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## The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

✠ July 4, 2021 ✠

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### Prelude / Welcome

### Invocation

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

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

**C** Amen.

### Opening Song:

“Blessed Be Your Name”

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### Confession of Sins

**P** We confess our sins to God, first by silently lifting up before Him any particular sins that may be weighing heavily upon us this morning. [ *I generally give them 10 seconds or so of silence* ]  
Then I continue: Together let us confess: O Lord, my God...

**C** I confess that I sin against You every day.

I am self-centered –

neither loving You with my whole heart, soul, mind, and strength,  
nor loving my neighbor as myself.

I think thoughts, speak words,  
and do things that You forbid.

And I fail to think, speak, and do the thing which You command.

For all of this, I deserve Your punishment and abandonment,  
both now and forever.

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But I ask You for mercy because of  
what Your Son, Jesus Christ, has done  
by living, dying, and rising on my behalf.  
Forgive me all my sins and sinfulness.  
Help me to seek comfort, strength  
and direction from Your Word,  
and give me the renewing power  
of Your Holy Spirit  
to live my life in ways that  
always bring glory to You. Amen.

**P** I have great Good News! Through His holy life and innocent death on the cross, Jesus has satisfied the holy demands of God’s Law and has earned forgiveness and eternal life for us. He desires that this gift be delivered to all people. For He told His disciples on Easter evening, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you. ... If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

*John 20:21,23 NIV*

**P** Therefore, in the stead and by this command of my Lord, Jesus Christ, and as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** You are forgiven! You are set free! You are dearly loved children of God! Together you and I can now raise our voices in thanksgiving and praise to God for His tremendous grace. We can bring Him our fears and hopes, our needs and prayers, with all boldness and confidence as dear children do to their dear Father.

**C** Amen.

### Our Praise in Response to God’s Forgiveness:

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“Your Grace Is Enough”

*Congregation may be seated*

### Prayer of the Day *(Collect for the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)*

**P** Together, let us pray:

**C** O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## God's Word

### Old Testament:

**Ezekiel 1:1-3, 22, 26-28, 2:1-5**

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*[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Prophet Ezekiel writes:]*

In the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the exiles [in Babylon] by the Chebar canal, the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. On the fifth day of the month..., the word of the Lord came to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the Chebar canal, and the hand of the Lord was upon him there. ... [In the visions, I saw heavenly living creatures.] Over the heads of the living creatures there was the likeness of an expanse, shining like awe-inspiring crystal, spread out above their heads. ...

And above the expanse over [the living creatures'] heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness with a human appearance. And upward from what had the appearance of His waist I saw as it were gleaming metal, like the appearance of fire enclosed all around. And downward from what had the appearance of His waist I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness around Him. Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of one speaking.

He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." And as He spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard Him speaking to me. And He said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against Me. They and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day. The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle Reading:

**2 Corinthians 12:1-10**

ESV

*[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Paul writes:]*

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me.

So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gospel:

**Mark 6:35-41**

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**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.** *[spoken]*

*[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Evangelist St. Mark writes:]*

*[Having healed the woman who had suffered a hemorrhage for a dozen years and having raised Jairus' daughter from the dead,] [Jesus] went away from there and came to His hometown [of Nazareth,] and His disciples followed Him. And on the Sabbath He began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to Him? How are such mighty works done by His hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" And they took offense at Him.*

And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." And He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. And He marveled because of their unbelief.

And He went about among the villages teaching. And He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff – no bread, no bag, no money in their belts – but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And He said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ. *[spoken]*

## Apostles’ Creed

**P** We confess our common Christian faith with the words of the 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.

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  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

Song of the Day:

“I Will Follow”

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Sermon

*Pastor Don Boesch*

## Our Offerings in Response to God’s Word

*To maximize health & safety for all, offering plates will not be passed during the service.*

*You are encouraged to place your tithes and offerings in the plate on a stand at the door to the worship area.*

*You also may give them online or by mailing them to the church.*

*We thank God for your ongoing generosity in supporting*

*His work at Mt. Olive during this challenging time.*

## Introduction to the Prayers

### Responsive Prayer of the Church

*An adaptation and expansion on the Lord’s Prayer*

**P** Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us. Together, please pray:

**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name...

**P** God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

**C** Father, Thy kingdom come...

**P** May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil’s kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith, that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

**C** Father, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven...

**P** Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend everyone named on our prayer list, those we silently lift up before You in our hearts, and all who are in need, praying for them, and ourselves, at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

**C** Father, give us this day our daily bread...

**P** Grant us our daily bread – all things that we need for this earthly life, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our bodily needs. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

**C** Father, forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us...

**P** Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

**C** Father, lead us not into temptation...

**P** Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

**C** Father, deliver us from evil...

**P** O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Various other petitions, spoken or silent, may now be prayed; each petition will end:*

**P** .... Lord in Your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

**P** We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### Luther's Morning Prayer

**P** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. And all God's people say:

**C** Amen.

### Prayer for the Word

**P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, 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. And all God's people say:

**C** Amen.

### Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

### Closing Song:

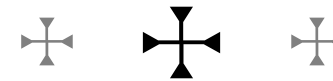
**“America, the Beautiful”**

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### Announcements *(See below)*

### Postlude



*If you do not have a regular church home,  
we want to warmly invite you to become a part of Jesus' Body  
here at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church & School.*

**If you have questions about the Christian Faith  
or questions about Mt. Olive Lutheran Church or School,  
Pastor Mark Kleckner would love to talk to you!**

*Please feel free to call him at anytime on his cell phone: 515-721-4737.*

