

**SECOND SUNDAY after PENTECOST
+ DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR MODIFIED, 203-212 LSB +
JUNE 11, 2023 10:45 AM**

PRELUDE “O Magnify the Lord”

Melodie and Dick Tunney

WELCOME AND GREETING

HYMN “Hope of the World”
(Sing a New Song 2020)

LSB #690

**Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great compassion;
Speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.
Save us, Thy people, from consuming passion,
Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.**

**Hope of the world, who by Thy cross didst save us
From death and dark despair, from sin and guilt,
We render back the love Thy mercy gave us;
Take Thou our lives and use them as Thou wilt.**

**Hope of the world, O Christ, o’er death victorious,
Who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain,
We would be faithful to Thy Gospel glorious.
Thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!**

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

Congregation: Amen.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:

C: “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority as if the Lord Jesus were standing here and speaking these words, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PSALM (Psalm 119: 65 – 72) OF THE DAY

P: You have dealt well with your servant,
O LORD, according to your word.

**C: Teach me good judgment and knowledge,
for I believe in your commandments.**

P: Before I was afflicted I went astray,
but now I keep your word.

**C: You are good and do good;
teach me your statutes.**

P: The insolent smear me with lies, but with my whole heart I keep your precepts;
their heart is unfeeling like fat, but I delight in your law.

**C: It is good for me that I was afflicted,
that I might learn your statutes.**

**ALL: The law of your mouth is better to me
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.**

KYRIE (*Sing, page 204*) (*Lord, Have Mercy*)

**Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Sing, page 204*) (*Glory to God in the Highest*)

**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 sole-begotten,
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 worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together:

C: Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Hosea 5:15 – 6:6 *(God desires mercy, not sacrifice)*

¹⁵I will return again to my place,
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face,
and in their distress earnestly seek me.

¹"Come, let us return to the LORD;
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.

²After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

³Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;
his going out is sure as the dawn;
he will come to us as the showers,
as the spring rains that water the earth."

⁴What 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 early away.

⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have slain them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

⁶For I desire mercy and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

R: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING Romans 4: 13 – 25 (Through Christ's death we are justified)

¹³The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as 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. ¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

R: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (*Stand and Sing*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
These things are written that you may believe
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 9: 9 – 13 (*Jesus came to seek and save the lost.*)

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 9th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord C: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLE'S 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.**

HYMN "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying"

LSB #826

**Hark, the voice of Jesus crying,
 "Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting—
Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth;
 Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
 "Here am I, send me, send me"?"**

**If you cannot speak like angels,
 If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
 You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
With the judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
 To the Savior's waiting arms.**

If you cannot be a watchman,
Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
Off'ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties
You can do what God commands;
You can be like faithful Aaron,
Holding up the prophet's hands.

Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the multitudes are dying
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth,
"Here am I, send me, send me!"

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(Please be seated)

SERMON "Jesus and His Church Love Sinners" (Matthew 9: 9 – 13)
(Sermon outline on the back of today's bulletin)

OFFERING *(As joyful givers, we clap for the offering)*

OFFERING MUSIC "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Lowell Mason

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH and LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

LSB #700

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

**Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.**

**Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

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POSTLUDE "Stand Up. Stand Up for Jesus"

George J. Webb

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HAVE A JOYFUL LORD'S DAY OF SERVICE AND PRAISE!