

July 9, 2023

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM

Present yourselves to God
as those alive from the dead,
and your members as
instruments of righteousness
to God. (Romans 6:13)

We Are Instruments of God's Righteousness

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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:



Hymn: *Before the Lord We Bow* CW₉₃ 618 Stz 1–4

1 Be - fore the Lord we bow, The God who reigns a -
2 The na - tion you have blessed May well your love de -
3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er

bove And rules the world be - low In bound - less
clare, From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed
green, Shine in your Word's pure light And its rich
own. Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor - ship

pow'r and love. Our thanks we bring; In joy and
by your care. For this fair land, For this bright
fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry tongue Be tuned to
him a - lone. Cast down your pride! Your sin de -

praise Our hearts we raise To heav'n's high King.
day Our thanks we pay — Gifts of your hand.
praise And join to raise A grate - ful song!
plore And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied!

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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.

All: 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: We Pray. 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: Lord, we rejoice in you and proclaim your love and faithfulness. Grant that as we have sung your praises here on earth, so we may proclaim your wonders with all your saints in eternity; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson:

Jeremiah 28:1-17 (EHV)

¹ That same year, in the fifth month of the fourth year (early in the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah), the prophet Hananiah son of Azzur, who was from Gibeon, spoke to me in the House of the LORD in the presence of the priests and all the people. He said, ²“The LORD of Armies, the God of Israel, says this. I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon. ³When two full years have passed, I will bring back all the vessels of the LORD’s house that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place and carried off to Babylon. ⁴I will also bring back Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim king of Judah along with all the exiles of Judah who went to Babylon, declares the LORD, for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.”

⁵ Then the prophet Jeremiah replied to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the House of the LORD. ⁶He said, “Amen! May the LORD do that! May the LORD fulfill the words you have prophesied and bring back the vessels of the LORD’s house, and may he bring all the exiles back from Babylon to this place. ⁷Nevertheless, listen now to what I have to say in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets from ancient times, who came before you and me, prophesied war, famine and plague against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, only when the word of the prophet actually comes true will that prophet become known as someone whom the LORD has truly sent.”

¹⁰ Then the prophet Hananiah took the yoke off the neck of Jeremiah the prophet and broke it. ¹¹In the presence of all the people, Hananiah said, “This is what the LORD says. This is how I will break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from off the neck of all the nations within two full years.” So the prophet Jeremiah went on his way.

¹² After the prophet Hananiah had broken the yoke off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: ¹³“Go and tell Hananiah that this is what the LORD says. You have broken a wooden yoke, but in its place you will receive an iron yoke. ¹⁴For the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel, says, I will put an iron yoke on the neck of all these nations so that they will serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. Yes, they will certainly serve him. I have even given him the wild animals.”

¹⁵ Then the prophet Jeremiah said to Hananiah the prophet, “Listen, Hananiah! The LORD has not sent you, yet you are making this people trust in a lie. ¹⁶Therefore this is what the LORD says. Watch, I will remove you from the face of the earth. This very year you will die, because you have preached rebellion against the LORD.” ¹⁷In the seventh month of that same year, Hananiah the prophet died. This is the Word of our God.

CW₉₃ Psalm 89

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Refrain



Psalm tone



I will sing of the LORD'S great love forever;*
I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

I will declare that your love stands firm forever,*
that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,*
your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

Refrain

O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?*
You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,*
who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.

They rejoice in your name all day long;*
they exult in your righteousness.

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

Second Lesson:

Romans 6:1–14 (NIV 84)

¹ What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?

² By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. ⁵ If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with Christ so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.

¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

¹³ Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

¹⁴ For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace. This is the Word of our God.

Hymn: *Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness* **CW₉₃ 376** (CW₂₁ 573) **Stz 1–4**

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff has a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some lines having multiple verses. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day — Who can a
3 Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood, Which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve were sin - ners more Than sands up -

are, my glo - rious dress; Mid flam - ing worlds, in
word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly through you ab -
ver - y throne of God For - ev - er will for
on the o - cean shore, You have for all a

these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
solved I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
sin - ners plead, For me — e'en for my soul — was shed.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

Gospel:

Matthew 10:34–42 (NIV 84)

L: Jesus said, ³⁴ “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to turn “a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law— ³⁶ a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’

³⁷ “Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰ “He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me.

⁴¹ Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man’s reward. ⁴² And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.”

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn: *O Fount of Good, for All Your Love*..... **CW₉₃ 524 Stz 1–4**

1 O Fount of good, for all your love Our true thanks should be paid.
2 But you have need - y broth - ers here, Par - tak - ers of your grace,
3 In their sad ac - cents of dis - tress Your plead - ing voice is heard;
4 Then help us, Lord, your yoke to wear And glad - ly do your will,

What can we ren - der, Lord, to you, When you own all that's made?
Whose names you will your - self con - fess Be - fore the Fa - ther's face.
You may in them be clothed and fed And vis - it - ed and cheered.
Each oth - er's dai - ly bur - dens share, The law of love ful - fill.

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The Nicene Creed: *(together we confess)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers: O most holy God, we rejoice that you have and will continue to prepare joys beyond our understanding. We ask that you would pour into our hearts true love and joy that, in loving you above all things, we may obtain all the blessings you have prepared for us now and throughout all eternity, this we ask through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, 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. Amen!

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

Hymn: *Hark! The Church Proclaims Her Honor*CW₉₃ 530 Stz 1–4

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1 Hark! The Church pro - claims her hon - or, And her
 2 He his Church has firm - ly found - ed; He will
 3 Frail and fleet - ing are our pow - ers, Short our
 4 Though we here must strive in weak - ness, Though in
 strength is on - ly this: God has laid his choice up -
 guard what he be - gan. We, by sin and foes sur -
 days, our fore - sight dim. We con - fess a choice not
 tears we of - ten bend, What his might be - gan in
 on her, And the work she does is his.
 round - ed, Build her walls as best we can.
 ours: We were cho - sen first by him.
 meek - ness Shall a - chieve a glo - rious end.

Looking Ahead

July	Date	Time	Streaming	Music	Usher #1	Comm.
Sun Pent 6	9	9:30 AM	Jessica	Paul	Scott	Gil
Sun Pent 7	16	9:30 AM	Mark	Jessica	Scott	
Sun Pent 8	23	9:30 AM	Megan	Jessica	Bob P.	Dan
Sun Pent 9	30	9:30 AM	Dan	Jessica	Gil	

July Birthdays and Anniversaries:

3 Jan Williams
 29 Karen Meister

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.

July 15 S & L Backes / N & K Potter
 August 5 Meister Family
 August 19 K Kellner / P Taylor / C Rogers