

Service of Word & Sacrament
Second Sunday after Pentecost, Year B, 2021
Sunday, June 6, 2021 9AM Sanctuary &
10:30AM Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, June 9, 2021 6:30PM Sanctuary



Prelude

Announcements

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.

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. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

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.**

Semicontinuous First Reading: 1 Samuel 8:4-11 [12-15] 16-20 [11:14-15]

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.” [¹⁴Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.” ¹⁵So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the Lord in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the Lord, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.]

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 130

¹Out of the depth I cry to you, O Lord;

²**O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

³If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**

⁵I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

⁷O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love; with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.

⁸**For the Lord shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1

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.

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Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

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.**

Homily

Hymn of the Day

Built on A Rock

ELW #652

(The congregation will not sing but may use the hymn text for mediation.)

- 1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land, bells still are chiming and calling—
calling the young and old to rest, calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting.
- 2 Surely, in temples made with hands God the Most High is not dwelling—
high in the heav'ns his temple stands, all earthly temples excelling.
Yet he who dwells in heav'n above deigns to abide with us in love, making our
bodies his temple.
- 3 Christ builds a house of living stones: we are his own habitation;
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones, granting us life and salvation.
Where two or three will seek his face, he in their midst will show his grace,
blessings upon them bestowing.
- 4 Yet in this house, an earthly frame, Jesus the children is blessing;
hither we come to praise his name, faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us his Spirit sent, making with us his covenant,
granting his children the kingdom.
- 5 Through all the passing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are ringing,
many may come to hear your Word, who here this promise is bringing:
"I know my own, my own know me; you, not the world, my face shall see;
my peace I leave with you. Amen."

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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.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

God of wholeness, we pray for believers all over the globe. Unify us in service of the gospel, that we may work together as beloved siblings to share your love with all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the cosmos, we pray for creation; the gardens, waterways and creatures near to us and diverse forms of life that remain unseen. Teach us to treat the natural world with reverence, seeking restoration when human divisions have caused harm to your beloved creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all people, we pray for harmony among the nations. Cast out from us unclean spirits of greed and fear, that we may work in solidarity with one another for the common good. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of abundance, we pray for those who are oppressed or in any need. Encourage those who have begun to lose heart. Strengthen and renew us with your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of righteousness, we pray for this holy house of worship. Set our gaze upon things eternal, that in thanksgiving for your mercy, we may extend grace to more and more people. We pray for the Allegheny Synod and our bishop-elect, that this next season of our ministry together may be fruitful and glorify you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the ages, in your goodness you have sent us faithful witnesses for every time and place. We give you thanks for those saints who now rest in your eternal mercy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**

Liturgy of Holy Communion

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

The Great Thanksgiving & Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, our will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion Hymn

O God Beyond All Praising

ELW #880

(The congregation will not sing but may use the hymn text for mediation.)

- 1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

- 2 The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown—
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory.

3 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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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. **Amen.**

Blessing

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

Postlude (*please remain seated and silent during the postlude*)

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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Serving God and Us

Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott

Our Pianist/Organist – Dr. Adam Smith/Mary Nelson

Our Administrative Assistant – Lori Tremmel

Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck

Our Sexton – Bill Brown

Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

Second Quarter Ventures in Faith to “Youth & Camping”

Prayers and Christian Sympathy are asked for the family of Bill Brown upon the death of his brother, Herbert Brown, on June 3, 2021. Funeral arrangements are unknown at this time.

Readings for the Week:

Monday(commemoration of Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, 1866) Psalm 74. **Tuesday** Revelation 20:7-15. **Wednesday** (commemoration of Columba, 597; Aidan, 651; Bede, 735; renewers of the church) Luke 11:14-28. **Thursday** Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15. **Friday** (Barnabas, Apostle) Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3. **Saturday** Mark 4:1-20. **Third Sunday after Pentecost** Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 4:26-34. Visit ELCA.org/Lectionary for a full listing of readings assigned to each day.

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Office Hours This Week:

- **Wednesday:** 1PM to 4PM (Pastor Traci)
- **Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday:** 9AM to Noon (Lori)
- **Thursday & Friday:** 9AM to Noon (Laura)
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June Worship Schedule

- **1st Sunday:** 9AM Sanctuary, 10:30 AM Fellowship Hall
- **2nd Sunday:** Worship at Camp Sequanota, Picnic & Open Camp Day
- **3rd & 4th Sunday:** 9AM outdoors (recorded and then uploaded)
- **Wednesdays:** 6:30 PM Sanctuary

Other Midweek

- Monday, June 7: Worship & Music 6:00PM via zoom
- Tuesday, June 8: Council 6:30PM via zoom
- Wednesday, June 9: Yoga 5:00PM in the church yard
- Saturday, June 12: Yoga 10:00AM in the church yard

Today - Inservice for Adults Volunteering with Children and Youth

The Staff Support Committee is sponsoring two educational sessions at the church on Sunday, June 6, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. and at 11:30 a.m. for adults volunteering with the children and youth of our St. Matthew community. Any adult, whether they have or have not volunteered in the past, who desires to volunteer is requested to attend. We will be providing education about the updates for our St. Matthew's Child Protection Policy including identifying and reporting child abuse. This will be an opportunity to complete necessary forms to secure or renew background checks that are required this year. If you have a Pennsylvania State Police criminal background clearance and a Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance that are current and do not expire in 2021, please bring copies to the session. A packet of information for both new and previous volunteers will be available in the Church office prior to the Inservice. If you have any questions about whether you should attend or about the content of the Inservice, please contact Kaye Burket at 814-224-5224 or Pastor Traci at 814-935-9267.

Notary services will be available for those whose affidavits need to be updated: The Notary will be stationed at the desk inside the Maple Street entrance from 10:00-10:15 a.m. for those attending the first training session (in the Sanctuary at 10:15 a.m.) and from 10:15-10:30 a.m. for those who will be attending the second training session (in the Fellowship Hall following the second service, approximately 11:30 a.m.).

Mark your Calendars: Sunday Worship at Camp Sequanota, June 13th

On Sunday, June 13th, we will gather for worship at Camp Sequanota in Jennerstown, PA. Weather-permitting, we'll meet at the Luther League chapel (transportation up the hill is available); in case of rain, we'll use the large pavilion by the large athletic field (follow signs). Worship will begin at 11AM; please arrive a little early if you'll need a golf cart ride up to the chapel. Lunch (BYO Lunch) will be immediately following worship at the large pavilion. We will provide beverages, s'mores, and a fire (you can bring your own over-the-fire food if you want to cook). This will be the day of Sequanota's benefit donors' picnic; the pool will be open and available to you in the afternoon. Stay for worship, worship and lunch, worship, lunch, and swimming, or register for the benefit picnic and stay all day. Have extra seats in your vehicle and want to provide a ride? Call the church office. Need a seat in someone's vehicle and want to accept a ride? Also call the church office.

Yoga Devotions
Wednesdays June 9, 16, 23 & 25 at 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 12 at 10:00 a.m.

Join us in the side yard at St. Matthew for an hour of yoga centered on a focus verse from scripture. Bring your mat; this is appropriate for any ability level.

Prayers are needed for our homebound: Shirley Acker, Carl & Dawn Alexy, John Aljets, Vivian Beach, Verna Blough, Fred Brandenburg, Clyde Claycomb, Donna Gearhart, Betty Helsel, Jere Hess, Gerald Hoover, Audrey Hite, Ruth Johnson, Janet Kreider, Harry Partner, Ginny Sell, Dan Sinal, Don Smith, Joy Williams.

Prayer Concerns: Amy & Family, Pastor Denise Arpino, Cindy Barnes, Randy Barrett, Jim Brower, Diane Cappel, Dwight Ciccotelli, Greg Comer, Brian Fleck, Jim Fritz, Dan Hershberger, Jere Hess, Marilyn Horton, Amber Itle, Jenny, Justin Karol, Bob Kensinger, Anna Klepser, Kirk Kling, Janet Kreider, Darren Kreutzer, Karrie McCall & Family, Chuck McGear, Kristen Malloy, Marjorie Marriott, Ryder McDermitt, Betty McDowell, Rick McIntyre, Nathan, Aunt Mica, Murtle Miller, Deb Peters, Alana Rhodes, Paul Ruth, Barbara Smith, Luther Steele, Cindy Thomas, David Tremmel, Peggy Tremmel, Carol Weyandt, Pete Williams, Jody Zelanko, and for our **Missionaries: Rev. Lesley Hand, On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson.**

Our college students: Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Jacob Orzeck.

Specialist Training in the Army: Nathan Smith