

6th Sunday after Pentecost



Sunday, June 30, 2024

Lutheran Church of the Living Christ

2725 Concord Drive

Florissant, MO 63033

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

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

ELW #858

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 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.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING Lamentations 3:22-33

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;
²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” ²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. ²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. ²⁷It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, ²⁸to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, ²⁹to put one’s mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), ³⁰to give one’s cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. ³¹For the Lord will not reject forever. ³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; ³³for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

L: Word of God, Word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 30

L: ¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

C: ²**O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored ^l me to health.**

L: ³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

C: ⁴**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.**

L: ⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

C: ⁶**While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.**

L: ⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

C: ⁸**I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

L: ⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"

C: ¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."**

L: ¹¹You have turned my wailing ^l into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

C: ¹²**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

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 5th chapter (verses 21-43)

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

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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 Christ the Healer"

ELW#610

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

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

God of abundance, you fill your church with a multitude of gifts. Sustain those among us who feel they are not valued. Open our hearts to the wondrous breadth of all who call upon your name. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of creation, your goodness abounds. Multiply the fruits of the earth and rescue it from our wastefulness. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of justice, you reign in steadfast love. Bring peace between nations ravaged by war or strife (*nations and places may be named*) and illumine paths of justice and freedom for those who lead them. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of compassion, your touch brings healing and your word revives us for life. Hear our prayers for (*names and*) all who are in need, and for doctors, nurses, and health care workers who provide care. Turn wailing into dancing and weeping into joy. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of community, you gather us at your table of plenty. Where there is hunger among us, open our hands. Where we are indifferent to the needs of others, open our hearts. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of the ages, great is your faithfulness. We remember in thanksgiving our beloved dead (*especially*) who with all the saints sing without ceasing in your realm of glory. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **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

“Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether”

ELW#470

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 those who made our recent Yard Sale a huge success ~ those who donated items, bought items, priced items, set up, tore down, and managed the sale. What an awesome group of volunteers!

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

“God Bless Our Native Land”

ELW#891

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Semi Annual Congregational Meeting TODAY, June 30 following worship.**
- 2. NO Bible Study or NO Adult Ed for the Summer. We will resume August 18.**
- 3. 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 fmsc.org. Invite friends, neighbors, co-workers, **and everyone you can possibly imagine!****
- 4. Choirs are in recess for the summer. We can really use some more members for both the bell (critical) and vocal choir. YOU can ring and sing! Contact Bill Kaepfel and David Eggers.**
- 5. Create Day July 19th 9-11am to sew quilt tops, backs assemble layers for LWR**
- 6. The July Lunch Bunch will meet on July 11 at Applebee's Grill and Bar at 11977 St. Charles Rock Rd, Bridgeton at 11:30 am. For reservations please contact Joyce Meyer at 314-374-4135 or 314-838-3741. Everyone is welcome!**

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Preaching/Presiding: Pr. Matt

Assisting Minister: Angela Bennett

Lector: Randy Henning

Live Streaming: Gary & Laurie Brown

Musician: David Eggers

Ushers: Levaughn & Sheila Smart

Greeter: Gloria Broderick

Altar Guild: Joyce Wolf & Ann Schultz

July 7, 2024

Preaching/Presiding: Pr. Matt

Assisting Minister: Randy Henning

Lector: Donna Glennie

Live Streaming: Rod Wallace

Musician: Greg Ott

Ushers: Jim & Doris Stoechner

Greeter: Levaughn & Sheila Smart

Altar Guild: Doris Stoechner, Bill Kaepfel & Marilyn Wiley