

Pentecost 6 (July 9th, 2023)
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Opening Hymn: 832 Jesus Shall Reign

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto 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.
- C** Amen.

Introit

He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.
**I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my | fortress,*
my God, in | whom I trust.”**
Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*
the Most High, who is my | refuge—
**no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*
no plague come | near your tent.**
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**
He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

Kyrie

- C** Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

- P** Glory be to God on high:
C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.
P Let us pray.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9–12

- ⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.
A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 7:14–25a

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:25–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C 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.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 684 Come unto Me, Ye Weary

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

Sit

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

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

Almighty God, You ensure that the birds are fed and the lilies clothed in splendor. Deliver us from worry with the consolation that You know what we need, and that, for Jesus' sake, we are of much more value than they. Lord, in Your mercy

C **hear our prayer.**

P Kindle in us, Holy Father, the gifts of Your Spirit, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, fill our homes with Your Word and grace. Be the companion of those who are alone. Strengthen husbands and wives. Bless parents as they catechize their children. Let them all find refuge in You and so preserve them from every plague and evil. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Ruler of the nations, until You at last cut off the war horse and the chariot forever, give our nation's leaders wisdom and integrity to preserve peace, promote what is good, and defend against violence and wickedness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of mercy, You set free those imprisoned on account of their sin to bear their sentence as a joyful custody of hope. Remember the incarcerated. Preserve them from greater evil, and foster in them repentance and trust in Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, be with all who are weary and heavy-laden with the tribulations of this life.
Give comfort to:

Kay Brown (Sister of Dave and Lynn Matthews) for strength as she receives therapy

Bob Hegerfeld

Ron Franz for strength and healing

Lynn and Lori Matthews

Troy Stults (Son of Andy and Brenda Wolf)

Eldora Fuelling

Larry Hockemeyer (Father of Lori Conrad)

Cheryl Caffee

Herb and Sharon Banning

Dave Schnitz (grandfather of Gavin and Cooper Scherer)

Shelly Gerke (Wife of Troy Gerke)

Deb McDonald

and all who suffer illness. Console them with the knowledge that Your yoke is easy and Your burden light, and that in You they will find rest for their souls. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God of Israel, You release Your people from the waterless pit by the blood of Your covenant. Bless all who receive Christ's body and blood with penitent hearts, trusting in Your promises and a common confession of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We give thanks to You, O Lord, for all the saints who, by Your grace, sought Your kingdom and righteousness above all other treasures. We pray that You would preserve us also in repentance and Christ's righteousness until we stand before You in glory.
Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

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.**

Prayer

Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Benediction

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen, amen, amen.**

Hymn to Depart: 756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

In His Service Today:

Preacher: The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

Liturgist: The Sem. Adam Thiel

Organist: Mrs. Jackie Sanderson

Deacons: Matt Braun (Head), Fred M. Fuelling, Matt Rogusz, Louie Fuelling

Elders: Rod Busick (Head), Jim Fuelling, John Fuelling, Andy Wolf

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERINGS: Home Purpose- \$5,354.00; Vanco- \$74.76.

NOTE: Needed each week to meet the ministry needs of St. Peter: \$6,500.00.

CHURCH ELDERS will meet Tuesday, July 11th at 6pm.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet Tuesday, July 11th at 7pm.

SPI BOARD OF EDUCATION will meet Thursday, July 13th at 7pm.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY will meet Sunday, July 23rd following service.

NOTE: Jen Fuelling will be on vacation July 9-16th and July 21st-24th. Please contact Pastor Tanksley with any bulletin information or other concerns. Thanks!

CHURCH DIRECTORY: Please email, call, text, or leave a note in my box in the Narthex with any updates on name changes, phone number, e mail addresses, or addresses. I am hoping to print the updated directory in late July or early August

ST. PETER IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL is searching for a teacher for their 3rd & 4th Grade classroom for the coming school year. Interested persons should contact Mr. Greg Becker, Principal, at 260-623-0297 or principal@spilutheran.org regarding qualifications and a job description.

JOB OPPORUNITY: Zion Lutheran School is looking for a Middle School Math and Science teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Interested applicants should email jheckler@ziondecatur.com or call 260-728-9995.

SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for JULY and AUGUST - “BACK TO SCHOOL LUNCH”: During the months of July and August we will be collecting items for “Back to School Lunches”. Yes unfortunately it will be that time of year when the items are delivered to the Seminary. Some suggestions are but not limited to: peanut butter, jelly, fruit/pudding cups. Applesauce, snack-sized snacks/cookies, granola bars, fruit snacks, raisins, zip lock bags(sandwich and snack). Other items that are always in demand are breakfast cereal (excluding Chex) and tomato products. All your donations are **greatly appreciated** by the Seminary and are a great benefit to the students and their families. Many report that **75-85%** of their grocery needs are met at the Co-Op. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church. Thank you for all your donations.

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF JULY 9th, 2023

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service
	-----	Bible Study
TUESDAY	6:00 pm	Church Elders Meeting
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Quilting
	9:30 am	Pastor’s Study Group at Bingen
	7:00 pm	SPI Board of Education Meeting
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	-----	Bible Study

Looking Ahead to Next Week: Pentecost 7

Collect of the Day

P Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:10–13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹²“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the Lord,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Epistle

Romans 8:12–17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

577 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast



1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of
ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in
ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a
giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the



heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.
ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.
truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Text: John Cawood, 1775–1852, alt.
Tune: The Whole Booke of Psalmes, 1562, London
Text and tune: Public domain

Introit

The Lord is merciful and | gracious,*
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

As for man, his days | are like grass;*
he flourishes like a flower | of the field;

for the wind passes over it, and | it is gone,*
and its place knows | it no more.

But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who | fear him,*

and his righteousness to children's | children,
to those who keep his | covenant*
and remember to do his com- | mandments.

The Lord has established his throne in the | heavens,*
and his kingdom rules | over all.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

The Lord is merciful and | gracious,*
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

