

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Freed from Sin's Prison

June 9 & 10, 2012

AS WE GATHER

Following our first parents, we have locked ourselves away from God in the prison of sin. We are held in bondage by the stinging accusations of the devil. From this prison it is impossible to escape. Yet Christ our Lord has entered the strong man's house and has bound him fast. Through His death on the cross, Jesus has born our sins away and set us free from sin's prison. This is the sure basis for both our inward renewal and our hope--hope of resurrection in His presence and of eternal glory in God's kingdom.

WELCOME

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN # 912 "Christ Is Our Cornerstone" *Rise for the last stanza*

INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

People: O Lord, who could stand? *Psalm 130:3*

Pastor: But with You there is forgiveness,

People: that You may be feared. *Psalm 130:4*

Pastor: Hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

People: and with Him is plentiful redemption. *Psalm 130:7*

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: For your great name's sake, O Lord. . .

People: ...pardon our iniquity for it is great and cleanse us from the guilt of our sins. We have had thoughts, spoken words, and done deeds in disobedience to your commands. Likewise, we have failed to think, to say, and to do those things which you have commanded us. We have sinned against you alone, and we do not deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Nevertheless, we ask you not to hold these sins against us but to forgive us because Jesus Christ died and rose again. Amen.

Pastor: The Triune God--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit--has set His love upon you. Because our Lord Jesus Christ died for you and rose again, you have

been freed from sin's prison and made alive forever in Him. I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

KYRIE

Pastor: Oh, Lord,

People: have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Oh, Christ,

People: have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Oh, Lord,

People: have mercy upon us.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"This is the Feast"

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Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are His. *Refrain*

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain*

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. All-powerful God, by His dying and rising your Son Jesus defeated Satan and has freed us from sin's prison. Fill us with Your Word and Spirit to stand strong against Satan's attacks strengthening us to do your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

9:00 BAPTISM of Lily Carol-Elaine Petty

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Please refrain from taking photographs during the worship service.

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 3:8-15 (*The consequences of sin: shame, blame, and pain.*) Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" The man said, "The woman you put here with me —she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, 'Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.'"

EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 4:13---5:1 (*Inward renewal, hope of resurrection, and eternal glory.*)

It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

(Please rise)

GOSPEL Mark 3:20-35 (*Christ has freed us from the power of the devil to do God's will.*) Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebub! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons." So Jesus called them and spoke to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can rob his house. I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin." He said this because they were saying, "He has an evil spirit." Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you." "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked. Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN # 644 "The Church's One Foundation"

SERMON "A House Divided... Or A House United" Mark 3:20-35

(Please rise)

5:00 NICENE CREED (*found on back cover of hymnal*)

(Please be seated)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, please sign our attendance book located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle.

(Please rise)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Rejoicing in our Lord Jesus' victory over the Evil One, let us pray for ourselves, for the church throughout the world, and for all people. In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of God, for the salvation of the whole world, and for the Church in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all who gather here today and for our entire congregation, that the Lord would give us growth in faith and love, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For Matthew, our Synod President, for John, our District President, and for all pastors, missionaries, and their families, that encouraged by the sure mercies of God they may confess Christ alone, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who no longer gather with us around Christ's gifts, that God would return them to communion with Christ and that we would embrace them in Christ's love, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For Barack, our President and all in authority, that God would defend them, equip them with wisdom, and cause them to serve well, that we may live in freedom and peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For husbands and wives, that receiving Christ's love, they may faithfully love, serve, forgive, and encourage one another with joy; For all pregnant women and mothers with young children, and for those desiring children; let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all who travel, that they remain under the protection of the holy angels; for those who rejoice your many blessings including Lily, Jack, Rose Marie, and Lorina, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all who suffer want, the lonely and the prisoners, the hungry and the homeless, the sorrowful and the depressed, those burdened in body or mind, including Alexander, Lee, Irma, Dennis, Joe, Samuel and Kim, that God would deliver them according to His gracious will; let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For ourselves, that God would rescue us from every need, and when our last hour comes, grant us a blessed end; let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Be gracious to us, save us, and preserve us, for to you alone belong all honor, glory, and adoration, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

5:00 THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ SACRAMENT +

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN # 559 "Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion"

HYMN # 732 "All Depends on Our Possessing"

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Please rise)

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, you have given us a foretaste of the great wedding feast at this Table of your Son's body and blood. Thank you for setting us free from sin's prison through the suffering and death of Christ. Keep us in the true faith throughout our lives that, on the day of Christ's appearing, we may, together with all the saints, be raised like Him to live forever in your kingdom; through the same, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and + give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN # 680 "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" Stanzas 1,3,5

Preacher

Pastor Harold Bender Jr.

Lectors

Laurel Privatt, Pat Graf

Acolytes

Christian Kirchner, Jackson Mueller

Organist

Roger Gottschalk

Music Coordinator

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