



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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9:30 AM



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*As we gather for worship and prepare our hearts, we would ask that you please silence your cell phones for the duration of the service.*

## **INTRODUCTION**

*This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **GATHERING SONG**

*LH 542*

*Cast Your Burdens*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,**

**we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life.**

**Save us from ourselves**

**and free us to love our neighbors.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

**Amen.**

## GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE

*Dakota Road Kyrie Eleison*

*Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way.*

*Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day.*

1. *For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all. For this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!*

*Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way.*

*Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day.*

2. *That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor. That we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!*

*Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way.*

*Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day.*

3. *For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; For life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!*

*Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way.*

*Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day.*

4. *For your spirit to guide, that you center our lives in the water and the word; That you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!*

*Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way.*

*Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord God,  
**we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world.**  
**In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us,**  
**and defend us from everything that is evil,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: ISAIAH 65:1-9

*The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.*

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,  
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"  
to a nation that did not call on my name.

I held out my hands all day long  
to a rebellious people,  
who walk in a way that is not good,  
following their own devices;

a people who provoke me  
to my face continually,  
sacrificing in gardens  
and offering incense on bricks;  
who sit inside tombs,  
and spend the night in secret places;  
who eat swine's flesh,  
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;  
who 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 day long.

See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps  
their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,  
says the LORD;

because they offered incense on the mountains  
and reviled me on the hills,

I will measure into their laps  
full payment for their actions.

Thus says the LORD:

As the 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.  
I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,  
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;  
my chosen shall inherit it,  
and my servants shall settle there.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 22:19-28**

But you, O LORD, be not far away;  
O my help, hasten to my aid.  
**Deliver me from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog.**  
Save me from the lion's mouth!  
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

**I will declare your name to my people;  
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

From you comes my praise in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

**For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
who rules over the nations.**

## **SECOND READING: GALATIANS 3:23-29**

*For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.*

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by

faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Dakota Road Alleluia*

***Alleluia, alleluia, I am the light of the world. Alleluia, alleluia, I am the light of the world.***

*P: Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, those who follow me will have the light of life.*

***Alleluia, alleluia, I am the light of the world. Alleluia, alleluia, I am the light of the world.***

The holy gospel according to Luke the eighth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL: LUKE 8:26-39**

*Jesus' mission includes foreigners, and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.*

Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times 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 wilds.) Jesus then asked him,

“What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they 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. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND SERMON**

Rev. Jessica Obrecht

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*ELW 723 Canticle of the Turning*

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

God of grace,           hear our prayer.

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## **OFFERING/OFFERTORY**

*Dakota Road LH 135 Everybody's Got Something to Offer*

*Everybody's got something to offer young and old the prince  
and the pauper, everybody's got something to offer in the  
name of the Lord.*

*1. To the lost and lowly ones the message it is clear, we have all  
got a gift to give, our hands, our hearts, our tears.*

*Everybody's got something to offer young and old the prince  
and the pauper, everybody's got something to offer in the  
name of the Lord.*

*2.. To believers gathered here the message it is true, we have all  
got a gift to give in all we say and do.*

*Everybody's got something to offer young and old the prince  
and the pauper, everybody's got something to offer in the  
name of the Lord.*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray God of abundance:  
**you have set before us a plentiful harvest.**  
**As we feast on your goodness,**  
**strengthen us to labor in your field,**  
**and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,**  
**in the name of Jesus.**  
**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,...and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Dakota Road LH 136 Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Holy, holy, holy tender, gentle God. Heaven and earth of full of You. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in Your name.*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus first taught us:*

**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**

*The Lord's Table is open to believers of all Christian traditions. We believe that Christ comes to us in the bread and cup for the forgiveness of sins and new life. Gluten free wafers are available, please let your server know. Choice of red wine and white grape juice offered.*

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*ELW 485      I Am the Bread of Life  
LH 515      Freely, Freely  
W&P 139    The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing  
ELW 826    Thine the Amen*

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Life-giving God,  
**through this meal you have bandaged our wounds  
and fed us with your mercy.  
Now send us forth to live for others,  
both friend and stranger,  
that all may come to know your love.  
This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

The God of peace,  
Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always. **Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

*WOV 723      The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve*

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

And all God's children said: **Amen.**

## SERVING TODAY

<b>Accompanist</b>	Mary Seim, piano
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	John Blank
<b>Usher</b>	Donna Vinnedge
<b>Tech</b>	Kaleb Stringer
<b>Children's Church</b>	Allison Marr and Julia Elkin
<b>Counters</b>	Pam Dougherty and Dena Wagner-Fossen

**Flowers are given** by Terry Snodgrass for her grandchildren Bryce and Wyatt Hansen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today at Bethel** we celebrate the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.

**Happy Father's Day** to all the men in our lives to have guided and nurtured us. God's Blessings!

June 26<sup>th</sup> will be a **Hymn Sing Worship Service**, hymns and readings with no sermon or communion.

## THIS WEEK

### Tuesday 6/21

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am

### Wednesday 6/22

- Bible Study with Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am

### Thursday 6/23

- Celebration of Life for Jo Ann Miller Robitaille 12:30 pm.  
Reception will follow at the Meadowlark Country Club.
- Pastor Jessie out of the office beginning Thursday afternoon until June 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Friday 6/24

- Bethel office is closed.

### Saturday 6/25

- Close Knit Crafters meet in the Fellowship Hall 9:00 am

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday 6/26

- Hymn Sing Worship Service, in-person & live stream 9:30 am.

### Tuesday 6/28

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am

## Wednesday 6/29

- Bible Study with Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am

## Friday 7/1

- Bethel office is closed.
- Aitz Chaim worship 6:00 pm.



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