

# 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost June 30, 2024

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A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

**Prelude** 



Pastor Wolfgang Herz-Lane

# **Confession and Forgiveness**

- **P.** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C. Amen.
- P. Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

## Silence is kept for reflection.

- P. God, our provider,
- C. 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.

- P. 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.
- C. Amen.



#### The Peace

- P. May the peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C. And also with you.

**Gathering Hymn** 

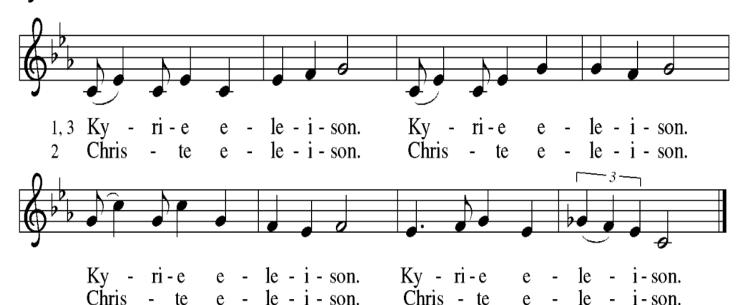
Come, Thou Almighty King

**ELW 408** 

# Greeting

- **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.

# **Kyrie**



#### **Now the Feast and Celebration**



#### **Prayer of the Day**

**A.** Let us pray . . . 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.

C. Amen.

## **First Reading**

Lamentations 3:22-33

The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

<sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;

<sup>23</sup>they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup>"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

<sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

<sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth,

<sup>28</sup>to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it,

<sup>29</sup>to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope),

<sup>30</sup>to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.

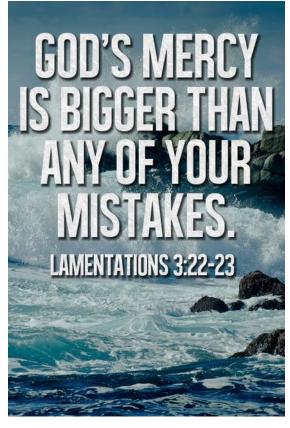
<sup>31</sup>For the Lord will not reject forever.

<sup>32</sup>Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

<sup>33</sup>for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

L. Word of God. Word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.





Psalm 30

Spoken Responsively

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

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

<sup>4</sup>Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.

<sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

<sup>6</sup>While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.

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

<sup>8</sup>I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

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

<sup>10</sup>Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

# FOR YOU KNOW THE GRACE OF OUR

# LORD JESUS CHRIST,

THAT THOUGH HE WAS RICH,

YET FOR YOUR SAKE HE BECAME POOR,

SO THAT YOU BY HIS POVERTY

MIGHT BECOME RICH.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

#### Second Reading

#### 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

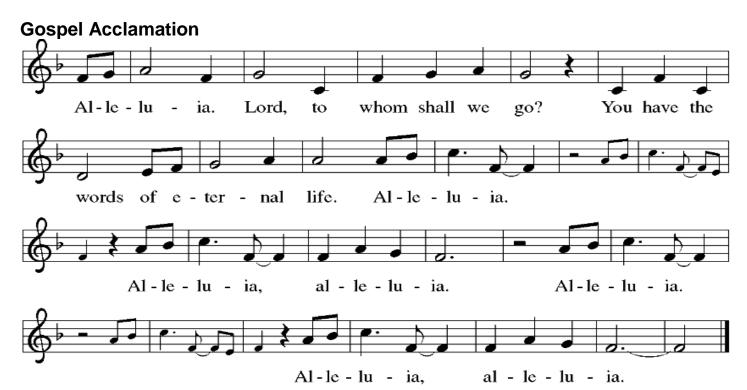
Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

<sup>7</sup>Now 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.

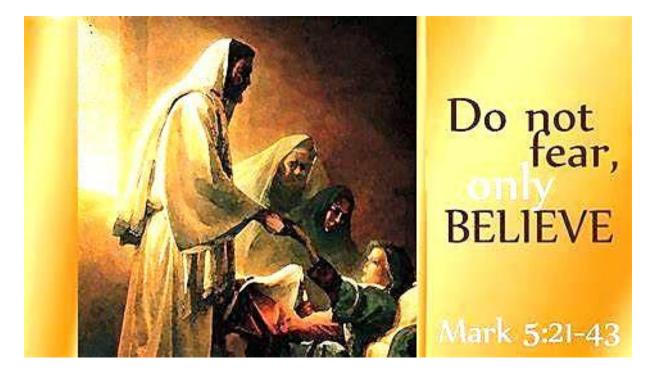
<sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup>And 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—<sup>11</sup>now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup>For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup>I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup>your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup>As 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.



- **P.** The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the fifth chapter.
- C. Glory to you, O God.



Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and 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." <sup>24</sup>So he went with him.

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

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



#### Children's Sermon

Sermon

"Healing and New Life"

**Pastor Wolfgang** 

**Hymn of the Day** 

Christ, Be Our Light

**ELW 715** 

# The Apostles' Creed

**L.** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C. 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 again 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 Intercession**

**A.** 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,

- C. hear our prayer.
- **A.** God of creation, your goodness abounds. Multiply the fruits of the earth and rescue it from our wastefulness. In your mercy,
- C. hear our prayer.

#### Other Prayers

- **P.** 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.
- C. Amen.

# The Offering

Anthem Total Praise Choir

Richard Smallwood, arr. Stephen F. Key



# **Offertory Prayer**

**A.** Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C. Amen.

# The Great Thanksgiving

P. The Lord be with you.

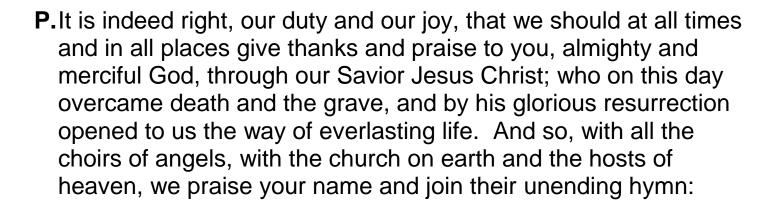
C. And also with you.

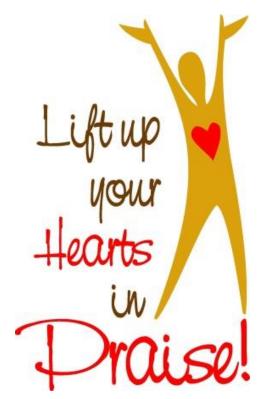
**P.** Lift up your hearts.

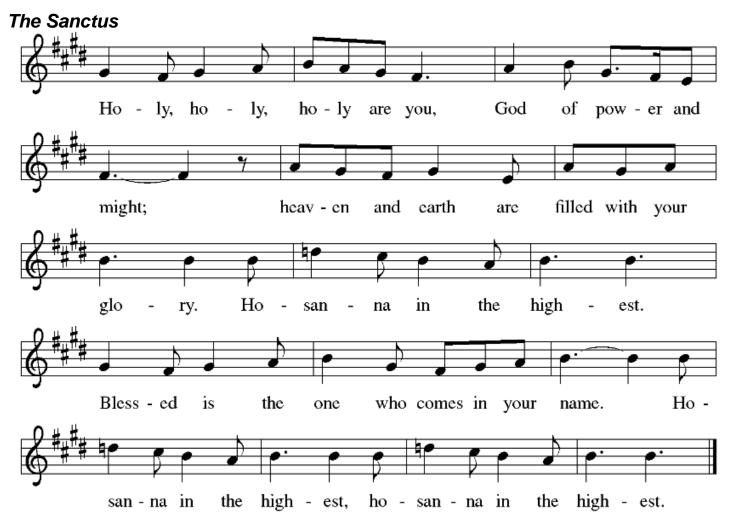
C. We lift them to the Lord.

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

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.







#### **Words of Institution**

of me.

P. 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



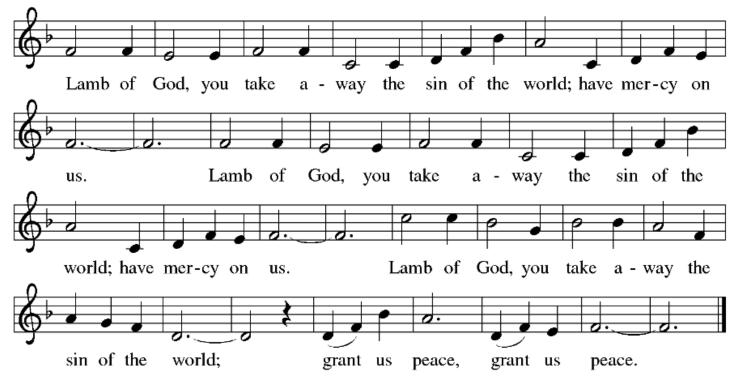


Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

#### **Invitation to Communion**

- **P.** Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come! All are welcome, no exceptions.
- C. Alleluia!





# **Communion Hymns**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ Taste and See

ELW 674 **ELW 493** 

# **Post Communion Blessing**

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

C. Amen

# **Post Communion Prayer**

**A.** Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

### C. Amen



## Benediction

**P.** The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, → be upon you now and forever.

C. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

**ELW 535** 

## **Dismissal**

**A.** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C. Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** 

Go Joyfully ~ Richard A. Williamson

Gail Hrobuchak



Lord of Life Church again becomes "the center of the world" this Wednesday, July 3, when thousands of people descend on White Deer Park for the annual Independence Day celebration and fireworks. As in previous years, we will provide food and drink for our members and Able to Serve families in the Fellowship Hall, starting at 5 pm. Hot dogs and buns will be provided; please sign up to bring a side dish to share via the link sent out by Laura last Tuesday and Thursday. We need lots of volunteers so please consider helping (arrive no later than 4 pm).

If you are planning to attend and want to park on church grounds, make sure to pick up a free parking pass from the Welcome Center and display it on your dashboard. Parking is available to our members and to Able to Serve clients and their families both in the LOL parking lot and on the grass on the lot next door; others will pay \$10 for the privilege with proceeds going to Able to Serve.

Help us discern God's will for the future of our church! Our Visions & Dreams Team is asking all members and friends of LOL to fill out the ELCA Vitality Survey, a planning tool designed to assess the current strengths and weaknesses of our ministry here in Garner. The results will be one of the data points the team will use as it engages in this summer's listening campaign. Find the survey here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfYXi6Ly6BrEiWQP7maQh2iYZeTWc5eNmrhyrWlgO\_wVe18A/viewform

Office Manager Laura Raun will be on vacation July 1-7, so the church office is closed. Feel free to call Pastor Wolfgang (919-810-3534) or Council President Terry Barnes (919-247-0700) with any needs you might have.

# Servers for Sunday, June 30th

Assisting Minister/Reader	Shannon Thomsen
Reader	Shannon Thomsen
Altar Guild	Barbara Kyles
Greeters / Counters Linda Ha	sh / Matt Himmeger
Acolyte	Antonio Smith



Sign-up sheets for the various worship assistant slots are on the board in the hallway. Please consider spending time giving glory to God by filling one of these positions on a Sunday.



Flowers this week are provided by Margaret Herz-Lane in honor of Myron L. Lane.

Candles this month are given by Sylvia Lambert in honor of her Grandchildren – Forde, Jerri, and Ian.



Honor a loved one by making a donation for the candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up sheets are on the board in the hallway.

# If you are planning to attend the Independence Day Celebration on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and you intend to PARK on LOL property, YOU'RE GOING TO NEED A PARKING PASS THIS YEAR!

Pick yours up from the kiosk in the narthex today!

