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The Second Sunday after Pentecost



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Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing
The Good News of Jesus' Love and Forgiveness.

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Pastor's Greeting:

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Hymn: God Loved the World So that He Gave.....CW93 391 (CW21 570) Stz 1-4



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Confession and Absolution

L: The Grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also, with you.

- **L:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- **L:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: AMEN

Prayer and Praise

L: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord have mercy

L: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ have mercy

L: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord have mercy

L: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L: Almighty and merciful God, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear his call and follow him by faith that we may feast with him forever in his kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Exodus 3:1–15

¹Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

⁴When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

⁵"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." ⁶Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

⁷The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

¹²And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

¹³Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

¹⁴God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'"

¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' "This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation. This is Word of our God

We continue with the singing of Psalm 78. We sing the psalm in unison.

Psalm 78 CW₉₃





O my people, hear my teaching;* listen to the words of my mouth.

I will utter things from of old,*
what we have heard and what our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from our children;*
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD.

Refrain

The LORD decreed statutes for Jacob* and established the law in Israel,

so the next generation would know them,* and they in turn would tell their children.

Then they would put their trust in God* and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

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.

Refrain

¹²I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. ¹³Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. ¹⁷Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord



Gospel: Matthew 9:9–13

⁹As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

¹⁰While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹²On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord. Alleluia. Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners. Alleluia!

C: Alleluia! Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less......CW93 382 (CW21 563) Stz 1-4



Sermon:

God Saves and Serves His Children

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Apostles' Creed: (together we confess)

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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: Your Word is a lamp for our feet and a light to our path so that we may understand what you would have us know, believe, and do as we seek to walk the way of righteousness. We ask that you take from our path everything that may be harmful and give to us everything you know that is good and brings glory to your name. This we ask in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer: (traditional)

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.

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen

Amen!

Hymn: Lord, You I Love with All My HeartCW₉₃ 434 Stz 1 & 2



We thank **Pastor Michael Seifert** from Living Hope Lutheran Church in Midlothian, VA for leading us in worship today. May the Lord provide him safe travels.



Bob Baur placed flowers in church in memory of his wife, Jane. Let us give thanks to the Lord for preparing a place for believers in heaven.

Looking Ahead

Month June	Date	Time	Streaming	Music	Usher #1	Comm.
Sun Pent 2	<mark>4</mark>	9:30 AM	Audrey	Jessica	Bob P	
Sun Pent 3	<mark>11</mark>	9:30 AM	Dan	Jessica	Gil P	Mark
Sun Pent 4	<mark>18</mark>	9:30 AM	Jessica	Paul	Cole S	
Sun Pent 5	<mark>25</mark>	9:30 AM	Megan	HymnSoft	Dan M	Scott

June 2023, Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 9 Bruce Gerlach
- 12 Jayla Galbreath
- 12 Dennis Sullivan
- 20 Nate & Kelly Potter 3 years
- 20 Paul Kassebaum

2023 Cleaning Volunteers for Both the Church and the Fellowship Hall Cleaning may be done any day or time during the week on or preceding the date indicated below. Thank you.

June	3	Gerlachs	
	17	Galbreaths/J Trimmer	
July	1	G Potters/Cammarattas	
	15	S&L Backes/N&K Potter	