

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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**The Word of Christ Is the One Thing Needed-** “The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre” (Gen. 18:1) and received his hospitality. But Abraham received the gracious promise of a son. Though Abraham and Sarah were very old, nothing is “too hard for the LORD” (Gen. 18:14). His Word appointed the time and fulfilled the promise. In the same way, the Lord Jesus “entered a village” and received Martha’s hospitality (Luke 10:38). “Martha was distracted with much serving” because she was “anxious and troubled about many things” (Luke 10:40-41), but her sister, Mary, “sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching” (Luke 10:39). The service of love is no sin, but “one thing is necessary” for both faith and love — the Word of Christ (Luke 10:42). Thus, the ministers of Christ are sent “to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints” (Col. 1:25-26).

### PRESERVICE MUSIC

### OPENING HYMN “WORD OF GOD, COME DOWN ON EARTH” 545

**RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM** (*PG. 268-271 IN LSB*)

**BAPTISM:** LYLLA GENE CATLIN, DAUGHTER OF COLLYN CATLIN AND  
XYLONA ROSE LOYCANO

## ✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT

## GENESIS 18:1-10A

<sup>1</sup>The Lord appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup>and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup>while I bring a morsel of 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." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup>And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup>Then 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. <sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." <sup>10</sup>The Lord said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

## ROMANS 10:15B; ISAIAH 52:7B, ALT.

**How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news, who publish peace and bring good news of salvation. Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.**

## EPISTLE

## COLOSSIANS 1:21-29

<sup>21</sup>You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup>if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. <sup>24</sup>Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am

filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, <sup>25</sup>of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup>For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 10:38-42

**P** The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup>but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ

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HYMN OF THE DAY "FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL WOMEN" v. 1,9,3,4 855

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Lord, in your Mercy,

**C** Hear our Prayer.

**In Our Prayers:**

+ Anthony Jordan Baumann  
+ Keith Latzke  
+ Dan Gueningsman  
+ Karen Strei  
+ Family of Lois Holasek

+ Lylla Gene Catlin  
+ Darian Litzau  
+ Chad Feltmann  
+ Jeremy Radtke

**RITE OF ADULT CONFIRMATION**

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**ANTHONY JORDAN BAUMANN    *JOSHUA 1:9***

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

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**✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠    p. 160-164**

The Sacrament is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His true body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation, to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Our Lord Jesus invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us (Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-29; Matt. 6:15).

We practice closed communion. Why? (1 Cor. 10:16-17). Because our Lord says those who eat and drink His body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm. If not yet instructed, in doubt, or holding a confession differing from that of the LCMS, you are lovingly asked not to commune at this time. Pastor is happy to make an appointment to discuss adult catechesis or questions you have regarding the Sacrament of the Altar.

**Examination Questions:** Please prepare by asking yourself — Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior from sin? Do I believe that I am receiving the body and blood of Christ along with the bread and wine? Will I try, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live a more God-pleasing life?

Prayers for “Before communing” and “Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament” are printed on the front cover of the hymnal.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

“OH, BLEST THE HOUSE”	862
“LORD JESUS CHRIST, LIFE-GIVING BREAD”	625
“LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS”	685
POST COMMUNION CANTICLE	“THANK THE LORD” P. 164
COLLECT/BENEDICTION	P. 166
CLOSING HYMN	“MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS” 575

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

<u>Attendance Last Week</u> Sunday: 127	<u>Organist:</u> Lynn Mueller
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**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1. CONFIRMATION-** Congratulations to Anthony Jordan Baumann, who will be confirmed during today’s service.
- 2. BAPTISM-** Congratulations to Lylla Gene Catlin, daughter of Collyn Catlin and Xylona Rose Loycano, who will be baptized during today’s service. Sponsors are Jessica Klein and Justin Graupmann.
- 3. OFFICES CLOSED-**Administrative Assistant Amanda will be out of the office on Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. Church offices will be closed that day.
- 4. QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING-**Plan ahead to attend the next Quarterly Voters Meeting on SUNDAY, July 27th. The meeting is set to begin at 10:00 AM (following the church service). All communicant members who have reached legal voting age are welcome to attend! Minutes from the last Quarterly Meeting are available on the table near the elevator for you to review.
- 5. THANK YOU!** We had a great week of Vacation Bible School!! The kids learned about Jesus' teachings and the love he has for us. We couldn't have done it without our many helpers who committed to teaching our youngest members. Thank you to everyone who helped with VBS: Camp Omega helpers: LaJean Hoof (check-in tables and snack serving, Thrivent card donation

for snacks); Levi Lee, Emmitt Christen, Krayton Ruschmeyer, and Beau Mike (youth helpers); Gene Starke and the Barlau family for hosting camp counselor meals; Jen & Joey Schauer for hosting the counselors at their cabin; Jane and Fred Holasek for hosting youth night. VBS helpers: Teachers: Sarah Mueller, Amanda Streufert, Amanda Barlau, Patsy Schauer, Jane Holasek, Ellie Schulteis; Opening and Closing: Pastor Barlau and Jane Holasek; Youth helpers: Ella Bebo, Brea Bebo, Cora Bebo, Teagan Herrmann, Addisyn Lind, Hailey Schmalz, Lucas Schauer.

**6. LWML** will meet on Monday, August 4 at 6:30 at the home of Jane Holasek (1502 185th St, LP). Please bring a lawn chair if the weather is nice. All women of the congregation are invited to join us for God's word, treats, and fellowship.

**7. SCHEDULE-** For July 27 (one service)~ Ushers: Cory Schauer, Cole Ehrke, Leighton Buhr, Jason Lyons; Acolytes: M. Barlau, H. Thompson; Greeters- Jim Klaustermeier; Flowers: Shirley Minnick; Worship Bags: Elaine Peterson

<b>MISC.</b>
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**8. CONCERT SERIES-** Chris Nelson is performing as organist at Peace Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, Concert Series on Wednesday, July 23 at 11:30 am. A luncheon will be held at 12:15 p.m. Suggested donation for lunch is \$10/Adult. See bulletin board for more information.

### ***Calendar of Events***

<b>Sun. July 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION</b>
Mon. July 21 <sup>st</sup>	Noon	Deadline for Lamplighter
Wed. July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Noon	Deadline for Bulletin
Thurs. July 24 <sup>th</sup>		ACT returns from National Convention
Fri. July 25 <sup>th</sup>		Church offices closed
<b>Sun. July 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>WORSHIP</b> Quarterly Voters Meeting

# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

## What is the "baptismal font"?

In church, the baptismal font is a place where we see the Holy Spirit do His stuff! As St. Paul says in Titus: "He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life" (Titus 3:5–7). This all happens at the baptismal font.



## Why do we use a baptismal font?

Baptism is important in the lives of God's people. In Baptism you were given the forgiveness of sins, rescued from death and the devil, and given salvation. All of this comes to you through God's Word with the water in Baptism. The font reminds us of the wonderful gift of God's forgiveness. It also reminds us that our old sinful self has been drowned, and a new person arises to live in faith!



**Parents:** Before or after the service, allow your child to walk up to the baptismal font to get a better look. Remind them to be reverent in God's holy places. During the service, when the sign of the cross is made on the congregation, remind your child that the sign of the cross was made on them at their Baptism. It was there that they were marked as one redeemed by Christ.



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