

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
PROPER 6

A Life of Compassion for the Needs of Others

June 14, 2020

**AS WE GATHER**

Through the apostolic ministry, God comes through His Word to bring people to the knowledge of sin and the gift of forgiveness and life through faith in Jesus, His Son. The reason all die is our sin inherited from our earthly father, Adam. More important, however, is the reason all can receive forgiveness and life—the free gift of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. By repentance and faith, all the baptized are made a kingdom of priests bearing witness to all of the salvation that is in Christ, our Lord. Today God renews His promises and love by His Word and Spirit as His living voice continues to come to us through those sent as ministers, preaching and administering the Holy Sacraments. Together we praise God, who has rescued us from our deathly heritage to be His children alive forever.

**PRELUDE**

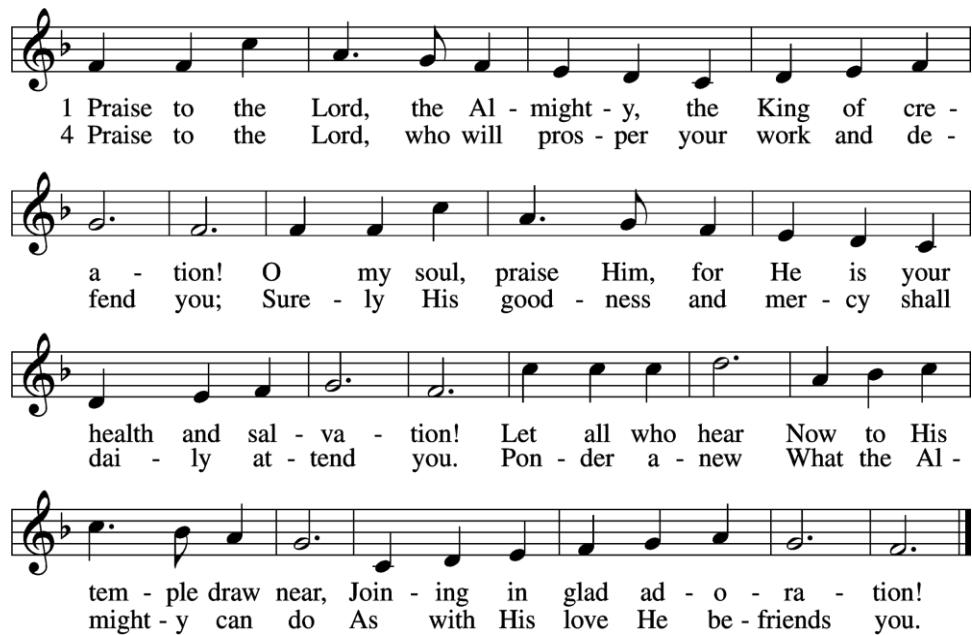
**BELLS**

**WELCOME**

*Stand*

**OPENING HYMN**

**790 *Praise to the Lord, st. 1 & 4***



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -

a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your  
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall

health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His  
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -

tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.

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## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: Amen.

## CONFESSİON AND ABSOLUTİON

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (*Silence for reflection*)  
Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**  
Pastor: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: Amen.

## ✖ WORD ✎

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*790 Praise to the Lord, st. 5*

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -  
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with  
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His  
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God our Father, our Creator and Redeemer, by Your call You have made us a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. Give us the faith and joy to pray for the salvation of all people and to live holy lives in the forgiveness of our sins; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Exodus 19:2–8*

(At Mount Sinai).

<sup>2</sup> They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, <sup>3</sup> while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup> ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; <sup>6</sup> and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

<sup>7</sup> So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. <sup>8</sup> All the people answered together and said, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*Romans 5:6–15*

(Reconciled through Christ)

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— <sup>13</sup> for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to

Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 9:35–10:8 (9–20)* (Jesus sends out the Twelve.)

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth and tenth chapters.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup> And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

<sup>1</sup> And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. <sup>2</sup> The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ <sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.

<sup>9</sup> Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, <sup>10</sup> no bag for your journey, or two tunics[a] or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. <sup>11</sup> And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. <sup>12</sup> As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup> And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup> And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup> Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

<sup>16</sup> “Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup> Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, <sup>18</sup> and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup> When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. <sup>20</sup> For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**826 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying, st. 1-3**



1 Hark, the voice of Je-sus cry-ing, "Who will go and work to-day?  
2 If you can-not speak like an-gels, If you can-not preach like Paul,  
3 If you can-not be a watch-man, Stand-ing high on Zi-on's wall,



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing— Who will bear the sheaves a-way?"  
You can tell the love of Je-sus, You can say He died for all.  
Point-ing out the path to heav-en, Of-fring life and peace to all,



Loud and long the Mas-ter call-eth; Rich re-ward He of-fers thee.  
If you can-not rouse the wick-ed With the judg-ment's dread a-larms,  
With your prayers and with your boun-ties You can do what God com-mands;



Who will an-swer, glad-ly say-ing, "Here am I, send me, send me?"  
You can lead the lit-tle chil-dren To the Sav-ior's wait-ing arms.  
You can be like faith-ful Aar-on, Hold-ing up the proph-et's hands.

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**SERMON**

"A Compassion Lived Out"

*Rev. Dr. Larry Stoterau*  
*Matthew 9:35-10:20*

*Stand*

**CREED**

*Apostles' Creed*

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life + everlasting. Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we offer before You our humble prayer for the well-being of Your Church throughout the world. Guide and govern it by Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully live out the love of Christ in word and deed demonstrating the compassion of Christ for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Send down upon all ministers of the Gospel and upon the people of our congregations the healthful spirit of Your grace that together they participate as workers in the harvest field. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Behold in mercy comfort all who remain isolated for protection from the CoronaVirus. We pray for continued peace in our city. Lord in Your mercy. Lord in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** We humbly ask Your abiding presence in every situation that You make known Your ways among us. Help those who call upon You in any need that they are strengthened in the midst of suffering. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Merciful Father, Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victorious over death and the grave. We remember with thanksgiving all Your servants who trusted in Christ and now stand in Your nearer presence, where all sorrows are turned to joy. Strengthen us in the confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come that we await with joy our reunion in Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## OFFERING

## LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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.

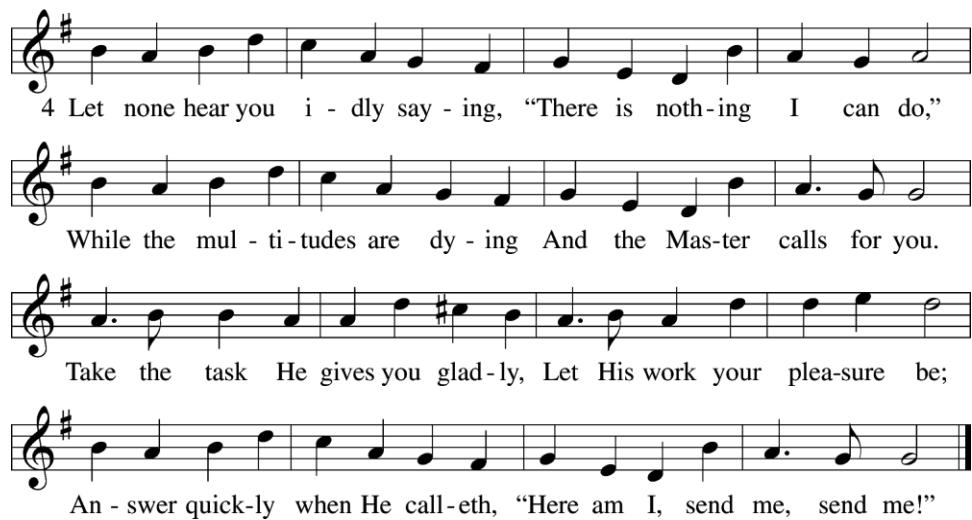
## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

*826 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying, st. 4*



4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth-ing I can do,"  
While the mul - ti-tudes are dy - ing And the Mas-ter calls for you.  
Take the task He gives you glad-ly, Let His work your plea-sure be;  
An - swer quick-ly when He call-eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

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## POSTLUDE