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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion

CHURCH BELLS/WELCOME TO WORSHIP

HYMN #966: "Before You, Lord, We Bow" *Text and music: Public domain*

1 Before You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below, Boundless in pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You our King!

2 The nation You have blest May well Your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest, Protected by Your care.
For this bright day, For this fair land, Gifts of Your hand- Our thanks we pay.

3 May ev'ry mountain height, Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue Be tuned to praise, And join to raise A grateful song.

4 Earth, hear your Maker's voice; Your great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship Him alone.
Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore, And bow before The Crucified.

5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh may our native land
From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng, With joy to sing To heaven's high King Salvation's song!

INVOCATION (*read by pastor*)

INTROIT (*read responsively*)

P: Hear my voice when I call, O Lord;

C: be merciful to me and answer me.

P: The Lord is my light and my salvation-

C: whom shall I fear?

P: The Lord is the stronghold of my life-

C: of whom shall I be afraid?

P: Do not hide your face from me; do not turn your servant away in anger;

C: you have been my helper.

P: Do not reject me or forsake me,

C: O God my Savior.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

C: and to the Holy Spirit;

P: as it was in the beginning,

C: is now, and will be forever. Amen

P: Hear my voice when I call, O Lord;

C: be merciful to me and answer me.

KYRIE

P: Kyrie, God the Father in heaven above,

C: You abound in gracious love,

P: Of all things the maker and preserver.

C: Have mercy, O Lord, have mercy!

P: Kyrie, O Christ, our King, salvation for all You came to bring.

C: O Lord Jesus, God's own Son, our mediator at the heavenly throne,

P: Hear our cry and grant our supplication.

C: Have mercy, O Lord, have mercy!

P: Kyrie, O God the Holy Ghost,

C: Guard our faith, the gift we need the most,

P: and bless our life's last hour

C: That we leave this sinful world in gladness.

ALL: Have mercy, O Lord, have mercy!

HYMN: "This is the Feast"

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.

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

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,

And honor, blessing, and glory are His.

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

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.

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

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

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

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-80; Tune: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923 CCLI license #643019

COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

All: O God, because you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding, pour into our hearts such love towards you that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS.....Ezekiel 2:1-5, 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

GOSPEL LESSON.....Mark 6:1-13

THE NICENE CREED (*inside back cover of Lutheran Service Book*)

HYMN #566: “By Grace I’m Saved” *Text and music: Public domain*

1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless; My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise? Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain: By grace you too will life obtain.

2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit; Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer, Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone, And we are saved by grace alone.

3 By grace God's Son, our only Savior, Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone, That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.

4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain; As long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration, What in His Word our God commands,
Our faith in what our God has done Depends on grace- grace through His Son.

5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble, In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble, The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown, Since I am saved by grace alone.

SERMON: “Not What Is Deserved” (*Genesis 45:3-7 ESV*)

³ *And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?”
But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.*

⁴ *So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they
came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.”⁵
And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here,
for God sent me before you to preserve life.⁶ For the famine has been in the land
these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither
plowing nor harvest.⁷ And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant
on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.*

CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins
unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to
grant us forgiveness.

**ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess
to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and
justly deserved Your eternal punishment now and forever. But I am heartily
sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your
boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter suffering and
death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a
poor sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your
Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

P: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

C: Amen.

P: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*inside back cover of LSB*)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

"God of Our Fathers" *Text and music: Public Domain*

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor Thru the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide and Stay,
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever-sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine!

#420: "Christ, the Life of All the Living" *Text and music: Public domain*

1. Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe;
Through Thy sufferings, death, and merit, I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

2. Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

3. Thou hast borne the smiting only That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring, Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Communion
Note:
The outer ring of
each communion
tray holds one
colored cup with
a very small
amount of wine
and a colored cup
of white non-
alcoholic wine.

4. Heartless scoffers did surround Thee, Treating Thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee. All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,
That as Thine Thou mightest own me And with heav'nly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

5. Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee: Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish Me to comfort in mine anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6. Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7. Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

BENEDICTION

HYMN #965: "God Bless Our Native Land" *Text and music: Public domain*

1. God bless our native land; Firm may she ever stand Through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave, Do Thou our country Save
By Thy great might.

2. So shall our prayers arise To God above the skies; On Him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh, Guarding with watchful eye, To Thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!

ANNOUNCEMENTS/POSTLUDE

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Today we administer the Sacrament of the Altar. We believe, teach, and confess that this sacrament is "the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and drink." (*Luther's Small Catechism*)

Christ has given us this sacrament for our forgiveness and as an expression of our unity with one another. However, Scripture also says that those who receive this sacrament unworthily are guilty of sinning against the body and the blood of our Lord (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, we ask that those who have not communed with us before to speak with our pastor or an Elder.

MEMORY VERSE:

Psalm 27:1 "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. PARADE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED- The Stewardship committee is looking for ACT members to volunteer to walk with our float and hand out candy in the Prairie Days Parade July 17th. Please contact Tina Heiraas @ 320-237-2336 or tinaheiraas@hotmail.com if you are interested.

2. BIBLE STUDY- Bible study will continue to be held on the parables of Jesus. Please join us on Wednesday evenings July 14, 21, and 28 at 7:00 p.m.

3. QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING-Plan ahead to attend the next Quarterly Voters Meeting on Thursday, July 22nd at 7:00 PM. All communicant members who have reached legal voting age are welcome to attend!

4. GREETERS-We will re-start the Greeters Program as of August. If you are currently on the Greeters list and wish not to participate, please submit a notice to the church office to be given to the Stewardship committee.

5. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for VBS & Camp Omega July: 19-23 from 9am-Noon: 1. Adults to teach story lessons, crafts, games, and prepare and serve snacks for VBS (3, 4, 5 year olds). All lessons and materials provided. Teach only on the days that work with your schedule. Call/text Board of Education Member April Lee at 612-248-0304 or email: alakelee@gmail.com
2. Youth to help with VBS and Camp Omega. Youth workday to prepare crafts, rooms, and decorate for VBS will be on Wednesday, July 14 from 10am-Noon. A pizza lunch will be served! Call/text April Lee at 612-248-0304

6. CAMP OMEGA NIGHTS-This year we will be having some fun nights with our Camp Omega Counselors. Each night will be held for different groups of our congregation. *Monday, July 19* 8:00-10:00 PM– ACT Night (Grades 9-12 for the 2021-2022 school year), held at "Schultz's Rural Property", located 1/4 mile west of the Sportsman's Club. Join us for S'mores and games! *Tuesday, July 20* 8:00–10:00 PM– KFC Night (Grades 5-8 for the 2021-2022 school year), held at Mike and April Lee's 18217 Baldwin Ct, Lester Prairie, MN. Join us for S'mores and games! *Wednesday, July 21* 7:00 PM- ALL Youth Preschool-Grade 12 and their families, held in the church parking lot. Join us for Ice cream Sundaes and an

evening of fun! Hear what the kids are learning about in VBS/Camp Omega and listen to them sing a few of their favorite songs.

YOUTH

7. VBS/CAMP OMEGA will be held July 19th-23rd from 9:00am-NOON (Mon-Fri). VBS will be for children ages 3-5 (who are potty trained) and Camp Omega Day Camp will be for children going into grades 1-5. Registration forms are on the church website or available at church.

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8. MEETING-Please note: There will be NO meeting in July. However, MARK YOUR CALENDARS for August 2nd ladies, when our annual outdoor meeting will be held (weather permitting). The mission donations for July are to Lutherans for Life and August mission donations are for Lutheran Bible Translators. ALL women of St. Paul congregation are invited to attend.

MISC.

9. MUSIC-Winsted Arts Council presents Wednesdays in the Park- Come join us 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, in Winsted's Mill Reserve Park to hear Los Rebeldes, a Minnesota-based Tex-Mex and Conjunto band. The event is free and open to the public. Beverages and food will be available for purchase from the Winsted Lions or get something to go from one of Winsted's great local restaurants. Wednesdays in the Park will run through Wednesday, August 11.

Calendar of Events

Sun. July 4th	9:00 a.m.	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION (1 service only)
Mon. July 5 th - Sun. July 11 th		Pastor Nelson out of the Office
Mon. July 5 th		Church Offices Closed
Wed. July 7 th	Noon	Deadline for Bulletin
Sun. July 11th	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP WORSHIP



JULY
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 11th: 8:00 and 9:30 am

Sunday, July 18th: 8:00 am 9:30 am with
Communion

Sunday, July 25th: 9:00 am Outdoor Polka Service
(1 service only)