

# THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

July 4, 2021  
9:15 A.M.



Gathering Hymn.....This Is My Song (887)  
Hymn of the Day.....All Depends on Our Possessing (589)  
Communion.....Just As I Am, without One Plea (592)  
Sending Hymn.....Go, My Children, with My Blessing (543)

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**Prelude**            **“Beautiful Savior” arr. F M Christiansen**  
**c. 1954, Augsburg Publishing**

**Announcements**

**+ Confession**

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the creator of wind and rain,  
field and ocean, the power at work within us and this world.*

**Amen.**

*Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us  
confess our sin.*

*(Silence for reflection.)*

*God and Father of all,*

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word,  
and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others.  
We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we  
could take back, and looked the other way when action was  
needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal  
us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.**

**Forgiveness**

**Gathering Hymn**

**This Is My Song (887)**

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Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957

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**Greeting**

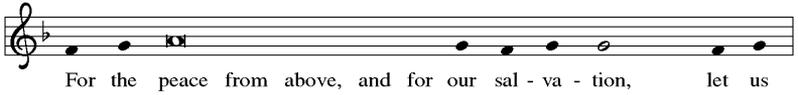
*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**And also with you.**

# Kyrie



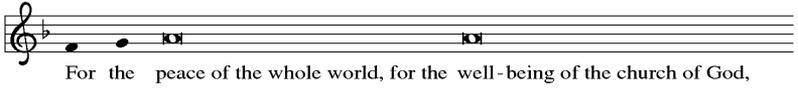
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



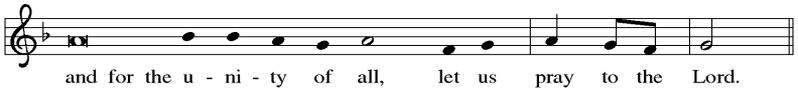
For the peace from above, and for our sal-va-tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



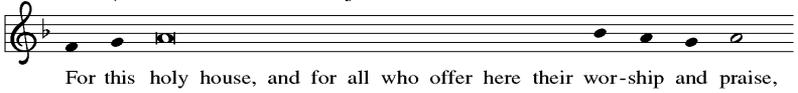
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



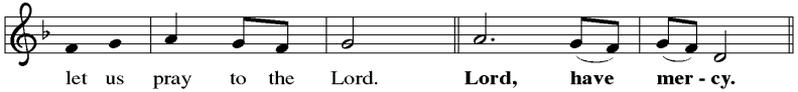
and for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer-cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



**A - men.**

## Hymn of Praise



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day

*Lord of all,*

**guide our nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all our people the blessings of well-being and harmony. And give us faith in you, that we might bring glory to your name and blessings to those on this land and across the world. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Special Music**

**"My Tribute"**

words and music by Andraé Crouch

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Megan Miller and Scott Christiansen

**Reading**

**Psalm 65:1-9**

*You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;  
to you shall vows be fulfilled.*

**To you, the one who answers prayer,  
to you all flesh shall come.**

*Our sins are stronger than we are,  
but you blot out our transgressions.*

**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to  
dwell there!**

**They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the  
holiness of your temple.**

*Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O  
God of our salvation,*

*O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.*

**You make firm the mountains by your power;  
you are girded about with might.**

*You still the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.*

**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your  
marvelous signs;**

**you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

*You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very  
plenteous; the river of God is full of water.*

*You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.*

**+ Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **Gospel Reading**

**Luke 18:9-17**

*The Holy Gospel according to Luke.*

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ‘Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, “God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.” But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.’

People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

### **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Children's Sermon**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Daniel Smith**

**+Hymn of the Day**

**All Depends on Our Possessing (589)**

## **Apostles Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayers**

*Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.*

*(a brief silence)*

### **After each petition:**

*Lord in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.*

*Those remembered in prayer this week: Beth Ayen, Brad Buhler, Sonny Campbell, Andrea Gallant, Elaine Glover, Bev Godec, Steve Hast, Norma Ingalls and family at Richard's death, Ginger Johnson, Jean Hinck, Joshua Kaiser, Pam Landry, Michael Noble Jr, John Plump, Carlos Quiles, Rick Rogers, Jeff Sebben, Cassie Shaffer, Cathy Stanley, Steve Tompkins, Wanda Wade, Dee Yocum, all our men and women serving overseas, especially Anthony Calderon, and all others we lift up to you at this time.*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them to the Lord.**

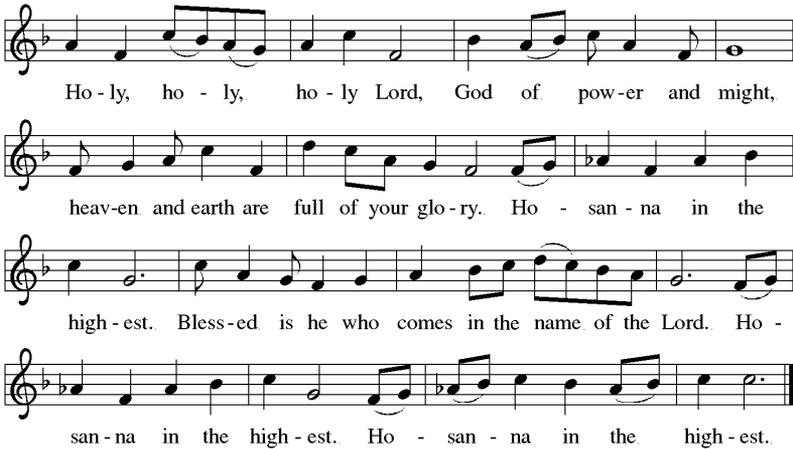
*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## The Preface to the Sanctus

It is indeed right ... and join their unending hymn:

## The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## The Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

*Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:*

**We praise you and glorify your holy name.**

*You formed the earth from chaos;  
you encircled the globe with air;  
you created fire for warmth and light;  
you nourish the lands with water.*

*With mercy higher than the mountains, you blessed and cherished  
your people Israel.*

*With grace deeper than the seas, you came among us in Jesus.*

*With love stronger than stone, you died and rose that we might  
have life.*

*Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:*

**We praise you and glorify your holy name. Amen.**

*In the night in which he was betrayed ...*

*Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and our pleading, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, now and forever.*

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

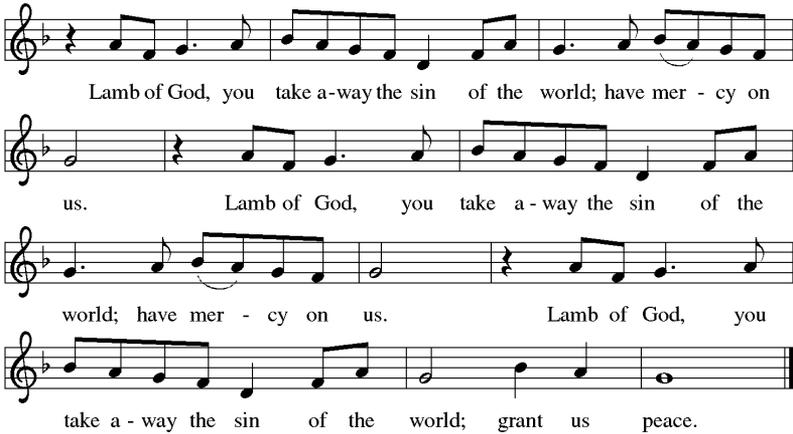
### **Invitation to Communion**

*For those worshiping in the sanctuary, come forward to receive the bread and wine, maintaining 6 feet between households. You will grab a piece of bread and cup of wine/grape juice from the table, hearing the promise from the pastor. Gluten free bread and white grape juice are available.*

*God's love and this meal are for all, including children. If your child is not ready to receive, they may receive a simple blessing such as "May the Lord bless you and keep you."*

*For those worshiping at home, when invited by the pastor we encourage you to eat and drink trusting that this is God's free gift of grace for you.*

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Communion Hymn      Just As I Am, without One Plea (592)

### The Communion Blessing Amen.

### Prayer after Communion

*We give you thanks, almighty God,*

**that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Sending Hymn      Go, My Children, with My Blessing (543)

### Benediction

Amen.

### Sending

*Go in peace, serve the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude      “Caprice” by Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

*Thank you to Aimee & Eddie Calderon for this week's altar flowers in celebration of their anniversary.*

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