



**The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
(Lectionary 14)  
July 5, 2009**

**A cordial welcome** to all who are visiting with us today! Please sign a Visitor Card from the pew rack or the Guest Book near the entrance. Join us after worship for coffee and refreshments on the front lawn or in the narthex.

**A Nursery** for children under six is available each Sunday morning.

**Lutheran worship** calls for more standing than in many other churches. Persons unable to stand during the service may remain seated. Also, persons who have difficulty walking may sit in the very front pew and receive communion there.

**Holy Communion** in our congregation is open to all baptized Christians. Lutherans believe and teach that in this sacrament Jesus Christ is truly present to heal our brokenness and empower our lives. Congregants come forward in two lines in the center aisle. They obtain an empty glass or, if preferred, a glass of white grape juice from an usher at the front of the aisle, and then stand around the carpet. Communicants consume the bread and wine upon receiving them, and wait for the blessing. Then they go to the side aisles, place the communion glasses in the baskets provided, and return to their seats.

**Sunday Church School** for youth and adults is available from 10:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. The class meets in the Parish Hall.

**Communicants** are asked to complete a communion card and place it in the offering.

**Congratulations** to Andrea and Greg Ranft and Christopher, into whose family Kaitlyn Annabelle was born on June 27.

**A Picnic and Ice Cream Social** will be held in the Parish Hall today after worship. Everyone is invited to attend.

### **Calendar**

<b>Today</b>	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:30 p.m.	Picnic and Ice Cream Social
	2:30 p.m.	Property Committee meeting
<b>Monday</b>	7:30 p.m.	Executive Committee meeting
<b>Next Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:30 p.m.	Congregation Council meeting

## The Order of Service

### **The Prelude**

*America, the Beautiful*  
Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

### **The Ringing of the Tower Bell**

*Stand*

### **The Introit (Choir Scholar)**

Text: Ancient source  
Music: Paul Bunjes (1914-98)

### **The Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son (✠), and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: 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.

**C: Amen**

P: 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.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen**

### **The Entrance Hymn ELW 533**

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

### **The Apostolic 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.**

### The Kyrie



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



**A** For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



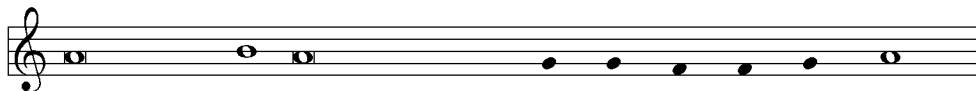
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

### The Hymn of Praise



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow- er and rich - es and wis- dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



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



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



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and 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.

### The Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

*Sit*

**The First Lesson**

**Ezekiel 2:1–5**

[The Lord] said to me: “O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.”  
<sup>2</sup>And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, “Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord God. <sup>5</sup>Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.”

A: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**The Psalmody (read responsively)**

**Psalms 123**

<sup>1</sup>To you I lift up my eyes,

to you enthroned in the heavens.

**<sup>2</sup>As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to the Lord our God,  
until he show us his mercy.**

<sup>3</sup>Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,

for we have had more than enough of contempt,

**<sup>4</sup>too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,  
and of the derision of the proud.**

**The Second Lesson**

**2 Corinthians 12:2–10**

<sup>2</sup>I know a person 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. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows — <sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, “My

grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

A: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

*Stand*

**The Verse (Cantor)**

Text: Traditional Gradual  
Music: Paul Bunjes

**The Gospel**

**Mark 6:1–13**

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

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus] left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

*Sit*

**The Sermon**

*The First Send-out*

*Stand*

**The Hymn of the Day ELW 661**

*I Love to Tell the Story*

### **The Apostolic 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 Prayer of the Church**

*The prayer concludes:*

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

**C: Amen**

### **The Peace**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Greet others near you in the name of the Lord.*

Peace be with you.

**R: Peace be with you.**

*Sit*

### **The Offering**

*Stand*

### **The Offertory**

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

### The Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray:

Merciful Father,

**C: 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 Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O God, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day

overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n 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.

### The Eucharistic Prayer

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

### The Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### The Lord's Prayer

**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**

### The Agnus Dei

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,  
 have mer - cy up-on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -  
 est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up-on us!  
 O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,  
 grant us thy peace! A - men

*Sit*

**The Communion**

*Communicants consume the elements after receiving them, remain in place for the blessing, and then return to their seats.*

**The Anthem**

**The Communion Blessing** (*After each table of communicants*)

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

*Stand*

**The Canticle**



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### The Prayer

A: Let us pray: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

### The Benediction



☞ Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and for - ever. ☞ A - men

### The Recessional Hymn ELW 579

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

### The Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### The Postlude

Improvisation on "Abbot's Leigh"

### WORSHIP ENABLERS

Robert Taylor.....	Bell Ringer
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Cynthia Conrad Bayer.....	Usher
Jim McLane.....	Usher
Greg Ranft.....	Usher
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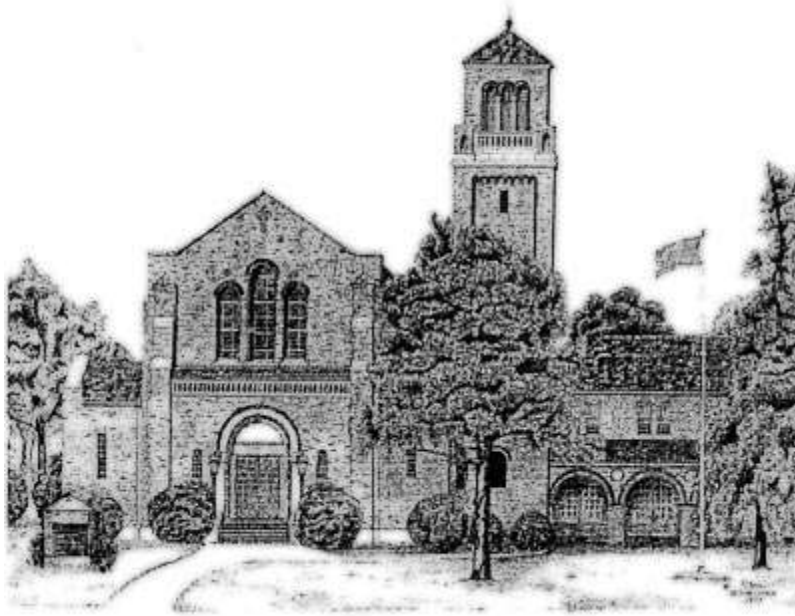
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