



**June 10<sup>TH</sup> SCRIPTURE**  
 readings, **HYMN** selections  
 & **OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION**  
 TO **TAKE HOME** WITH YOU FOR REFERENCE

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Gathering Song: #504

Hymn of the Day: #860

Communion: #483

Sending Song: #537

*"A Mighty Fortress"*

*"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"*

*"Here Is Bread"*

*"On Our Way Rejoicing"*

**BACKGROUND ON TODAY'S LESSONS:** A HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF CANNOT STAND. JESUS MAKES THIS OBSERVATION IN LIGHT OF CHARGES THAT HE IS POSSESSED. HE IS POSSESSED, NOT BY A DEMON, BUT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. WE WHO HAVE RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH BAPTISM HAVE BEEN JOINED TO CHRIST'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION AND KNIT TOGETHER IN THE BODY OF CHRIST. THOSE WITH WHOM WE SING AND PRAY THIS DAY ARE SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF THE LORD. WITH THEM WE GO FORTH IN PEACE TO DO THE WILL OF GOD.

**FIRST READING**

**GENESIS 3:8-15**

Adam and Eve heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

"WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE" **ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM 130**

READ RESPONSIVELY

OUT OF THE DEPTHS I CRY TO YOU, O LORD;

***O Lord, hear my voice!***

***Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.***

IF YOU WERE TO KEEP WATCH OVER SINS,  
O LORD, WHO COULD STAND?

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

I WAIT FOR YOU, O LORD; MY SOUL WAITS;  
IN YOUR WORD IS MY HOPE.

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

O ISRAEL, WAIT FOR THE LORD,  
FOR WITH THE LORD THERE IS STEADFAST LOVE;  
WITH THE LORD THERE IS PLENTIFUL REDEMPTION.

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

**SECOND READING**

**2 CORINTHIANS 4:13--5:1**

LIFE IN THE PRESENT IS TRANSITORY AND CANNOT COMPARE WITH THE ETERNAL HOME GOD HAS PREPARED FOR US. SO WE DO NOT DESPAIR NO MATTER WHAT LIFE MIGHT BRING BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT AS GOD RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD, GOD PROMISES TO BRING US INTO ETERNAL LIFE.

Just 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, because 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. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because 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. 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.

"WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE" **ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 3:20-35**

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

IN RESPONSE TO CHARGES THAT HE IS POSSESSED, JESUS WONDERS ALOUD HOW ANYONE WHO IS DEMON-POSSESSED CAN CAST OUT DEMONS. THOSE WHO DO THE WILL OF GOD ARE POSSESSED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF CHRIST.

Jesus went home; and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But 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. "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

"THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD" **ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**