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***Holy Communion Service  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 30, 2024***

## PRELUDE

played by organist

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING HYMN

LBW [Green Book] # 423

*“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”*

## GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit... God of mystery, God of miracles, God of mercy.

C **Amen.**

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's love, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

C God, our provider, **help us and forgive us. We want to challenge your ways when they differ from the ways of the world, and turn to our own understandings rather than trusting in you. We are not always ready to follow your teachings and your will. Sometimes we are impatient with you. We repent. Turn us always to trust in you. Share with us your forgiveness and grace, and promises of eternal life. Amen.**

P Beloved people of God: we have the assurance of our Father's grace and forgiveness as God continues to give us our daily bread and we are fed and nourished. Jesus is the worker of miracles, and there is always more than enough mercy and love. Through the Comforter, we see and believe in the grace of God. We are forgiven and loved by the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit, and promised a life with God that has no end.

C **Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**C** Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **WE HEAR GOD'S HOLY WORD PROCLAIMED**

### **INTRODUCTION**

*A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.*

### **The First Lesson is from Lamentations chapter 3 verses 22-33**

*The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.*

<sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;

<sup>23</sup>they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup>"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,  
"therefore I will hope in him."

<sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

<sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>It is good for one to bear  
the yoke in youth,

<sup>28</sup>to sit alone in silence  
when the LORD has imposed it,

<sup>29</sup>to put one's mouth to the dust  
(there may yet be hope),

<sup>30</sup>to give one's cheek to the smiter,  
and be filled with insults.

<sup>31</sup>For the LORD will not  
reject forever.

<sup>32</sup>Although he causes grief, he will have compassion  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

<sup>33</sup>for he does not willingly afflict  
or grieve anyone.

The Word of the Lord.

**C    Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 30**

*I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up. (Ps. 30:1)*

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD my God, I cried out to you,  
and you restored me to health.

<sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

<sup>4</sup>Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;  
give thanks in holy remembrance.

<sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

<sup>6</sup>While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed.

<sup>7</sup>You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."  
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

<sup>8</sup>I cried to you, O LORD;  
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

<sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup>Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;  
O LORD, be my helper."

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

## **The Second Lesson is from 2 Corinthians chapter 8 verses 7-15**

*Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.*

<sup>7</sup>Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

<sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup>And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—<sup>11</sup>now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup>For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup>I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup>your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup>As it is written,

"The one who had much did not have too much,  
and the one who had little did not have too little."

The Word of the Lord.

**C    Thanks be to God**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

*(Congregation stands and sings “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” following the Second Reading.)*

### **The Gospel Lesson is from Mark chapter 5 verses 21-43**

*Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.*

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and begged him repeatedly, "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." <sup>24</sup>So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." <sup>29</sup>Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" <sup>32</sup>He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

<sup>35</sup>While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any

further?" <sup>36</sup>But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." <sup>37</sup>He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup>When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." <sup>40</sup>And they laughed at him. Then 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. <sup>41</sup>He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" <sup>42</sup>And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup>He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON**

The Rev. Murray D. Finck

*"Lifting Up the Dignity (and Well-being) of Women"*

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*"I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me"*

**SOLO**

Elaine Lee

**APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 OF THE PEOPLE**

**L** ... In your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

## **OFFERTORY**

*“If You but Trust in God to Guide You”*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P** Jesus, Bread of life, as you set this table before us and call us to this feast of plenty, accept our humble offerings. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body and your love for the life and sake of the world.  
**C** Amen.

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**LBW [Green Book] Page 71**

## **INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

**P** Christ has set this table with more than enough for us all. The Lord’s Table is now ready and all are welcome!  
*Holy Communion Distribution (The Congregation is invited by the ushers to come forward to receive Holy Communion. If you are unable to come to the altar, Holy Communion will be brought to you in the pew. We believe Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine/juice. Anyone with any questions may speak with the Pastor. The inside circle of glasses contains grape juice.)*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**C** Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table, wheat and wine, the sacrifice of your body and blood, more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world as you love us. In your name we pray. Amen.

## BLESSING

**P** May the abundance of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon us now and forever. The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord's face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

**WOV [Blue Book] # 771**

*"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

## DISMISSAL

**P** Let us go in peace, rescued and delivered again by Christ.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

**played by organist**

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**Interim Pastor:** The Rev. Murray D. Finck, Bishop Emeritus

**Organist and Choir Director:** Sharon Heck

**Flowers are given by:** *Kay Pushman in Remembrance of My Wedding Anniversary.*

## **THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

<b>Presider:</b>	The Rev. Murray D. Finck, Bishop Emeritus
<b>Organist:</b>	Sharon Heck
<b>Holy Communion Assistant</b>	Carmen Leslie
<b>Acolyte</b>	Sylvia Makus
<b>Reader / Prayer Leader:</b>	Kay Pushman
<b>Financial Team:</b>	Kay Pushman and Doris Weinert

## **THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday:** Bible Study 12:00 Noon

**Sunday:** 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service

### **Redeemer Finance: June Offering through June 23**

Budgeted Monthly Expense	\$7,308.00
Offering	<u>\$13,474.50</u>
Needed to meet budget	(\$6,166.50)

*Due to a very generous gift from a member, we have met and exceeded our budget for the month of June. This gives us a better outlook going into the summer months but, as usual, gifts do drop off during the summer. Please, remember to continue your financial gifts to the church throughout the year.*

## **CHURCH COUNCIL**

**President** Kay Pushman, **Vice-President** Wendy Alfageme,  
**Secretary** Nancy Anderson, **Treasurer** Phyllis Mackey, **Finance Chair** Doris Weinert

**Members at Large**, Sandy Langdale, Carmen Leslie, Betty Lucero, Sylvia Makus, and Michael Vanvales

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Barry, Jean, Kathy, Wendy, Beverly, Dena, Nancy, Evelyn, Shirlene, Jerry, Carol, Mickey, Evelyn, Gloria, Christa, Alice, Barbara, Cedric, Lucy, Karen, Kelly, Raymond, Dick, Marilyn, Brian, Carl, Jessica, Carol, Rose, Sandra, Elaine, Carmen, Barbara, Betty, Nancy, Phyllis, Sylvia, Gil, Flo, Eileen, Erich, Leslie, Linda, Ronnie, Kay, Violet, Linda, Ron, Collette, Lisa, Patty, Barbara, Joan, Dee, Susan, Kathy, Juanita, Clarence, Debbie, Joan, Doris, Linda, Bruce, Alma, Martha, Marianne, Robert, Laura, Jim, Loretta, Ray, Patty, Delrie, Bill, Betty, Lorna, M. Teresa, Joan, Mike, Frankie, Donna, Ernie, Eileen, Darleen, Sharon, Danuta, Lynne, Ethan, Kurt, Brinly, McCall, Kathy, Nayleen, Nicole, Donald, Maria, Andy, Owen, Tom, Anastasia, Claire, Fran, Chris, Kyle, Michele, Bill, Wes, Sam, Kolt, Brigid, Joanna, Dale, Karla, Sands, Gloria, Tom, Rosalia, Wendy, Elaine, and Rachel. Please contact the church to add people to the prayer list.

*Please pray for our Bishop David Nagler, (ELCA) and Bishop John Taylor (ECUSA), the victims of the Ukrainian/Russian and Israel/Hamas conflicts, and victims and families of all violence and natural disasters.*

*Gracious God, none who trust in your Son can be separated from your love. Give to those who live alone peace and contentment in their solitude, hope and fulfillment in their love of you, and joy and companionship in their relations with others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Announcements

- † Welcome to everyone this morning, and especially to our guests and visitors.
- † We will be celebrating our June Birthdays at Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall after Service! Happy Birthday to our June babies: *Joan Volden, Lucy Fitch, Betty Lucero, Barbara Schuyler, Jean Thompson, Leslie Parker, Jerry Brady, and Loretta Gilbert.*
- † Everyone is invited down to the Fellowship Hall for coffee, treats, and fellowship (we have tea, too!). You are encouraged to continue to wear your name tags at fellowship so we can greet one another by name. The basket will be available downstairs so your name tag can be collected and ready to wear next week.
- † Visitors, especially, are invited to fill out a card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.
- † Please take a moment and fill out the attendance slip found in the rack in the pews. Please place it in the offertory plate. Thank you!
- † The elevator is now working! If you have not used it before, please, to keep it operating, wait for an attendant to assist you in the use of the elevator. Press the RED button to call the elevator to the level you are on.
- † Call on Tuesdays, after 5:00 pm, for the Leisure World Bus if you are having issues with it in regard to getting to Church on Sundays. (562) 431-6586 extension 2379.
- † Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, July 3 to continue the study of Jesus' miracles. This week we will study 10 Miracles Jesus: *Sight for Blind Eyes, Miracle at the Pool of Siloam* Chapter 8 of the workbook. The text is John 9:1-38 [also: Matthew 9:27-28]. Bishop Murray Finck will be leading the discussion. Please attend: bring friends, your Bible and workbook, and your lunch if you wish!

- † We have received word that Dena Anderson has been put on hospice. There is a card in the entryway for you to sign, if you wish. You can send her cards or notes at: Legacy Senior Living; 19892 Potomac Lane; Huntington Beach, CA 92646
- † If you are having a little problem with hearing on Sundays, please remember that there are speakers in the ceiling light fixtures so sitting closer to one of those may help.
- † The Flower Chart is available for sign-ups in the entryway. One bouquet is \$15.00. Both are \$30.00. Please include any dedication for your flower request when signing up or include a note beforehand if there is a dedication. If you take the flowers in the plastic holders, please return the holders. We try to reuse them and are currently out of them.
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