6TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

July 1 & 4, **2**021



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VERSE OF THE DAY: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

WORSHIP NOTES Welcome! Today we start our Summer Sermon Series based on the experiences of the early disciples as recorded in Acts. We'll travel the roads of their life from Acts 2 to Acts 8, watching how the Spirit works with the tool of the Gospel. Our role is to proclaim Jesus, to be brave even when we may have uncomfortable conversations or relationships. The good news of forgiveness and hope and love will prevail today just as it did back then. We can be assured that we are destined to live and reign with him eternally.

HOLY COMMUNION Gathering together at God's altar to receive our Lord's body and blood testifies to our unity as members of the Lutheran Church. We ask guests who are not members of our WELS or ELS to speak to our pastor before coming forward for the sacrament. Our hope is that all who join us at the altar will have a thorough understanding of the faith we profess.

PRAYER OF THE DAYAlmighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GUESTS Welcome to our visitors!

Restrooms: At the far (south) side of the entry area.

Parents' Room: Also at the far (south) side of the entry area.

Hearing Help: Enhanced hearing units are available. Contact an usher.

HYMN "Lord of Lords" (p.11) *CW,* # 237

ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service 1

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. (spoken)

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY



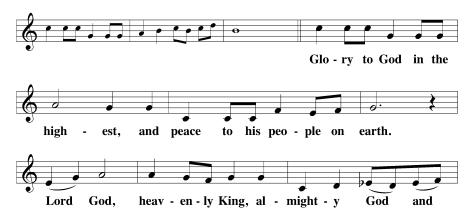
- **P:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen. (spoken)

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis







PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart. Strengthen us in our faith and renew our commitment to proclaim your truth. Provide us and our neighbors with what we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. (spoken)

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON 1 Samuel 17:40-46

Then David took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine. Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. He looked David over and saw that he was only a boy, ruddy and handsome, and he despised him. He said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. "Come here," he said, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!" David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down.

RESPONSE

"Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old" (p.15)

CW, # 520:1

THE SECOND LESSON 1 CORINTHIANS 10:23-33

Where God has neither forbidden nor commanded, Christians are free to exercise godly judgment. They do so seeking the good of others and the glory of God.

"Everything is permissible"—but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible"—but not everything is constructive. Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others. Eat anything sold in the meat market without raising questions of conscience, for, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." If some unbeliever invites you to a meal and you want to go, eat whatever is put before you without raising questions of conscience. But if anyone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, both for the sake of the man who told you and for conscience' sake—the other man's conscience, I mean, not yours. For why should my freedom be judged by another's conscience? If I take part in the meal with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of something I thank God for? So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God—even as I try to please everybody in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.

RESPONSE

"Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old" (p.15)

CW, # 520:3

THE GOSPEL

MARK 10:35-45

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Jesus teaches servant leadership, a desire to serve others in love no matter the personal cost and without concern for recognition.

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared." When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Before the Lord We Bow"

(p.12)

CW, # 618:1-4

SERMON

Acts 8:26-35

"Brave Enough to Proclaim Him"

OFFERING

Online or in the entryway. Guests please do not feel any obligation to participate in the offering (though you are always welcome to do so). Please fill out a Guest Card located in the entryway, and drop it in the box on the Welcome Center so we can connect with you – thanks!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & SPECIAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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 SACRAMENT

- **P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- C: It is good and right so to do.
- **P:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

- **P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: Amen. (spoken)

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD Agnus Dei



DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Before You, God, the Judge of All" (p.13)

CW, #306

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



- **P:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
- C: And his mercy endures forever. (spoken)
- **P:** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen. (spoken)
- **P:** The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look on you with favor and give you peace.
- C: Amen. (spoken)

CLOSING HYMN "God Bless Our Native Land" (p.14) CW, # 619

SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lord of Lords, the Sparkling Heavens



618

Before the Lord We Bow



Before You, God, the Judge of All



God Bless Our Native Land

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Text: Charles T. Brooks, 1813-83, st. 1, alt.; John S. Dwight, 1813-93, st. 2

Tune: Thesaurus Musicus, London, c. 1740

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520 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old





Intro: Can you imagine what a risk Christians took in those days to be discovered as believers? Or to share the good news about Jesus' journey to earth, through the grave and back to the throne in heaven? They were strong. They were courageous. They were brave.

Brave Enough to Proclaim Him

1. The Gospel Bridges any and every Gap among Us. (8:26-31)

- 1.1 God cares for more than just the world "in general."
- 1.2 He seeks to save each of us "specifically" as unique individuals.

App: Here's the thing about what Jesus did – he came to save the lost, because he wants all people saved. No cultural, racial or language gap exists where he lives and rules.

2. The Gospel Presents One who was Sacrificed for All. (8:32-40)

- 2.1 Who are we like in this story of proclamation? The proclaimer or receiver?
- 2.2 Framework for Proclaiming: OILS = Observe, Invite, Listen, Share.

App: Jesus is the center of the good news ALWAYS! All roads and all generations lead to him because he who WAS, still IS and always WILL BE our Savior God.

Conclusion: We can be (and we want to be) available when God provides access to a person. Then we proclaim him as our ever-lasting joy.

Other Acts References to "proclaim..."

- Acts 13:38 "Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.
- Acts 17:3 (Paul was) explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am **proclaiming** to you is the Messiah," he said.
- Acts 20:27 For I have not hesitated to **proclaim** to you the whole will of God.
- Acts 28:31 He **proclaimed** the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!



"Stand up, stand up for Jesus, The strife will not be long; This day the noise of battle, The next the victor's song. To those who vanquish evil A crown of life shall be; They with the King of Glory Shall reign eternally."

July 4: Brave Enough to Proclaim Him

July 11: Brave to Counsel & Redirect

July 18: Brave while Adapting to Challenges

July 25: Brave by Learning from the Past

August 1: Brave to Empower & Equip

August 8: Brave for an Audience of One

August 15: Brave to Seek the Power of Prayer

August 22: Brave in Holding to the Truth

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(Joshua 1:9)

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (7/4) Happy Independence Day – God Bless America! 9:30 am Worship w/communion Wednesday 7:30 Men's Softball Game pm Thursday 7:00 pm **Contemporary Worship Service** Sunday (7/8) 8:00 am **Contemporary Worship Service** 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am **Contemporary Worship Service**

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

1st Lesson Ezekiel 2:1-3:4
2nd Lesson Titus 3:10-4:5
Gospel Mark 6:1-6
Psalm Psalm 143

LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday This service is also recorded for review after livestream. Link on our website (see below).

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THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

"STRONG & COURAGEOUS IN CHRIST" SERVICE THEME

PASTOR: Mark Wagner

ORGANIST: Bob Klug

Vocalist: Matt Berger

<u>Hymns</u>: 237, 520:3, 618, 461:6, 306, 619

FIRST LESSON:

1 Samuel 17:40-46

SECOND LESSON:

1 Corinthians 10:23-33

GOSPEL LESSON:

Mark 10:35-45

SERMON:

Acts 8:26-35

"Brave Enough to Proclaim Him"

FLOWERS

The flowers this week are from Dave & Terry Schiessl Jon & Linda Hahm in celebration of their Anniversaries.