

# THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

July 11, 2021

## *Service Notes:*

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Hymns:

563, 562, 582, 581, 636, 622, 623, 575

Old Testament Reading:

Exodus 20:1-17

Epistle:

Romans 6:1-11

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 5:17-26

Sermon:

*"Righteousness That Matters"* Matthew 5:17-26

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Thursday	07/01	6:30 p.m.	59
Sunday	07/04	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	56 46

**BULLETINS** are given by Harriet Davidson in celebration of the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of her mother, Dorothy Hahn.

**FLOWERS** are given by the Gerloff family in loving memory of Sheila Jelinski and Dennis Estes. Flowers are also given by Dave and Elizabeth Gottschalk in celebration of their 18<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing.

**INTERESTED IN PLAYING HANDBELLS?** Even if you haven't played bells before, you are invited to join us as we ring this summer and (hopefully) beyond. Rehearsal time is currently between services on Sunday and the occasional Saturday morning - but that will be changing depending on interest and availability. If you are interested, let Stephen Johnson know via email (steveo236@gmail.com).

**FASTER THAN MY PASTOR** Are you faster than your pastor? Find out at the Faster Than My Pastor 1K, 5K, Run/Walk at Martin Luther High School on Thursday, August 19, 2021, starting at 6:00 p.m. Run, walk, and party all night with the Lutheran churches, grade schools, and community of runners. Join us for music, food, games, and more! There is something for all ages and fitness levels. Gather your team. If you have any questions about the event, please contact Shari DeBraal at sdebraal@lhsagm.org. Registration is open now at [www.FasterThanMyPastor.org](http://www.FasterThanMyPastor.org)!

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	07/11	<b>DIVINE SERVICES</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:00 a.m.</b>
		Scrip Orders Due	
Thursday	07/15	<b>DIVINE SERVICE</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
Sunday	07/18	<b>DIVINE SERVICES</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:00 a.m.</b>

**WE PRAY** for Mary Ankerberg, Karen Awe, Barbara Blue, Kathleen Brook, Janet Brown, Jennifer Chapel (niece of Linda Christian), Karen Christiansen, John and Sandra Daley, Sandy Damms, Keith Domagalski, LaVerne Edenfield, Cheryl Fisher (sister of Lynn Hester), Daut Gaba, Gerald Garske, Carol Georgson, Glenn Georgson, Maynard Georgson, David Gottschalk, Judy Hanson, Jessica Hetts (niece of Virginia Scholz), Linda Hojnacki, Elaine Howe, Michelle Johnson, Delrose Krueger, Clarence Laube, Rhonda Lesniewski, Linda Metzfeld (sister-in-law of Don Metzfeld), Shirley Nelson, Konnie Otto, Ruth Pelican (sister of Virginia Scholz), Angeline Pence, Robert Schneider, Virginia Scholz, and Jan Wicks.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** for the church and school are Tuesday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**SCRIP** Orders are due today, **July 11**. The next order due date is Sunday, August 1. A Scrip order box, order forms, and envelopes are in the narthex and church/school office. Place your order and check made out to Our Father's in one of the boxes, *OR* you may order online with the Presto Pay Plan at <http://www.shopwithscrip.com>. The website has a list of participating retailers. All profits are used to help pay staff health insurance. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

**ADOPT-A-BILL PROGRAM** list includes: Gas Bill, Electric Bill, Front of Church Landscape, Health Insurance, High School Arrearage, Mortgage, Office Supplies, School Air Conditioner, School Boilers, School Storage Building, and Water Bill. Consider supporting this worthy cause. Envelopes are on the narthex bulletin board.

**WOODMAN'S GIFT CARDS** are available to purchase in the church/school office. All profits go to the Our Father's Scholarship Fund. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW – YTD TOTAL OFFERINGS**

YTD Offerings for Last Year (7/1/20-7/6/20)	\$12,626.25
YTD Offerings for Current Year (7/1/21-7/5/21)	\$9,706.53
YTD Offerings needed to meet Budget	\$11,623.08
YTD Offerings Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$1,916.55)

**THE READINGS AND PSALMODY FOR  
THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**July 11, 2021**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Exodus 20:1-17 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> And God spoke all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup> "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>3</sup> "You shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup> "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup> "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. <sup>8</sup> "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. <sup>12</sup> "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup> "You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup> "You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup> "You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup> "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup> "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

**A:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**THE EPISTLE READING**

**Romans 6:1-11 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

<sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

<sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

### Matthew 5:17-26 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup> "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

<sup>18</sup> For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

<sup>19</sup> Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>21</sup> "You

have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.'<sup>22</sup> But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup> So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,

<sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup> Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison.

<sup>26</sup> Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## THE PSALMODY

### Psalm 19:1-14 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup> Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

<sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

<sup>4</sup> Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun,

<sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

<sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

<sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

<sup>8</sup> the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;

<sup>9</sup> the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

<sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup> Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

<sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

## INTROIT

The Lord is the strength of his | people;\*

he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

Save your people and bless your | heritage!\*

Be their shepherd and carry them for- | ever.

To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,\*

lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the  
pit.

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,\*

when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am  
helped;\*

my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.

**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 the strength of his | people;\*

he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

Save your people and bless your | heritage!\*

Be their shepherd and carry them for- | ever.

*Psalm 28:1-2, 7; antiphon: vv. 8-9*

# THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

*“Righteousness That Matters”*

July 11 through July 17, 2021

*What is closed communion? For the last couple of months, you have seen announcements in the bulletin which try to explain it and the reason for practicing it. Specifically, closed communion means the Lord’s Table is only open to those who (1) are baptized Christians, (2) confess faith in Christ alone for salvation, (3) confess faith in the real presence, (4) are penitent sinners who are not under church discipline in our congregation or elsewhere, and (5) are one with us in their confession of faith. Ordinarily, this means members of our congregation, sister congregations, or other churches with whom we are in altar and pulpit fellowship. To commune at a church’s altar is to say “AMEN” to the faith that is taught and confessed in that church. Thus Lutherans do not commune at the altars of Roman, Baptist, Methodist, or Presbyterian churches because we believe differently. In Christian love, they will not seek to commune at our altars. Likewise, Missouri Synod members do not commune at ELCA altars because we confess different teachings about Christ. The ELCA denies the inspiration of Scripture, ordains women and homosexuals, has falsely proclaimed that Lutherans agree with the Roman teaching on justification, and has denied the words of Christ by reaching an agreement on the Sacrament with certain Reformed churches. Honesty and Christian love mean we cannot say “AMEN” to such teachings.*

**INVOCATION:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

## **THE CREED**

**VERSE:** <sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

**Romans 6:1-2 (ESV)**

**COLLECT FOR THE WEEK:** Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

**PSALM OF THE WEEK:** 19

**PSALMODY PRAYER:** O Lord God, Creator of earth and heaven, open my eyes to see the wonder of Your creation and lips to confess Your glory. Cleanse me from all sins, even those I do not know, and keep me away from sins in my daily life, my Strength and my Redeemer. **AMEN.**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	1 Corinthians 2:1-16
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 3:1-23
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 4:1-21
Thursday	1 Corinthians 5:1-13
Friday	1 Corinthians 6:1-20
Saturday	Mark 8:1-9

### CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK:

#### How Christians Should Be Taught To Confess

*What do you believe according to these words?*

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

**Luther, Lectures on Genesis 17:3-6:** The banner which Christ has raised when He said (Mark 16:15): “Go into all the world” is not in one specific nook or in one particular family. For this reason, it is called the catholic church. Yet this church consists only of those who are baptized. For apart from Baptism, there is no salvation, just as at that time salvation resulted from circumcision and, as it were, embodied it. From the beginning of the world, divine wisdom has so ordained and arranged things that there was always some public sign toward which all peoples might look in order that the Gentiles, too, might find, worship, and pray to the true God, although not all who had that sign believed and had use of it for righteousness. . . . For because through the divine blessing Abraham was to be multiplied into peoples and kingdoms, the church is embodied, so to speak, in his flesh for a time, and a universal sign is given - a sign which pertained to the church in such a way that even if those who believed did not have it, they were not excluded from the church. . . . God establishes a sign of grace in order that it may be recognized by sinners and sinners may be saved; but it commonly happens that those for whom the sign is set up despise it. Thus Baptism has been established as a sign of righteousness for all who believe in Christ. . . . We say the same thing about circumcision, with which the Gentiles are not burdened but are nevertheless invited to the same faith in order that Abraham may be the father of the circumcised as well as of the uncircumcised. Therefore, many of the Gentiles believed, but the Jews kept their hearts uncircumcised. Thus circumcision was an opportunity for salvation even for the Gentiles and was profitable for them. For we have need of marks and signs of this kind in order that they may lead us to the knowledge of God, since human reason is unable to find God unless such signs instituted by God lead us by the hand, so to speak.

And nothing is more dangerous than if one devises his own way to God and relies on his own speculation. . . . Why do we not follow the signs which the

Lord himself has established for the purpose of gathering us into the unity of faith, that is, the Word of God, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper? Thus, when the Jews had the temple, circumcision, and a definite form of worship for which they, as people who acknowledged one God as their Leader, were to assemble as under a military standard, they disregarded all this and turned to their own endeavors. Everyone devised his own way of worshiping God and followed it to his own certain destruction. When God reveals Himself in some sign, no matter what its nature, one must take hold of Him in it. . . . Christ must be sought where He has manifested Himself and wants to be known, as in the Word, in Baptism, and in the Supper: there He is certainly found for the Word cannot deceive us. But it generally happens that reason disregards those signs and turns aside to the harlot sitting by the gate (Prov. 7:10 ff.). Therefore, let everyone remember to walk on the way God Himself has prescribed, not on the one we ourselves have chosen; for our own choice is sinful and delusive. . . . We shall be safe from these dangers if we follow that visible form or those signs which God himself has set before us. In the New Testament, we have as a visible form the Son of God on the lap of His mother Mary. He suffered and died for us as the Creed teaches. Besides, we have other visible forms: Baptism, the Eucharist, and the spoken Word itself. Therefore, we cannot complain of having been forsaken. (LW 2:337-338, St. Louis: Concordia, 1960)

**PRAYER:** Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord's Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

**OR**

**LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK:** LSB 562 "*All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall*" (stanza 4)

# LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

*July 18, 2021*

*“Food in a Desolate Place”*

**HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** 790, 819, 617, 627, 639, 624, 625, 811

## READINGS

Genesis 2:7-17

Romans 6:19-23

Mark 8:1-9

The great multitude that had followed Jesus and been with Him for three days reminds us of the Israelites following Moses. Yet Jesus comes with the compassion of the Gospel, for to those who hunger, the Lord who would come forth from the tomb on the third day offers real food. The true food of compassion is the Supper which is the focus of every Divine Service. The seven loaves are a reminder of the perfection of Creation and the Sabbath rest which the Creator gave to His creatures. Jesus gives the bread He has blessed to the disciples to distribute, even as He now gives the Sacrament which He has blessed with His Word of promise to the pastors of the Church to distribute it to His people. The leftovers signify the abundance of the Holy Supper which is never used up, for the Bread of Life is our true food in the wilderness of this world. The 4,000 fed signify the full harvest of the Gentiles to whom the Gospel will be preached.

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