

## 2nd Sunday after Pentecost



**Sunday, June 2, 2024**

Lutheran Church of the Living Christ  
2725 Concord Drive  
Florissant, MO 63033

PRELUDE

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Don Busarow

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** (*Details on announcements are at the end of this bulletin.*)

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✚ the bread of life, you are shown God’s mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**GATHERING HYMN**

“Listen! God is Calling”

ELW #513

## GREETING

P: Beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST READING Deuteronomy 5:12-15

<sup>12</sup>Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup>Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

L: Word of God, Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 81:1-10

L: Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

**C: Raise a song and sound the timbrel, the merry harp, and the lyre.**

L: Blow the ram's horn at the new moon, and at the full moon, the day of our feast;

**C: for this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob.**

L: God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the land of Egypt, where I heard a voice I did not know:

**C: "I eased your shoulder from the burden; your hands were set free from the gravedigger's basket.**

L: You called on me in trouble, and I delivered you; I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

**C: Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**

L: There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not worship a foreign god.

**C: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the <sup>1</sup> land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**

## SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup>We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL READING - *Please stand, as you are able, to welcome the gospel.*

P: The holy Gospel according to Mark, the 2nd chapter (verses 2:23-3:6)

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

**3** <sup>1</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man,

“Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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

*Following the reading the assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Matt

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

ELW#521

**PROFESSION OF FAITH – *The Apostles’ Creed***

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

*A brief silence.*

Guide your church to expressions of faith that bring rest and release. Teach your people to be attentive to the spiritual, physical, and societal weariness of our neighbors, that we proclaim your grace through acts of mercy and justice. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Keep us mindful of the rhythms of nature as the days lengthen and the seasons shift toward summer. Grant relief to areas facing flooding or drought and bring favorable weather for the flourishing of crops, gardens, and orchards. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Where there is affliction in our world, bring healing. Where world leaders are perplexed, bring clarity of vision. Give a spirit of discernment to political advisors, institutional researchers, economic analysts, and all vocations that inform the work of governments and policymakers (*especially*). Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Provide wholeness and respite to all who are weary: those who struggle in any way and those who care for them (*especially*). Strengthen first responders and health care workers in their times of exhaustion or frustration. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Stir our hearts toward abundant generosity among neighbors who experience hunger and food insecurity. Bless feeding ministries and community food efforts, especially community gardens, farmers markets, food pantries and Little Free Pantries. Open both our hearts and our tables. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We remember the communion of saints whose lives made visible the saving life of Jesus Christ. Guide us by their example to embody the treasure of your love for the sake of our world, until we come to our final rest in you. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able*

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

*Share God's peace in whatever way you and/or neighbors are comfortable.  
Following the sharing of the peace the assembly is seated.*

### **GATHERING OF OFFERINGS**

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **C: Amen.**

#### **COMMUNION LITURGY**

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. Hosanna in the highest!**

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 for the 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

## LORD'S PRAYER

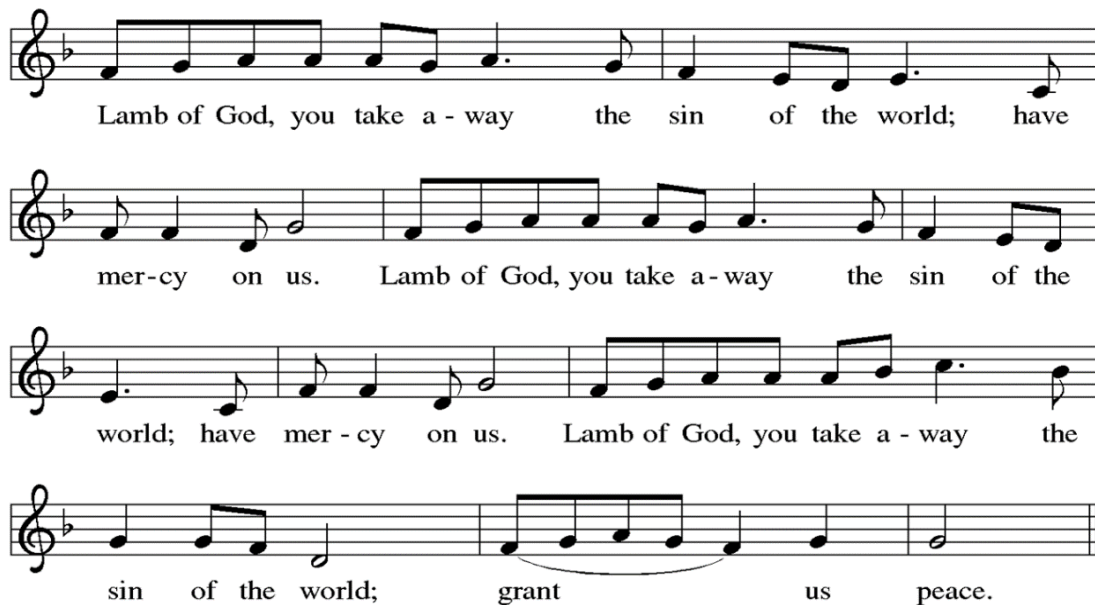
P: Remember us and teach us to pray,

**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: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table. **C: Amen.**

### Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION** *Time is given for the sharing of bread and wine. Additional verbal directions will be given.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

ELW#614

## BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you in God's grace unto eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER

L: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **C: Amen.**

**MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT - Thank you to David, Greg, and members of our Chancel Choir for sharing your beautiful music. Enjoy your summer break.**

## BENEDICTION

P: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD's face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.** (Num. 6:24)

## SENDING HYMN

"Thy Strong Word"

ELW#511 (vs. 1,5-6)

## DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

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

## POSTLUDE

"The Strong Word"

Charles Ore

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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1. **Create Days**-Friday, June 7, 9:00-11:00, to sew quilt tops, backs and put layers together (and maybe tie quilts) for LWR.
2. **The June Lunch Bunch** will dine at Las Fuentes at 680 N Hwy 67 in the Florissant Square Shopping Center. We will gather at 11:30 am on June 13 and everyone is welcome. For reservations contact Joyce Meyer at 314-374-4135 or email [jameyer46@charter.net](mailto:jameyer46@charter.net).
3. **FIFTY PLUS JUNE PICNIC** Fifty Plus will meet on June 19 at 11:30 am in the lower level at LCLC. Brats, hot dogs, hamburgers, sides, desserts and drinks all for the price of \$5.00 will be on the menu. The Black Jack Fire Department will be coming to talk about home safety. A signup sheet will be posted in June.
4. **Yard Sale on Saturday, June 22.** In conjunction with Wedgewood Subdivision, Living Christ will host our own yard sale along with a book sale and grilled hot dogs. Please price your items and know that the proceeds will go towards paying bills at LCLC. Saturday, June 15 from 3:00 - 6:00 pm the church will be open for drop off of items and help with pricing, if needed. We also ask for help in setting up and taking down on June 22.
5. **Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)** pack is on July 13 at Atonement --shifts are 8:00am, 11:15am and 2:30pm--. Registration begins on June 1 at [fmcs.org](http://fmcs.org). Invite friends, neighbors, co-workers, **and everyone you can possibly imagine!**
6. Choirs are in recess for the summer. We can really use some more members for both bell (critical) and vocal choir. YOU can ring and sing! Contact Bill Kaepfel and David Eggers. Bill K

### June 2, 2024

Preaching/Presiding: Pr. Matt

Assisting Minister: Bill Kaepfel

Lector: Terry Calderwood

Live Streaming: Gary & Laurie Brown

Musician: David Eggers

Ushers: Jim & Doris Stoehner

Greeter: Marilyn Wiley

Altar Guild: Doris Stoehner & Bill Kaepfel & Marilyn Wiley

### June 9, 2024

Preaching/Presiding: Pr. Matt

Assisting Minister: Angela Bennett

Lector: Bill Kaepfel

Live Streaming: Rod Wallace

Musician: Greg Ott

Ushers: Gloria Broderick & Cathie Lehr

Greeter: Kathy Endorf

Altar Guild: Maureen Buchek & Marjoie Becker

