Full Service Bulletin



# HOLY COMMUNION JUNE 30, 2024 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NEW BEGINNINGS CELEBRATION HEALING SERVICE

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, peruse the bulletin, find the scripture readings in the pew Bible, and focus your thoughts on the Lord. You may pray: Direct and control us, O Lord, always and everywhere with heavenly light; that we may both discern with clear vision and share with worthy effect the Mystery which You have willed us to partake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**CHILDREN** We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.

**INTRODUCTION** A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when He takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time, the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone touching a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's Gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from His first meal at a tax collector's house to His last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We come to Jesus in our "uncleanness" and His healing touch makes us clean and unites us in one family.



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

Music: TO GOD BE THE GLORY, William H. Doane, 1832-1915

## **PRELUDE** (8:30)

**PRAISE TIME** (10:30: Led by Pastors & Guardians of Israel)

## WELCOME AND MEDITATION

## GATHERING HYMN (Please rise.)

"To God Be the Glory" (Maj 31 - favorite)

## **INVOCATION** ( = All may make the sign of the cross.)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God. (Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.)

- P: God, our maker and redeemer, C: we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We come for refuge to Your infinite mercy. You have given Your only Son to die for us; have mercy on us, and for His sake, forgive us all our sin. By Your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of You and Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.
- P: Almighty God has had mercy on us, and God's only Son has been given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sin. Believing in Jesus' name, you have received power to become the children of God; you have received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

## GREETING (Please rise.)

P: God of hosts most gracious, God the Son Who saves us, God the Spirit placed upon us, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

## WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

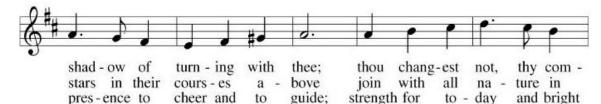
With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. "Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)

## **HYMN OF PRAISE** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

(Maj # 519 - favorite - Text: Thomas O. Chisholm; Tune: William M. Runyan)

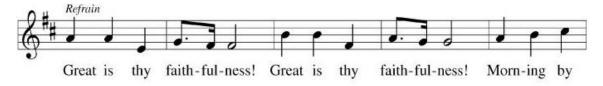


2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and nar-vest, sun, moon, and 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth, thine own dear





pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!







## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.** 

L: Let us pray together: C: Almighty and merciful God, we implore You to hear the prayers of Your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 30 (congregation: indented)

I will exalt You, O LORD, for You lifted me out of the depths

and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

O LORD my God, I called to You for help

and You healed me.

O LORD, You brought me up from the grave;

You spared me from going down into the pit.

Sing to the LORD, you saints of His;

praise His holy name.

For His anger lasts only a moment,

but His favor lasts a lifetime;

weeping may remain for a night,

but rejoicing comes in the morning.

When I felt secure, I said,

"I will never be shaken."

O LORD, when You favored me,

You made my mountain stand firm;

but when You hid Your face,

I was dismayed.

To You, O LORD, I called;

to the Lord I cried for mercy:

"What gain is there in my destruction,

in my going down into the pit?

Will the dust praise You?

Will it proclaim Your faithfulness?

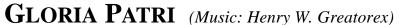
Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me;

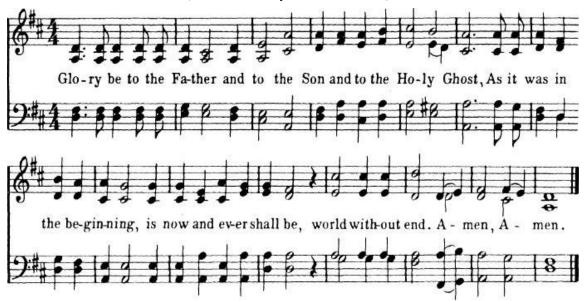
O LORD, be my help."

You turned my wailing into dancing;

You removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing to You and not be silent.

O LORD my God, I will give You thanks forever.





## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

(Please sit.)

FIRST READING ....Lamentations 3:22-33 .....p. 1279

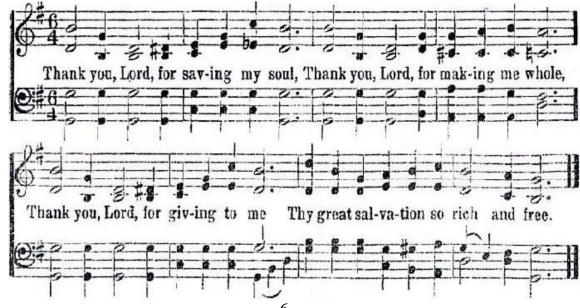
P: Word of God, Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING....2 Corinthians 8:1-15.....p. 1801

P: Word of God, Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please rise.)

"Thank You, Lord" (Maj 466 - favorite - Seth & Bessie Sykes)



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

**GOSPEL** ....Mark 5:21-43......p. 1559

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Young children go to Children's Church)

**SERMON** (Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)

"Don't Celebrate Too Soon?"

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing. (Romans 15:13)

## HYMN OF THE DAY (Please rise.)

"Healer of Our Every Ill" (ELW # 612 - Marty Haugen)





give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter, 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad-ness; Spir-it of all com-fort, fill our still un-fold-ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of ev - 'ry broth-er; Spir-it of all kind-ness, be our guide. way of heal-ing; Spir-it of com-pas-sion, fill each heart.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Please kneel.)

(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)

#### PRAYERS FOR HEALING

(Adapted from Magnificat, Vol 8, No 8)

P: Our Abba Father dwells with the crushed and dejected in spirit. (pause) For them let us pray:

## C: Lord, hear our cry.

L: For those who suffer chronic illness: (pause) grant them patient endurance and Your Healing Presence.

## C: Lord, hear our cry.

P: For those who suffer mental or emotional illness: (pause) grant them peace of mind and Your Healing Presence.

## C: Lord, hear our cry.

L: For those struggling with addictions: (*pause*) grant them truth, life, freedom in Christ and Your Healing Presence.

## C: Lord, hear our cry.

P: For those with terminal illness: (*pause*) grant them hope as they approach You, the Graces needed for the journey, and Your Healing Presence into eternity.

#### C: Lord, hear our cry.

L: For all who love and care for the sick: (*pause*) grant them the graces they need, the reward of Your Love, and Your Healing Presence in them and through them.

## C: Lord, hear our cry.

**OFFERING** We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!

## WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

## PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Please rise.)

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. In great love You sent to us Jesus, Your Son, Who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, Who preached good news to the poor, and Who, on the cross, opened His arms to all.

In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup; gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Remembering, therefore, His death, resurrection, and ascension, we await His coming in glory. Pour out Your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all Your people in the body of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

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. AMEN.

## **COMMUNION** (Please sit.)

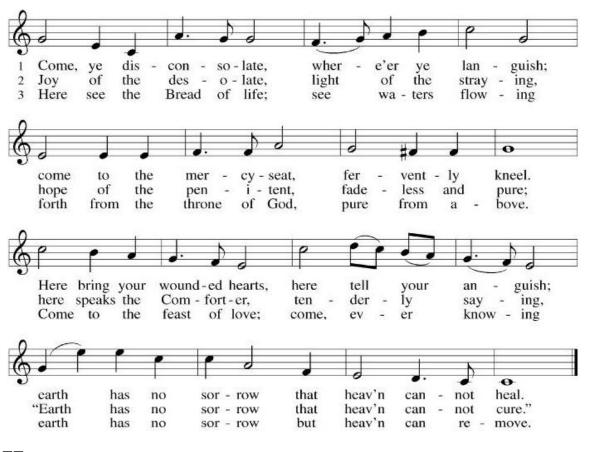
All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and put it in the offering plate. Gluten-free rice wafers (blue-green) are available. Grape juice (white) is in pre-filled glasses. Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.

## **HEALING INVITATION**

P: You are invited at this time to offer yourself at the altar rail, whatever your sickness of spirit, mind, or body, and receive prayer and a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God. You are also welcome to come forward on behalf of someone else. After receiving Communion, anyone who desires laying on of hands and anointing with oil for healing is invited to remain at the altar rail (please raise your hand when I come by). You may return to your seat after receiving Communion and/or Prayer. We will have a general table blessing at the end. Please let the usher know, if anyone needs me to come out to the pew.

**SOLO** "Come, Ye Disconsolate"

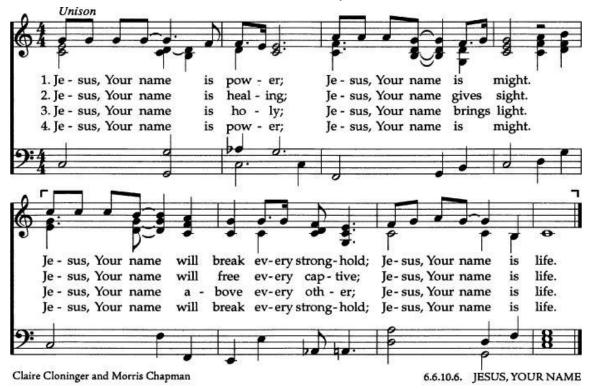
(ELW # 607 - Text: Thomas Moore, Thomas Hastings; Tune: Samuel Webbe)



## **HYMNS** (sung while others are receiving.)



2. "Jesus, Your Name" (FC/CH # 119 - favorite)



## WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

#### TABLE BLESSING

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in His grace unto eternal life. **C: AMEN.** 

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER (Please rise.)

L: Let us pray together: C: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## CALL TO PRAYER FOR NATIONAL HEALING

P: The foundational statement of the *Declaration of Independence*, says: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Let us join together in prayer that God would continue to shower His blessing upon our nation.

# **HEALING SONG** (Feel free to continue kneeling or sit.)

"Heal Our Land" (FC - favorite - Tom & Robin Brooks)





## PRAYER FOR THE NATION (Please kneel.)

- L: Holy Trinity, You show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in Your own divine life. Make us, who came from many nations with many languages, a united people that delights in our many different gifts. Make us one nation, indivisible under Your governance. Grant us just and honest government; and give us grace to live together in unity and peace.
- C: Grace our nation with wise and fearless citizens to defend our liberties and preserve for us a land of order and peace, of unity and strength, and of faith and right-eousness. Help us elect trustworthy leaders and honor those in authority. Enable us to make wise decisions for

## our common life, and to serve our neighbors in love.

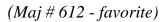
- P: Almighty God, we lift before You all who govern this nation. Bless our federal, state and local government officials, that they may do their work in a spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice. Help them use their authority, not for personal glory or profit, but to serve the people and to promote our common life.
- C: Bless all judges and courts, juries and law officers. Guard them from retribution and from corruption. Give them wisdom to perceive the truth and administer the law impartially as instruments of Your divine will.
- L: Almighty God, we commend to Your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, especially those near to our hearts...

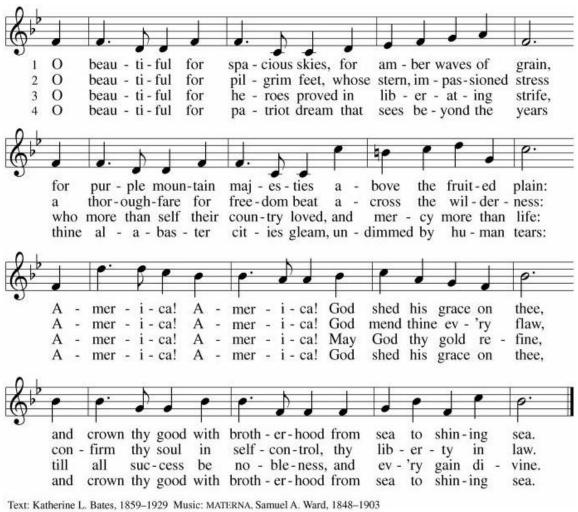
  Defend them day by day; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils that surround them; and grant them a sense of Your abiding presence.
- C: O God, it is Your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of Your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to Your church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

#### NATIONAL BLESSING

- P: Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord. The Lord watches over those who obey Him, those who trust in His constant love.
- C: We put our hope in the Lord, our Protector and Help. We are glad because of Him; we trust in His holy name.
- P: Lord God of all the worlds, guide this nation by Your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all people the blessings of well-being and harmony. Above all, give us faith in You, that our nation may bring glory to Your name and blessing to all people, through Christ, our Lord. C: AMEN.

## SENDING HYMN "America the Beautiful"





## PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

**POSTLUDE** (CD tracks 1&5 - "American Spirit," Mannheim Steamroller)
"The Star-Spangled Banner (National Anthem)" (Francis Scott Key)
"Fanfare for the Common Man" (Aaron Copland)

## FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

Everyone is invited to remain for "Fifth Sunday Brunch" in Fellowship Hall after the 8:30 service or fellowship and refreshments in the Gathering Place after the 10:45 service. You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.

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## JUNE 30, 2024 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### SERVANTS OF THE LORD TODAY

GREETER: 8:30-Adam Barlow / 10:45-Sharon Branigan

SOUND: 8:30-Josh Miller / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer ORGAN RECORDING / PLAYBACK: Jan Stryker

LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Jan Stryker

SONG LEADER/SOLOIST: 8:30-Karen Brown / 10:45-Bella Zyskowski

LITURGIST: 8:30-Patty Stein /10:45-Marianne Sands LECTOR: 8:30-Jim Femister / 10:45-Marianne Sands

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler

USHER: 8:30 Sally Stein / 10:45 Sharon Branigan

ANOINTING OIL: Pastor David

COMMUNION: 8:30-Patty Stein, Jonathan Miller

/10:45-Marianne Sands, Lyn Stryker

ALTAR GUILD: Alyce & Patty Stein COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Jan Stryker

GRASS (6/24-29): Sam Glasmire & Rich Stein - Thanks!

**HOSPITALITY:** Holy Cross Social Ministry

PHONETREE: Jim Femister PRAYERS: Mike Zyskowski SEXTON: *Volunteer needed* 

PRAYER CARE: call Jan Stryker (610) 868-9781

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#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM (Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts)

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