

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday July 11, 12 2020 – St. John's Windish Lutheran Church

Prelude Hymn Sings: # 556

Morning Has Broken

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - - ing;
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - - en,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - - ing,

black - bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
 born of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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Hymn # 558

Lord God, We Praise You



1 Lord God, we praise you, now the night is o - ver, ac - tive and
 2 Mon-arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; ban - ish our
 3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch-ful, stand - ing here be - fore you; sing - ing, we of - fer
 weak-ness, health and whole-ness send - ing; bring us to heav - en,
 bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion; yours is the glo - ry,

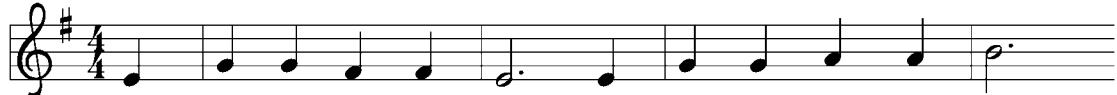


prayer and med - i - ta - tion; thus we a - dore you.
 where your saints u - nit - ed joy with-out end - ing.
 gleam - ing and re - sound-ing through all cre - a - tion.

Text: attr. Gregory I, 540–604; tr. composite
 Music: CHRISTE SANCTORUM, Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681

Hymn #599

Lord Jesus, Think on Me



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
 2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
 3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
 4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,



from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.
 let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom - ised rest.
 through dark-ness and per - plex - i - ty point out your cho - sen way.
 I may the_e-ter - nal bright-ness see and share your joy at last.

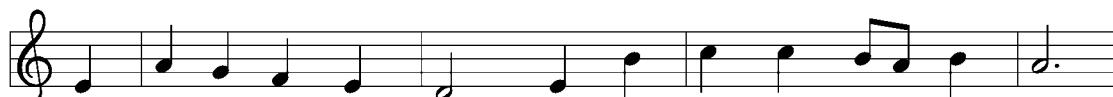
Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375–430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808–1896, alt.
 Music: SOUTHWELL, W. Daman, *The Psalms of David*, 1579, alt.

Hymn #606

Our Father, We Have Wandered



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
 2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
 3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
 be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
 com - pas-sion-ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
 In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
 grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
 in glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
 Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929–2006

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

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Hymn #611

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

Welcome

Introduction to the day:

P: God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

Prayer to help prepare for worship:

A: God of grace, You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may celebrate Your glory and worship You in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Our worship continues with our prelude music.

PRELUDE (Music utilized to prepare yourself for worship)

INVOCATION (A call to "invoke" God's presence into our midst)

P: We gather In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS (*Public statement of our wrong doings followed by the promise that God forgives us. Authorized by Christ!*)

A: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*) Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from You and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to You, and uphold us by Your Spirit, so that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

(*Invitation by worship leader to welcome ALL in the name of our God*)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all!

C: And also with you!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank You for planting in us the seed of Your word. By Your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

A: A reading from Isaiah.

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 65:[1-8] 9-13 (Please read responsively)

P ¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be fulfilled.

**²To you, the one who answers prayer,
to you all flesh shall come.**

³Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you blot out our transgressions.

**⁴Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

**⁶You make firm the mountains by your power;
you are girded about with might.**

⁷You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

**⁸Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God
is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

**¹⁰You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

¹¹You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹²**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

A: A reading from Romans

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERMON

Pastor Suzanne Trump

GOSPEL: (*Found in the New Testament, the Gospels provide first-hand accounts of the life of Jesus Christ*)

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th Chapter beginning with the 1st verse.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the

word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Jerry Kulp

HYMN #512 “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.
 Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.
 When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,
 warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
 Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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APOSTLES CREED (*A summary of our core beliefs*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

A: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world (*A brief silence*). Gracious God, Your word has been sown in many ways and places. We pray for all people around the world, that wherever and however Your word is sown it may find good soil. Inspire others, by our witness to the faith we share. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: Creating God, the mountains and hills burst into song and the trees and fields clap their hands in praise. We pray for the birds and animals who make their home in the trees, and for lands stripped bare by deforestation. Empower us to sustainably use what You have graciously shared. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

A: Reigning God, we pray for our nation's leaders. Increase their desire for justice and equality. We pray for those whose opinions differ from our own. Bridge the chasms that divide humanity and guide authorities to seek a deep and lasting peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: Abiding God, we pray for all in need. For all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, oppressed or near death. Give Your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

A: Renewing God, revive Your faithful community in this place. Nourish and nurture the seeds You have planted among us, that we might grow as disciples. Replace what has been depleted. Sustain our ministries and deepen our relationships between one another and with the wider community in which we live. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

A: We lift up our individual prayers to You (silence for reflection). Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: With bold confidence in Your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into Your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sharing of the peace

P: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Our Offerings

While the pastors are sharing information about the offerings, please prepare to receive Holy Communion. Unveil the elements that you have prepared at home.

Holy Communion

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to You, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; Who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

P: (*Please pick up your “host bread” and lift above your head emulating the pastor*)

On the night in which He was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: “Take and eat; this is My Body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

(*Place your “host bread” back on your altar. Now pick up your “host wine/grape juice” and lift above your head emulating the pastor*)

Again, after the meal, 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.”

(*Place your “host wine/grape juice” back on your altar*)

P: Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

(At this point please pick up your “host bread.” If there are multiple people in your house, please share the bread with one another. We will consume the bread at the same time sharing our unity through this Holy Meal.)

P: “The Body of Christ given for you!”

C: **Amen.** *(Please consume your “host” bread.)*

(At this point, please hold your “host wine/grape juice.” We will consume the “host wine/grape juice at the same times sharing our unity through this meal.)

P: “The Blood of Christ shed for you!”

C: **Amen.** *(Please consume your “host” wine/grape juice.)*

P: I now invite those who have abstained from receiving Holy Communion to speak the prayer below, as those who have received this Sacrament maintain silence for personal prayer and reflection on the grace that God pours out to us all!

Please take note: If you are abstaining from receiving Holy Communion, please utilize this time of silence to share the following prayer.

C: I believe that You are truly present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. I always desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim Your resurrection. I love You above all things, and long for You in my soul.

Since I cannot receive You in the sacrament of Your Body and Blood, I implore You to come into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with Your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from You. May I live in You and You in me, in this life and in the life that is to come. Amen.

Based on a prayer from: *The Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988)*

(At this point, please “veil” the elements as the pastors are veiling the elements at worship.)

P: The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and Christ’s precious blood strengthen you and keep you in God’s grace unto eternal life.

C: **Amen.**

Post- Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray: God of abundance...

C: with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

This time will be reserved for any comments or questions from the gathered community.

SENDING PRAYER:

A joint prayer being shared by both the ELCA and the Episcopal Church

A: A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God. God of all power and love,

C: we give thanks for Your unfailing presence

and the hope You provide in times of uncertainty and loss.

Send Your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us Your holy fire.

Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:

a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors,

bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.

Wherever and however we gather,

unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,

that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The

Lord look upon you with favor and \ddagger give you peace

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace! Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

LITURGY NOTES:

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