heirs of salvation)

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

<sup>27</sup> For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup> but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup> In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 8:26–39* (Jesus heals a man with demons.)

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

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup> Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> When 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. <sup>28</sup> When 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.” <sup>29</sup> For 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.)

<sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup> Now 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. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned. <sup>34</sup> When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then 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. <sup>36</sup> And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then 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. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> “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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S SONG & CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (Saturday & Sunday)**

**“Rejoice in the Lord Always”** AGPS #203

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.

Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice.

Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice. (repeat song)

**SERMON HYMN #725 “Children of the Heavenly Father”**

Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.

God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

**SERMON “Members of God’s Family” Galatians 3:23-4:7**

(Rise)

**NICENE CREED**

**People: 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 men 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 worshiped 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.**

**OFFERINGS** As your offering is collected, **please sign our fellowship folder** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the folder along to others in your pew, and return it to the center aisle. You may check the folder to see names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Beloved heavenly Father, you are the designer of family and you make us all members of your family, the Holy Christian Church. Bless our families to live together in harmony and peace. Grant each one of us security and joy in the knowledge that we are members of your eternal family. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** O King of kings and Lord of lords, you call out to every nation of the earth seeking repentance and justice, even as many rebel against your will. Work repentance in all civil leaders. Use them to defend the weak and to punish the guilty, that the Church may have free course to preach the Gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Gracious God, your Son sent the man formerly possessed by demons to declare how much God had done for him. May each of us also, having been rescued from the snares of the devil, proclaim to our neighbors how much Jesus has done for us. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Compassionate Father, from whom all fatherhood is named, we give you thanks for earthly fathers. Give them confidence in their calling as fathers and zeal for their task to care for their families faithfully. Make them examples to their children of godly life and the love of your Word. Bless their work of bringing up children in the fear and instruction of the Lord, and give them the comfort of your grace to cover all their shortcomings. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Lord, your Son, Jesus, had pity on the man afflicted with an abundance of demons. Have mercy now on those who suffer afflictions of many kinds, including Gloria, Janet, Brian, Steve, Norma, Vern, Amy, Brian, Cathy, Jim, Vern, Mike, Elaine, Dorothy, Cindy, Don, Shirley, Richard, Helga, Louis, Dawn, Carol, Sarah, Debbie, Steve, Mary, June, Jerry, Shirley, Sarah and all for whom we pray. Give them healing, strength and an increase of faith. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Merciful God, Isaiah spoke of the new wine, full of blessings, that will not be destroyed. Grant us faithfully to eat and drink our Lord's own body and blood given in the fellowship of this altar, that we may be forgiven all our sins and strengthened to walk in your ways. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Gracious God, comfort those who grieve the passing of loved ones, especially Nigel Reinbachs and family as they remember Janis, the Weil family as they remember Judy who at this time would have had her 66<sup>th</sup> birthday and 43<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary, and Marilyn Sorcic who remembers Jack. Bless them with hope and peace in Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Dear Father, you know the condition of our souls, that we frequently wander into sins, vice and danger. Hear our prayers for the sake of Christ, who defeated demons and conquered sin and death so that we might receive adoption as sons; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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**

#### **PAX DOMINI**

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

**People: Amen.**

#### **AGNUS DEI**

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Be seated)

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

#### **HYMN #721**

#### **"Lead Me, Guide Me"**

**Refrain: Lead me, guide me, along the way; For if You lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow'r To help me over my weakest hour.  
Help me through the darkness Thy face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.  
I am putting all my trust in Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

I am lost if You take Your hand from me, I am blind without Thy light to see.  
Lord, always let me Thy servant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

#### **HYMN #862**

#### **"Oh, Blest the House"**

Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall, Where Jesus Christ is all in all!  
A home that is not wholly His How sad and poor and dark it is!

Oh, blest that house where faith is found And all in hope and love abound;  
They trust their God and serve Him still And do in all His holy will!

Oh, blest the parents who give heed Unto their children's foremost need  
And weary not of care or cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!

Oh, blest that house; it prospers well. In peace and joy the parents dwell,  
And in their children's lives is shown How richly God can bless His own.

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Then here will I and mine today A solemn promise make and say:  
Though all the world forsake His Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

**HYMN #643 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”**

Sent forth by God’s blessing, Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended. O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us  
To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.  
  
With praise and thanksgiving To God ever living,  
The tasks of our ev’ry day life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

**COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you call us your children, heirs of the blessings you bestow without any merit or worthiness in us. We thank you for the victory won for us out of your mercy, and for feeding us with this foretaste of the feast to come when all Your heirs will be free from sin and sorrow; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING SENTENCES**

Pastor: Arise, O LORD!

**People: Save me, O my God!**

Pastor: Return to your home,

**People: and declare how much God has done for you.**

**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 #922 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”**

Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.  
In My love’s baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.  
Go, My children, with My blessing – You are My own.  
  
Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.  
Here you heard My dear Son’s story; Here you touched Him, Saw His glory.  
Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.  
  
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.  
Here My Spirit’s power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.  
  
I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace.  
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace;  
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.

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