

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
(July 12, 2020)

† DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE †

Prelude "I Believe in Him" Lilli Seevers 8:00am

Greeting & Announcements

Opening Hymn "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" LSB 901

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty;
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessèd is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 2 Gracious God, I come before Thee;
Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,
There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou;
Let it be Thy temple now!
- 3 Here Thy praise is gladly chanted;
Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted,
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.
- 4 Thou my faith increase and quicken;
Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howsoe'er temptations thicken;
May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life,
As my comfort in all strife.
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;
Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee
While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.

Confession and Absolution

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto 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.

C **Amen.**

† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

Psalm

Psalm 65:9-13 (antiphon: v. 5)

⁹You visit the earth and water it;
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide their grain,
for so you have prepared it.

¹⁰**You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.**

¹¹You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

¹²The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,

¹³the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

⁵By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas;

Kyrie

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**C Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Gloria in Excelsis

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**P Glory be to God on high,
C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for

our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹²“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 8:12-17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

⁹He who has ears, let him hear."

...¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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.**

† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

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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.

The Words of Our Lord

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Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
 have mercy upon us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
 have mercy upon us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
 grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution

Distribution Hymns “Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

LSB 545

- 1 Word of God, come down on earth,
 Living rain from heav’n descending;
 Touch our hearts and bring to birth
 Faith and hope and love unending.
 Word almighty, we revere You;
 Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
- 2 Word eternal, throned on high,
 Word that brought to life creation,
 Word that came from heav’n to die,
 Crucified for our salvation,
 Saving Word, the world restoring,
 Speak to us, Your love outpouring.
- 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see,
 Speak and heal our mortal blindness;
 Deaf we are: our healer be;
 Loose our tongues to tell Your kindness.
 Be our Word in pity spoken,
 Heal the world, by sin now broken.
- 4 Word that speaks God’s tender love,
 One with God beyond all telling,
 Word that sends us from above,
 God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
 Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
 Word of life, with one bread feed us.

“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”

LSB 827

- 1 Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,
 “Who will go and work today?
 Fields are white and harvests waiting—
 Who will bear the sheaves away?”
 Loud and long the Master calleth;

Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
“Here am I, send me, send me”?

2 Some take up His task in morning,
To their Lord responding soon;
Some are called in heat of midday,
Others late in afternoon;
Even as the sun is setting,
Some are sent into the fields,
There to gather in the bounty
That God’s Word so richly yields.

3 For as rain and snow from heaven
Water seeds in dusty soil,
Causing them to bud and flower,
Giving bread to those who toil;
So the Lord sends forth His promise,
Words of life and joy and peace—
Never void to Him returning,
Bearing fruit with great increase.

4 Hearken to the Lord whose coming
Marks the time when grace shall end,
When with His angelic reapers
He in glory shall descend.
Soon the night, the final harvest;
Soon the time for work shall cease.
Then the souls His grace has garnered
Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.

Nunc Dimittis

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C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

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P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

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P 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.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Blest Are They”

LSB 982

1 Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow;
They shall be consoled. Refrain

ref Rejoice and be glad!
Blessèd are you, holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God.

2 Blest are they, the lowly ones;
They shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;
They shall have their fill. Refrain

3 Blest are they who show mercy;
Mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart;
They shall see God! Refrain

4 Blest are they who seek peace;
They are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith;
The glory of God is theirs. Refrain

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Blest are you who suffer hate,
All because of Me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom;
Shine for all to see. Refrain

Sermon Notes
6th Sunday After Pentecost
Proper 10
July 12, 2020



Isaiah 55:10-13
Homesick? You're Homeward Bound!

Think of a time when you were homesick. Did you go away to college for the first time? Maybe you had a job that required you to move. What was it about home that made you homesick?

The people in Isaiah's were homesick. God had sent Babylon in to take them away to a foreign country under the hard rule of their kings. They were told to worship false gods such as Marduk. They were told how and what to worship. They were mocked because of their faith in the One true God—YHWH. Psalm 137 gives us a glimpse of what it was like:

Psa. 137:1 *By the waters of Babylon,
there we sat down and wept,
when we remembered Zion.
2 On the willows there*

we hung up our lyres.

3 *For there our captors
required of us songs,
and our tormentors, mirth, saying,
“Sing us one of the songs of
Zion!”*

- Read Isaiah 55:13. What is the picture/image God gives to convey what home will be like?
- What is it in water that transforms dry hard earth into ground that produces life?
- God's Word is transformational. How has He transformed you?
- As God's people, we too are in exile here. We long to be home.

What does God give us to deal with our homesickness?

➤ What are ways to help cope with spiritual homesickness?

**Those Serving In
The Worship Service Sunday Morning
July 12, 2020**

Preacher	Rev. Michael Redeker	
Liturgist	Rev. Joshua Schmidt	
Elders	John O'Connor, Boyd Arnold	8:00am
	John McDowell, Duane Lofton	10:30am
Organist	David Fenske	
Ushers	Jack Messenger, Paul Yutzy	8:00am
	Curtis Peterson, Joe Peterson	10:30am
Special Music	Lilli Seevers	8:00am
Videographer	Glacia Peck	

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Announcements

July 12, 2020

SUMMER HOURS FOR THE CHURCH OFFICE, 8:00am - 3:00pm. If the door is locked during this time, please ring the bell on the right-hand side of the door and someone will let you in.

****THE MESSIAH MESSENGER**** -

Deadline for August newsletter is Saturday, July 18th. Please have your news articles into the church office or email to

glaciap@messiahlutherangj.org.

POSITION AVAILABLE - The congregation is seeking a part-time Church Secretary. Application and Job Description are available at the Church Office. We will be taking applications until July 10, 2020. Please contact Glacia with questions, glaciap@messiahlutherangj.org or 245-2838.

MESSIAH'S YARD SALE 2020 is July 23, 24 & 25 - You may drop off your donations through July 21st from 9 to 2. If you would like to drop off any other time, please call Debbie at 970-640-1470.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF YARD SALE HELP NEEDED:

On July 6th through July 22nd:

- Muscle with trucks to pick up yard sale merchandise
- Yard sale set-up workers, come with a friend and make new friends
- Lunch provided

- All workers can pre-shop as you work

On July 23rd, 24th & 25th (Sale Days)

- Team of 2 to put out the yard sale signs @ 7am and pick up after 5pm and 12pm on Sat.
- Lots of sales staff (special T-shirts provided)
- Merchandise Carry out (at least 2 at all times)

On Sat, July 25th at 2pm:

We need people with trucks and vans to pack remains of sale and deliver to donation centers, some before 4pm.

Please Call Debbie @970-640-1470 to sign up to volunteer

LWML - Does life matter? King Solomon in Ecclesiastes said, "...sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil." Will your life efforts, summarized by your financial assets, be such folly? Or would you like to create a meaningful plan for inheritance gifts to family and gifts to ministry as well? Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help you make those gifts with purpose. Contact: Rocky Mountain District Advocate Elizabeth Weber, weber4342@acsol.net, Cell: (970) 361-0794

SCHOOL REGISTRATION DAYS - Mark your calendars for July 29th & 30th from 8:00am to 4:00pm to attend registration and completion of fees for the 2020 - 2021 school year.

NOW ENROLLING FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR - We are now taking applications for this coming school year, preschool through eighth grade. Member's and non-member's children are welcome here at Messiah and we have an excellent Christian academic program. School begins on August 12th. Please call the office for more information at 245-2838.

MESSIAH'S RADIO MINISTRY-Pastor Redeker's sermons can be heard on Sunday mornings at 8:30am -9:00am on 1100AM/KNZZ radio station. If you would like to be a sponsor for this ministry contact the church office, 970-245-2838.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR-Listen to The Lutheran Hour message each Sunday morning at 9:00am on 1100AM/KNZZ radio station.

ONLINE GIVING - Click online giving on the front page of our website www.messiahlutherangj.org to set up reoccurring offering or a onetime donation.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT- "So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh" (Romans 8:12). We owe the flesh, the world, and the devil nothing at all. We are not debtors to these enemies; we

are freed by the blood of Christ. We are joyful servants in Christ's kingdom - servants that He calls friends. We share our Lord's plans and purposes, and this gives direction and purpose to our lives.

(from the LCMS Stewardship website)

-The Board of Stewardship

URGENT NEED COMMUNION SETUP

AND CLEANUP -The Holy Communion

signup sheet is in need of people to

help in setting up and cleaning up of

communion. Set Up is needed for the

months of August, and October. Clean

up is needed for the months of

September, November and December.

Please prayerfully consider helping. We

are more than willing to train or help in

anyway. Our thanks to those who have

previously given generously of their

time in service to our Lord. Contact

Laura Ryden, 970-241-0438 for more

information.

HOLY COMMUNION SET UP AND CLEAN

UP FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING

SERVICES OF 2020 -need volunteers.

Our thanks to those who have

previously given generously of their

time in service to our Lord. Contact

Laura Ryden, 970-260-6766 for more

information.

July Income:

Week of July 1-11 \$ 16,064.60

Weekly need 20,386.00

Month to date 16,064.60

Monthly need 88,342.00

Calendar for the Week

Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study

	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion
	12:30pm	Yard Sale Set Up need muscle
Monday	8:00am	Yard Sale Set Up
	9:00am	Office Staff Meeting
	5:30pm	Board of Finance
Tuesday	8:00am	Yard Sale Set Up
	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	2:00pm	Board of Christian Education
	7:00pm	Church Council
Wednesday	8:00am	Weekly Bulletin Announcement deadline
	8:00am	Yard Sale Set Up
	6:00pm	Church
Thursday	8:00am	Yard Sale Set Up
Friday	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
	-----	Pastor Schmidt's Day Off
	8:00am	Yard Sale Set Up
Saturday	8:00am	Yard Sale Set Up
	9:00am	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
	1:00pm	Marilyn Seeley's Memorial Service
Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion
	12:30pm	Yard Sale Set Up

If you know anyone who is probably not receiving our online communications, do your best to fill them in.

Our most recent updates will be on our Facebook Page:

Lutheran Church and School of Messiah

These next few months are going to be tough for everyone.

But, we will get through it together by the grace of God.

**If you or someone you know is in Spiritual,
Physical, or any other need:**

We are here for you.

Pastor Redeker: (314) 608-5538

Pastor Schmidt: (314) 261-3180

Please remember to let the office know of any changes of individuals that you have placed on the Prayer List.