

**SIXTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST  
+ DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR MODIFIED, 203-212 LSB +  
JULY 9, 2023 10:45 AM**

**PRELUDE**                    **“Rejoice the Lord is King”**                    **Albin Whitworth; arr.**

**WELCOME AND GREETING**

**HYMN**                                    **“I Lay My Sins on Jesus”**                    **LSB #606**

**I lay my sins on Jesus,  
The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us  
From the accursèd load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus  
To wash my crimson stains  
Clean in His blood most precious  
Till not a spot remains.**

**I lay my wants on Jesus;  
All fullness dwells in Him;  
He heals all my diseases;  
My soul He does redeem.  
I lay my griefs on Jesus,  
My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases;  
He all my sorrows shares.**

**I rest my soul on Jesus,  
This weary soul of mine;  
His right hand me embraces;  
I on His breast recline.  
I love the name of Jesus,  
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes  
His name abroad is poured.**

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**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C:** **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 145: 1-14) OF THE DAY**

P: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

**C: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**

P: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

**C: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.**

P: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**C: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.**

P: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

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

P: The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

**C: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!**

P: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,

**C: to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

P: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

**C: The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.**

P: The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**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: 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. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING *Zechariah 9:9–12***

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice 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. <sup>10</sup>I 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. <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE *Romans 7:14-25a***

<sup>14</sup>We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup>So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For 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. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup>but 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. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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 11:25–30***

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

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>At 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; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All 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. <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**C: We believe in God, the Creator and source of salvation for the world. We believe that God is the maker of beauty, the source of every breath, and the author of all gifts. We believe that God showed us the importance of Sabbath time and rest when He himself rested on the seventh day of creation. Out of tremendous love for the world, God sent His only Son to give us an abundant life.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, who died on the cross at Calvary and in that death took on the sins of humanity. We believe that we have been freed from the bonds of sin through this unbelievable sacrifice. Out of great mercy, we have been given this gift so that we can enjoy an abundant life on earth and live with the promise of eternal life awaiting us.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the helper and counselor who energizes and strengthens us while we run the race of life. It is this Spirit that provides the breathe and endurance when we find ourselves in valleys or on mountain tops. We believe that the Holy Spirit gives us the power to put our faith into action so that we will bear fruit and bring glory to God's name.**

**HYMN**

**"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"**

**LSB #699**

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto Me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
Thy head upon My breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
So weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place,  
And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,

**“Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one,  
Stoop down and drink and live.”  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in Him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“I am this dark world’s light.  
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise  
And all thy day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In Him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I’ll walk  
Till trav’ling days are done.**

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*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON**      **“Pillow or Yoke?”**                      **(Matthew 11:28-30)**  
*(Sermon outline on the back of today’s bulletin)*

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

**OFFERING MUSIC**                      **“Softly & Tenderly”**                      **Dale Wood; arr.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH and LORD’S PRAYER**

**BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN**                      **“When Peace, like a River”**                      **LSB #763**

**When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;  
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul. Refrain**

**ref    It is well (It is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul),  
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,**

**That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. Refrain**

**He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain**

**And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
Even so it is well with my soul. Refrain**

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**POSTLUDE**

**“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”**

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**HAVE A JOYFUL LORD’S DAY OF SERVICE AND PRAISE!**