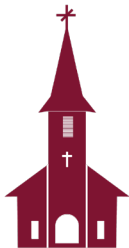


The Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 22, 2025



Return home and tell
how much God has
done for you.' Luke 8:39



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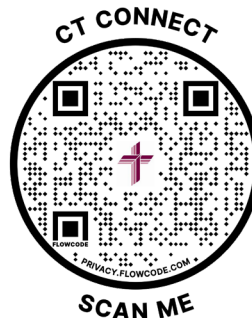
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+ WELCOME – AS WE GATHER +

+ PREPARATION +

570 JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

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

+ INVOCATION +

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.

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

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, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

(Stand)

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 71:20–24; antiphon: v. 3

Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;
you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my
fortress.

**You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me
again;**

from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.

**You will increase my greatness
and comfort me again.**

I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God;

I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.

**My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you;
my soul also, which you have redeemed.**

And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all the day long,
for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to do me
hurt.

**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.**

Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;

you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my
fortress.

KYRIE

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things ...
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

Isaiah 65:1–9

¹I 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 am I, here am I,”

to a nation that was not called by my name.

²I spread out my hands all the day

to a rebellious people,

who walk in a way that is not good,

following their own devices;

³a people who provoke me

to my face continually,

sacrificing in gardens

and making offerings on bricks;

⁴who sit in tombs,

and spend the night in secret places;

who eat pig’s flesh,

and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels;

⁵who 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.

⁶Behold, it is written before me:

“I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their bosom

⁷both 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 bosom

payment for their former deeds.”

⁸Thus 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.
⁹I will bring forth offspring from Jacob,
and from Judah possessors of my mountains;
my chosen shall possess it,
and my servants shall dwell there."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 3; antiphon: v. 8

⁸Salvation belongs to the LORD;
your blessing be on your people!

**¹O LORD, how many are my foes!
Many are rising against me;**

²many are saying of my soul,
there is no salvation for him in God.

**³But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,
my glory, and the lifter of my head.**

⁴I cried aloud to the LORD,
and he answered me from his holy hill.

**⁵I lay down and slept;
I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.**

⁶I will not be afraid of many thousands of people
who have set themselves against me all around.

**⁷Arise, O LORD!
Save me, O my God!**

For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;
you break the teeth of the wicked.

**⁸Salvation belongs to the LORD;
your blessing be on your people!**

EPISTLE

Galatians 3:23—4:7

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

¹I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Alleluia. Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.
Alleluia.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 8:26–39

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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

³⁰Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. ³¹And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³²Now 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. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

³⁴When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then 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.

³⁶And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. ³⁷Then 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. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

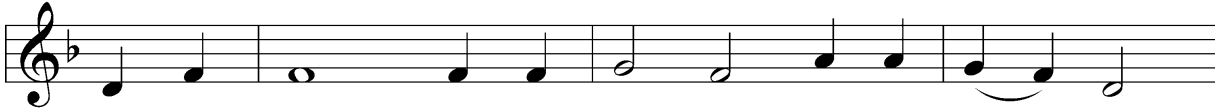
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "The Gerasene Man Uses His Words"

849 PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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SERMON: "A Story of 'Before' and 'After' Being Saved"

(Stand)

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with...

P ... Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

...

P ... through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Sit)

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(Stand)

P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P 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.

C Amen.

846 YOUR HAND, O LORD, IN DAYS OF OLD



1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old
 2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,
 3 O be our great de - liv - 'rer still,



Was strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o - ver
 Gave speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and
 The Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,



ills and death, O'er dark - ness and the grave.
 fren - zy, calmed Re - vealed You, Lord of light.
 soothe and bless, With Your life - giv - ing breath.



To You they came, the blind, the mute,
 And now, O Lord, the be near to bless,
 To hands that work and eyes that see



The pal - sied and the lame, The lep - ers in their
 Al - mighty as be - fore, In crowd - ed street, by
 Give wis - dom's heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and



mis - er - y, The sick with fe - vered frame.
 beds of pain, As by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore.
 weak and strong May praise You ev - er - more.

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SERVANTS IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

Serving In Worship Today

<i>Greeters</i>	Delmer & Jo Haufler
<i>Organist</i>	Tanya Fraker
<i>Acolyte</i>	Liz Eissler
<i>Reader</i>	Marvin Zorn
<i>Ushers</i>	Clint Sturdy, Lynn Silver Reed Silver, Donice Browning
<i>Elder</i>	Braeden Murphy

Serving Next Week

<i>Greeters</i>	Marvin Zorn
<i>Accompanist</i>	Tanya Fraker
<i>Reader</i>	Cheryl Mussatto
<i>Ushers</i>	Clint Sturdy, Caleb Anschutz Loren Eissler, Lynn Silver
<i>Elder</i>	Braeden Murphy

OUR PRAYERS

HEALING AND CARE: for those suffering from cancer: Stu Duncan, Jenny Peimann, Dan Henderson, Sheri Bravenec, Bonnie Von Lehe, Frank Wagner, Nancy Lahm, Barbara Feltner, Joetta Asbury, Tom Arb, Sharon Eilert (Eva's sister).

CONTINUED HEALING: Christopher Smith, Gabriella Schultz, Michael Nally, Charlie Timberlane, Logan Brady, Kathy Bigham, Jean Curtis, Carl Sluder, Raymond Zorn, Lyn Wren, David Wagner, Cecil McMullen, Ann Becker, Marina Heidenreich, Mark Feltner, Tanya Fraker, Diane Landon, Darrell Sturdy, Diane Schulze, Emerson Monthey, Mac McDonald, Keith Scheid, Pete Scheid, Glenn Templeton, Deana Baker, Betty Meyer, Bill McDonald, Harley Browning.

SHUT-INS: Ann & Don Becker, Virginia Elmore, Jim & Pat Croucher.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to all who worship with us this morning, especially our guests. You are invited for coffee and snacks after our service. You are also invited to stay for Bible Study and Sunday School.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: Continuing today is a 4-session study from LHM: *"Nurturing Your Faith: Prayer."* Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 am.

DAUGHTERS OF ZION: Meeting at 10:00 am on June 28 in the Fellowship Hall here at Zion. All Women are invited to attend.

PRAISE in the PARK: Next Sunday, **June 29, at 9 AM** we will be gathering for service OUTSIDE for our Friendship Sunday celebration in the Shelter at Vassar Community Park (on Church Street at Croco Road). Sign Up in the Fellowship Hall to bring something. Invite your friends to join us and fellowship after service.

NOTE TO OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS

We are very glad you are here! Our services may look and sound different (other worldly, perhaps), but please bear with us! We worship the way we do for a reason and there is a certain rhythm involved. We gather to receive the gifts of salvation our Living Triune God comes to serve through His Word and Sacrament. In these gifts we receive the enlivening of our faith, forgiveness from our sins, and life eternal. Worship is the unwrapping of these gifts. The liturgy, hymns, and preaching proclaim His Word to us. They remind us of the promise of salvation as a gift we have in our baptism, and they prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Through these means of grace God comes to serve us in this Divine Service, and so our worship is centered around receiving these gifts of God through faith.

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