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Service of Holy Communion—*Lutheran Book of Worship*, Setting II

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 20, 2025

In-Person at 10:15 am & Live at Facebook.com/TrinityLutheranNH

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Faith of Our Fathers" LBW No. 500**Faith of Our Fathers**

1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
 2 The mar - tyr, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
 3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
 con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
 all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

Refrain

when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word.
 if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,
 by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.



ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.

Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain

APOSTOLIC 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

O Lord, pour out upon us the spirit to think and do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without you, may have the strength to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 18:1-10a

The LORD visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent."

^{10a}Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

²**Whoever leads a blameless life and does | what is right,
who speaks the truth | from his heart,**

³there is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil | to his friend;
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

⁴**In his sight the wicked | is rejected,
but he honors those who | fear the LORD.**

⁵He has sworn to | do no wrong
and does not take | back his word.

⁶**He does not give his money in | hope of gain,
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

⁷Whoever | does these things
shall never be | overthrown.

Gloria Patri (spoken after the psalm)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the / Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore-/ ver. Amen

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 1:15-28

This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is "Christ in you." Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

¹⁵ [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/ALLELUIA

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.

³⁸ Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "I Bind unto Myself Today" LBW No. 188

I Bind unto Myself Today

1 I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong name
of the Trin - i - ty by in - vo - ca - tion
of the same, the Three in One and One in Three.

2 I bind this day to me for - ev - er, by pow'r of
3 I bind un - to my - self to - day . . the vir - tues
4 I bind un - to my - self to - day . . the pow'r of
5 I bind un - to my - self the name, . the strong name

faith, Christ's in - car - na - tion, his bap - tism in the
of the star - lit heav - en, the glo - rious sun's life -
God to hold and lead, . . . his eye to watch, his
of the Trin - i - ty . . . by in - vo - ca - tion

Jor - dan Riv - er, his cross of death for my sal - va - tion, his
giv - ing ray, . . the white - ness of the moon at e - ven, the
might to stay, . . his ear to hear - ken to my need, . the
of the same, . the Three in One and One in Three, . of

burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb, his rid - ing
flash - ing of the light - ning free, the whirl - ing
wis - dom of my God to teach, his hand to
whom all na - ture has cre - a - tion, e - ter - nal

up the heav'n - ly way, his com - ing at the
wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, the sta - ble earth, the
guide, his shield to ward, the word of God to
Fa - ther, Spir - it, Word. Praise to the Lord of

day of doom, I bind un - to my - self to - day.
deep salt sea, a - round the old e - ter - nal rocks.
give me speech, his heav'n - ly host to be my guard.
my sal - va - tion; sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

**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**

THE PRAYERS

D: In our prayers today and this week, please remember: [prayer list]. We also invite your own petitions either aloud or silently in your hearts.

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

Almighty God, your Son praised Mary's choosing the better part: hearing his Word and taking it to heart. Grant to your whole Church a zeal for your Word, that nothing would prevent us from hearing that Word and welcoming your Son in his Holy Sacraments. Fill us with your living Word this day, and send your church like Martha to humbly serve others in your Name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Abraham showed hospitality to his three visitors, and Martha served your Son. Make this congregation called Trinity eager to show hospitality to those we encounter, offering our fellowship, hearts, and gifts to welcome and serve you in all we meet. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for raising up men and women of faith to preach your Word and administer your Sacraments, especially your servant, Pastor Wayne Gollenberg. As you have blessed him throughout 50 years of ministry, grant that he may continue to keep his ordination vows, serve your people, build up your Church, and glorify your holy Name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You are the fountain of peace and source of all concord. Grant your mighty aid to all who work to establish peace among the nations of the world, and to those who protect and serve others in our communities. Give strength of purpose to those who lead, and enlighten those who sit in council, that they may exalt peace above war, service above gain, justice above glory, and righteousness above all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Though we are anxious about many things, set our troubled hearts at rest. Give comfort to the sick and suffering and to those who care for them. Remember those who have asked for our prayers, and those we remember before you now. Grant them relief from their pains, take away their fears, and grant them your peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear out prayer.**

Heavenly Father, your Son promised that all who die in him are blessed with Life that never ends. We give you thanks for your saints who have fallen asleep in Christ and now rest from their labors. And, at the last, bring us with all your saints into our eternal Home, where we shall no longer be strangers or guests, but your dear children who will see you face to face. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

Amen

RECOGNITION OF A 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

PEACE

OFFERING *The ushers collect the offering. You can also give electronically through our website, Facebook page, or by [clicking here](#).*

OFFERTORY: *"Let the Vineyards"*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

D: Let us pray...

Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

THE COMMUNION *To all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord, are baptized, and confess Jesus' real presence in the Holy Communion, we invite you to join us in the Holy Eucharist. At the usher's invitation you may come forward to kneel or stand at the altar rail. Please take an empty individual cup from the tray and bring it with you to the rail. The host wafer will be placed into your open hands to eat. Your cup will be filled from the pouring chalice, take and drink. Individual cups filled with non-alcoholic grape juice are also available, please point to receive one. Sealed pre-consecrated Communion packages are also available. Please remain at the altar rail until all have finished and a blessing is given.*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: *"Thank the Lord"*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

D: Let us pray...

We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would 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

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *Hymn Lottery*

DISMISSAL

D: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE