

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God and a Rebellious People

June 30, July 3 & 4, 2021

### AS WE GATHER

Israel was certainly a rebellious people, and yet in today's Old Testament Reading, God sends Ezekiel to speak to them. They were being punished as exiles in Babylon, but now they would know that God had not forgotten them; a prophet was among them! The future was full of grace, for they would return to the Promised Land when Cyrus came to power. In the Gospel, our Lord was speaking graciously even after being rejected in His hometown; He sent the Twelve to other towns. Although they might also be rejected, they would have opportunity to speak peace and to heal. And now, in our day, though we are all rebellious at times, the Gospel comes to us in power. Indeed, Paul says that God's power shows through his weakness. Through the Gospel, God enables us to change even our rebellious selves and to urge others to live as people pleasing to Him.

### WELCOME

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

### MINISTRY MOMENT – Joseph Bender, Korn Scholarship Fund

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believe . . . .

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching,  
for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,  
that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

(2 Timothy 3: 14, 16-17)

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### OPENING HYMN #965 “God Bless Our Native Land”

God bless our native land; Firm may she ever stand  
Through storm and night.  
When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave,  
Do Thou our country save By Thy great might.

So shall our prayers arise To God above the skies; On Him we wait.  
Thou who art ever nigh, Guarding with watchful eye,  
To Thee aloud we cry: God save the state!

(Rise)

### INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Your people, O God, were a rebellious people in Ezekiel's day.

People: **We, too, have rebelled against your good and gracious will. We have sinned against you in thoughts, words, and action. Forgive us and open our ears to your promises.**

Pastor: In great love, God sends His word of mercy and forgiveness. Now He uses Word and Sacrament and one another to assure us of the grace that is readily available to us. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore 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

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, you graciously used prophets and apostles to call your people to repentance.

**People: Grant us strength of faith in our day to announce your gracious love in Christ, that many repent and join us to celebrate your infinite mercy;**

Pastor: through your Son, 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** *Ezekiel 2:1–5* (The prophet is sent to “a rebellious house.”) And he said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.”<sup>2</sup> And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.<sup>3</sup> And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day.<sup>4</sup> The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God.’<sup>5</sup> And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *2 Corinthians 12:1–10* (Paul endures a thorn in the flesh, but God’s power shows forth when Paul is weak.) I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord.<sup>2</sup> I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows.<sup>3</sup> And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—<sup>4</sup> and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter.<sup>5</sup> On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses—<sup>6</sup> though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me.<sup>7</sup> So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the

revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.<sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.<sup>9</sup> But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.<sup>10</sup> For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN’S SONG #588

## “Jesus Loves Me”

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.

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 6:1–13* (After people in Jesus’ hometown do not believe, He sends out the disciples, who heal many in other towns.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

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

He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.<sup>2</sup> And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands?”<sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.<sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.”<sup>5</sup> And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them.<sup>6</sup> And he marveled because of their

unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup> And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

<sup>8</sup> He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—<sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup> And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there.” <sup>11</sup> And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. <sup>13</sup> And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Be seated)

### **SERMON 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’rers 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.

### **SERMON Pastor Noah’s Farewell Sermon**

(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.**

**OFFERING** As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** 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 book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: 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,

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For human rights, freedom, and justice in our nation and for people everywhere,

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For bountiful harvests and an end to malnutrition and hunger,

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For human dignity and ample clothing and shelter,

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For wise leaders, alert armed forces, and compassionate first responders,

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For the bold proclamation of the Gospel and compassionate care for the poor,

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For new insights into the workings of God’s good creation,

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For answers to the prayers of Ray, Russell, Versa, Don, Judy, Nancy, Dorothy, Steve, Marilyn, Cindy, Jan, Louis, Dawn, Carol, Debbie, Mary, Dennis, Diane, June, Jerry, Shirley, Sarah, Gladys, Shirley, Sara and all who call to God for healing. Comfort the family of Carol Schuerman who mourn her passing.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: 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,

**People: Lord, hear our prayer. 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**

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** Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

**HYMN #842 “Son of God, Eternal Savior”**

Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,  
You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead;  
Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs and help our need.

As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.  
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.  
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;  
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.  
By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.

Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race;  
By Your praying, by Your willing That Your people should be one,  
Grant, O grant our hope’s fruition: Here on earth Your will be done.

**HYMN #830 “Spread the Reign of God the Lord”**

Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spoken, written, mighty Word;  
Ev’rywhere His creatures call To His heav’nly banquet hall.

Tell how God the Father’s will Made the world, upholds it still,  
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.

Tell of our Redeemer’s grace, Who, to save our human race  
And to pay rebellion’s price, Gave Himself as sacrifice.

Tell of God the Spirit giv’n Now to guide us on to heav’n,  
Strong and holy, just and true, Working both to will and do.

Enter, mighty Word, the field; Ripe the promise of its yield.  
But the reapers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!

Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind;  
Let the gath'ring nations all See You light and heed Your call.

**“America the Beautiful”** W&R #727

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress  
a thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

**COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray. Grant, O Lord, that the lips which have sung your praise in the sanctuary may glorify you in the world, that the ears which have heard the voice of your songs may be closed to the voice of clamor and dispute, that the eyes which have seen your great love may also behold your blessed hope, that the tongues which have confessed your name may ever speak the truth, and that the bodies of all who have tasted of your Son's living body and blood may be restored to newness of life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**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.**

**DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING HYMN #918 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”**

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more:  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield;  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.

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