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Worship –9:30 am.

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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AS WE GATHER

There's an old English proverb which states, "Good things come to those who wait." Though a nice thought, there is no certainty of the saying coming to fruition. The Word of God, however, is always true, especially as we hear the Old Testament Reading from Lamentations: "The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD" (3:25–26). Even as we hear in today's Gospel from Mark, people waited in affliction and grief, as Jesus would heal a woman's twelve-year ailment and raise the dead daughter of a synagogue ruler. Though our waiting on the Lord may not result in a miracle in this earthly life, in our greatest wait we are assured of what is sure to come to fruition as we, "wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD" (Lamentations 3:26).



INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN No. 809 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not:
Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. Refrain**

**Refrain:
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain**

PSALM Psalm 30:1–5

P: I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
C: **O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.**

P: O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.
C: **Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints, and give thanks to His holy name.**

P: For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.
C: **Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

P: As for me, I said in my prosperity, “I shall never be moved.”
C: **By Your favor, O LORD, You made my mountain stand strong; You hid Your face; I was dismayed.**

P: To You, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:
C: **“What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise You? Will it tell of Your faithfulness?”**

P: Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!”
C: **You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,**

P: that my glory may sing Your praise and not be silent.
C: **O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 1:8–9; Lamentations 3:25–26; 2 Corinthians 8:7*

P: Great is the Lord’s faithfulness, even though we have been unfaithful. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: We hear the voice of the Lord through His Word as we come before Him: “The LORD is good to those who wait for Him. . . . It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.” In our waiting, we have not been faithful.
C: **We confess we have not used our time in ways pleasing to You and have become apathetic as we wait for You. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

P: We hear the voice of the Lord through the apostle Paul as he commended the generous giving of the Macedonians: “But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.” In our giving, we have not been faithful.
C: **We confess we have not faithfully managed Your time, treasures, and talents entrusted to us. We have often been selfish instead of stewards and have failed to excel in the grace of giving to others, for the Gospel and for the sake of Your kingdom.**

P: We hear the voice of Jesus in today’s Gospel and watch the power of His Word as Christ commends the faith of a long-suffering woman healed and raises from the dead the daughter of Jairus.

C: **We confess in our times of distress, we have doubted. In our times of sadness, we have separated ourselves from Your sustenance for our spirits. We have allowed other voices around us to direct us instead of the voice of Your Word, which brings us lasting comfort, peace, and hope.**

P: Great is the Lord's faithfulness, even though we have been unfaithful. We hear the voice of the Lord assuring and affirming us in our time of waiting and time of need. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, during His earthly ministry Your Son, Jesus, healed the sick and raised the dead. By the healing medicine of the Word and Sacraments, pour into our hearts such love toward You that we may live eternally; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Lamentations 3:22–33* (Great is the Lord's faithfulness.)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. *The Lord is my portion,* says my soul, *therefore I will hope in him.*

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him; let him put his mouth in the dust*there may yet be hope; let him give his cheek to the one who strikes, and let him be filled with insults. For the Lord will not cast off forever, but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 8:1–9, 13–15* (Encouragement to give generously)

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints*and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. But as you excel in everything" in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you" see that you excel in this act of grace also.

I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Lamentations 3:25*

P: Alleluia. The LORD is good to those who wait for Him,

C: **to the soul who seeks Him. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 5:21–43* (Jesus heals a woman and Jairus's daughter.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fifth chapter.

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

(The Gospel is read.)

And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." And he went with him.

And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" And he looked around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Your hand, O Lord, in days of old
Was strong to heal and save;
It triumphed over ills and death,
O'er darkness and the grave,
To You they came, the blind, the mute,
The palsied and the lame,
The lepers in their misery.
The sick with fevered frame.

Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,
Gave speech and strength and sight;
And youth renewed and frenzy calmed
Revealed You, Lord of light.
And now, O Lord, be near to bless
Almighty as before,
In crowded street, by beds of pain,
As by Gennes'ret's shore.

O be our great deliverer still,
The Lord of life and death;
Restore and quicken, soothe and bless,
With Your life-giving breath.
To hands that work and eyes that see
Give wisdom's healing pow'r
That whole and sick and weak and strong
May praise You evermore.

SERMON

Pastor Mark Winkelman

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTLE'S CREED

ALL: 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

(Please be seated after the Creed.)

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus, for His church, and for all people according to their needs.

Ever-sustaining Lord, by the power of Your Word, You spoke creation into being and continue to provide for all our needs in this body and life. Continue to grant us favorable weather throughout this season, sustenance upon the land for those who work in farms and fields, and all things needful for our daily bread. As You sustain us and all things, let us give thanks to You for all the blessings we receive. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Ever-providing Lord, You place authorities over us to grant safety, order, and well-being. As we soon celebrate our nation's independence, we ask Your voice of care and compassion be heard by those governing authorities who lead. Grant that their words and voices reflect Your will that life be treasured, the weak be protected, the frail be cared for, and all people be treated with justice. In the freedoms with which we are blessed as citizens of this country, let us also as citizens of heaven give thanks to You for the freedom from sin won for us through Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Ever-present Lord, as Jesus walked with the people during His earthly ministry, He healed the sick and raised the dead. As He walks with us through our earthly pilgrimages, grant healing to those who are hurting, [*especially* . . .], and hope to those who are dying or grieving [*especially* . . .], according to Your good and gracious will. Help us to not only hear but in faith to listen to His voice in time of need that we may know the comfort, peace, and presence assured, and the everlasting promises to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Ever-forgiving Lord, as we gather at Your Table, help us in faith to hear and believe the Word spoken, "This is My body" and "This is My blood," as You are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine and Your body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Grant that we as Your people, fed, nourished, and forgiven, depart in peace and be voices of Your Word to our neighbors that they too may know Your love for them, the healing You bring, and the assured salvation upon which we wait. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Any additional petitions may be added.

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

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9–13

**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.**

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24–26

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.**

HYMN No. 548 “Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious”

**Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious!
Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!
Death hath now no power o’er us,
Thou hast conquered in the strife.
Thanks because Thou didst arise
And hast opened paradise!
None can fully sing the glory
Of the resurrection story.**

**Thou hast died for my transgression,
All my sins on Thee were laid;
Thou hast won for me salvation,
On the cross my debt was paid.
From the grave I shall arise
And shall meet Thee in the skies.
Death itself is transitory;
I shall lift my head in glory.**

**For the joy Thine advent gave me,
For Thy holy, precious Word;
For Thy Baptism, which doth save me,
For Thy blest Communion board;
For Thy death, the bitter scorn,
For Thy resurrection morn,
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee,
And in heav’n I shall behold Thee.**

SENDING

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