

Service of Holy Communion
Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 6, 2021
10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

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| "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" | - Gordon Young |
| "Lily of the Valley" | - John A. Stallsmith |
| Variation on "Morning Has Broken" | - Franklin D. Ashdown |

WELCOME

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father and of the Son + of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to live forever. Give us at this moment your mercy, that we may confess our sin and receive your forgiveness, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The congregation may sit or kneel.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ God gives the power to become the children of God, and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"Built on a Rock" Red Book #652 stanzas 1-2

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The congregation may be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE WORD

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 8:4-20

God has settled the Israelites in the promised land and has appointed judges to govern them. But they want to be like the nations around them. By asking Samuel for a human king, they reject the kingship of God and open themselves to oppression at the hands of the human king.

⁴All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, ⁵and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." ⁶But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD, ⁷and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. ⁸Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. ⁹Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

¹⁰So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. ¹¹He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; [¹²and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of

fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. ¹⁵He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers.] ¹⁶He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. ¹⁷He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day."

¹⁹But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, ²⁰so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138 *read responsively*

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;**

for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

³When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

**⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

**⁶The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your
right hand shall save me.

⁸You will make good your purpose for me;

**O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the
works of your hands.**

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1

Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *sung by choir*

GOSPEL **Mark 3:20-35**

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.

[Jesus went home;] ²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” —³⁰for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” ³³And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

HYMN “Built on a Rock” Red Book #652 stanzas 4-5

The congregation may stand.

HOLY BAPTISM OF ARTEM HORWAT

page 227 in the front of the red book

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us come before God in prayer, responding to each petition with the words “We cry to you, O Lord.”

A brief silence.

O God, on this Sunday we ask you to sustain believers around the world. Sustain Artem and his parents as they grow in faith, and help all baptized people treasure the promises you have made to them in baptism. For the church we pray:

We cry to you, O Lord.

On this anniversary of D-Day, we ask you to bring an end to warfare throughout the world. Halt the violence between nations, on our streets, and inside our homes. Give us new stories to tell about the humanity we share. For the nations we pray:

We cry to you, O Lord.

During this month of many weddings and anniversaries, we ask you to bless all marriages. Nourish the fidelity of partners to one another, that their family life might be a source of peace and resilience for our whole society. For home life we pray:

We cry to you, O Lord.

Always we ask you to comfort all who suffer and to heal the sick. Visit those whose pain is hidden from us and those we name here before you: . . . For the sick we pray:

We cry to you, O Lord.

Once again we ask that you empower each of us, that we never lose heart, and that you receive our silent prayers.

A brief silence.

For ourselves we pray:

We cry to you, O Lord.

We remember with gratitude those who have lived and died in the faith, especially those we name here before you, and we ask you to welcome us with them into your eternal life. For life forevermore we pray:

We cry to you, O Lord.

Into your hands, mighty God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

OFFERTORY

“Build Us Up, Lord” - Mark Glaeser and Donna Hanna

The congregation may stand.

MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you
shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to
those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...*(the presiding minister continues giving thanks)*...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father....(*the presiding minister continues giving thanks*)....For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Finally, as Jesus has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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 THE TABLE

The gifts of God for the people of God. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

LAMB OF GOD *sung by choir*

The congregation may be seated.

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

All are welcome to Holy Communion today. Lutherans believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. The ushers will invite you forward to receive; please keep 6 feet of distance between you and the next group of communicants. Gluten free wafers are available; please let the pastor know if you wish to receive them. If you are able to receive either bread or wine (but not both), please know that you still receive the full communion.

The congregation may stand.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you have given the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to

your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

BLESSING

May God, who has made from the dust of the earth, and who has redeemed you from the power of the evil one, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Red Book #504

RECESSION

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Ein' feste Burg"

- Harald Rohlig

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Sharon Heist Miller	Assisting Minister
Amy Beiler	Reader
Sharon Heist Miller	Crucifer
Kevin Mathias	Organist
Harry Cunningham	Senior Choir Director
Marlin Boltz	AV Assisting Minister
Heather Helsel	PowerPoint Assisting Minister
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild
Susan Farrell and Jan Nieto	Ushers
Jack and Amy Beiler	Counters

Flowers are given to the glory of God by George and Zema Schaney, in memory of their son, Jared, and in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Flowers are also given in remembrance of Glen Cobbett, by his family.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Monday, 6/7	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting
Tuesday, 6/8	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday, 6/9	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thursday, 6/10	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting
	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 6/12	12:00 PM	NA Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We rejoice that Artem Horwat receives the sacrament of Holy Baptism today! Artem is the son of Dayne and Amanda (Huey) Horwat. Sponsors are Seth and Fallon Horwat. Welcome to God's family, Artem!

Vacation Bible School will take place August 5, 6 & 7 at the Dogwood Shelter at Camp Lutherlyn. Please email Sharon at sharonfelc@zoominternet.net for details.

We look forward to hearing your voice, your instrument, and musical talent as an important part of our worship! A Summer Music Schedule is posted in the Social Hall. Please consider signing your name on the schedule for one of the Sundays in June, July or August. We look forward to hearing you at the church on your chosen Sunday. However, if you have concerns about attending in-person during the pandemic, please let us know if you would prefer to pre-record your selection of music in advance. Thank you for sharing your time and talent!

Take-Out Italian Dinner & Flea Market Saturday, June 12th at St. Christopher Church. Enjoy pasta with meatballs, bread, wedding soup, salad, and dessert for \$12. Meals will be available from 3:00-6:00 p.m. at 229 North Franklin St. Prospect, PA 16052.

**Take-Out Dinners of Beef Pot Roast or Cream Chicken to Support
Butler Meals on Wheels will be available for \$10 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on
Tuesday, June 15th from St. Peter's Anglican Church at 218 East
Jefferson St. Meals include biscuit, coleslaw, and pie.**

PRAYERS

Donna, the family of Rita Wagner, the family of Carol Duffus, Judy O.
and family, Graham Cannon, Anne Ferguson, Claudia, Karen, Sandy,
Anita, Joyce Hall, Kitty Walker, Nancy Hoehn, Tad & Shirley Sellers,
Aryl Bashline, Jenna, Tom Olson, Pam Patterson

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1 Samuel 15:34--16:13

David anointed by Samuel

Psalm 20

The LORD gives victory to the anointed one. (*Ps. 20:6*)

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

In Christ, a new creation

Mark 4:26-34

The parable of the mustard seed