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10:00 AM - June 22, 2025, 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Traditional Worship Service

Holy Communion Setting 10

INTRODUCTION

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of Holy Communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Voluntary in D Minor

Eric Thiman

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 94

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive 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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.



Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NÉTTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813 Text © 1987 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission. GREETING ELW p. 203

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE ELW p. 203



- 1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a way our sin.
- 3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de part.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin. Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Let us pray.

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING Isaiah 65:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

¹ I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. ² I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³ a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; ⁴ who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; ⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. ⁶ See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps ⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions.

⁸ Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,"

so I will do for my servants' sake,

and not destroy them all.

⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;

my chosen shall inherit it,

and my servants shall settle there.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:19-28



¹⁹ But you, O Lord, be not far away;

O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰ Deliver me from the **sword**,

my life from the power of the dog.

²¹ Save me from the lion's **mouth!**

From the horns of wild bulls you have **rescued me**.

²² I will declare your name to my **people**;

in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

²³ You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give **glory**. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of **Israel**.

For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's

face hidden from them;

but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great as**sembly**;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶ The poor shall eat and be **satisfied**,

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the **LORD**; all the families of nations shall bow before **God**.

²⁸ For dominion belongs to the **LORD**, who rules over the **nations**.

A reading from Galatians.

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

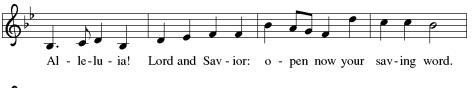
²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - la! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL Luke 8:26-39

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

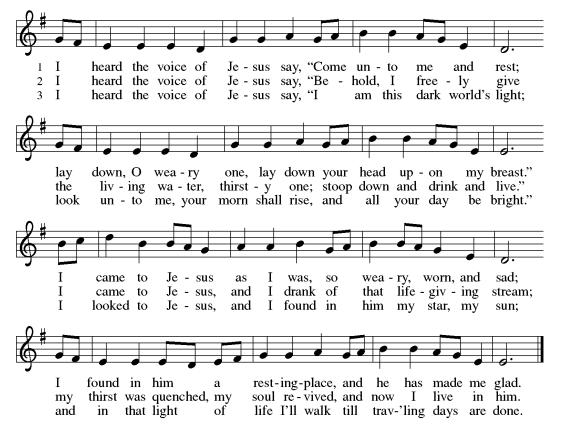
²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Wade Roof



Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889 Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune CREED ELW p. 206

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

PEACE ELW p. 206

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Overthinking Leah Conrad, soloist Samantha Ebert



Let the Vineyards be Fruitful

R. W. Hillert



Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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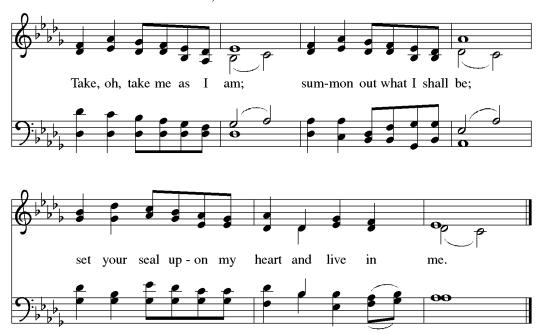
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OFFERING PRAYER

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Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell
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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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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.

HYMN 814

Take. Oh Take Me as I Am

TAKE ME AS I AM

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.

HYMN 814

Take, Oh Take Me as I Am

TAKE ME AS I AM

LORD'S PRAYER ELW p. 208

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

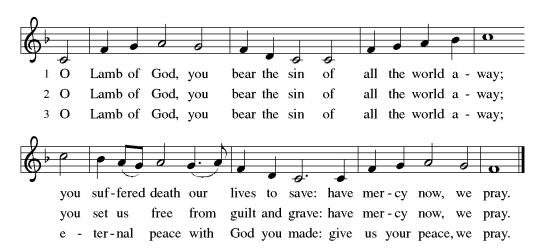
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI ELW p. 208



Word of God, Come Down on Earth LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER **HYMN 510**



Text: James Quinn, s., b. 1919 Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

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Text: John Foley, sJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, sJ

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING ELW p. 209

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.



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Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Jubilate Gordon Young

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Communion assistants Nancy Smith, Sarah Whitehead

Ushers Tim Self, Paul Jacobs

Greeter Sheri Self

Acolyte Burns Roof

Crucifer Abby Grace Roof

Livestream coordinators Pam Hoskins, Kendrick Kerr



The flowers on the altar are offered to the glory of our Lord, and in loving memory of C.L. Skeeter Davis and in honor of JoAnn H. Davis, by Kevin Davis.

The bulletin covers are offered to the glory of our Lord, and in honor of Chris Kohr's birthday, by Veronica Hutto.



STATE CAPITALS



World War II

Manhattan Project

Soviet Union

Pearl Harbor

Los Alamos

Eisenhower

Stalingrad

MacArthur

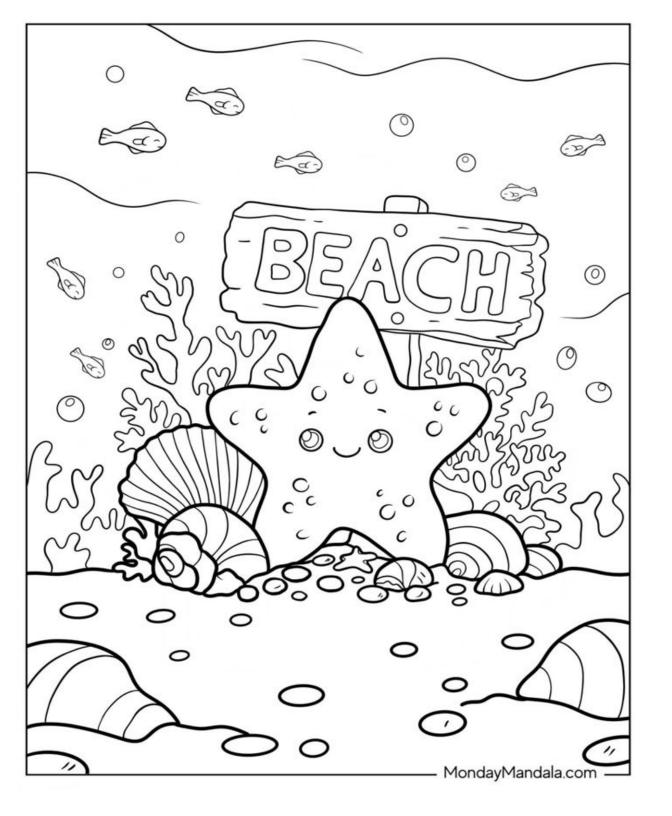
Roosevelt

Churchill

Holocaust



Hiroshima Inflation Nagasaki Normandy Britain Germany Gestapo Berlin Truman Camp X 0 Τ Q 0 Midway Convoy Battle Hitler Z S Japan Yalta Italy Sonar



Welcome to Mt. Tabor. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Johnathan Marchant Dallas Phillips, Miriam O'Neal, Rachel Paetow, Ryan Paetow, Whitney Glass, Barbara Raulerson.

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Carolyn Dufries, Pastor Lavaughn Keisler, Larry Taylor, Barbara Raulerson, Amy Oliver Rachel Bundrick, John Conrad, Linda Price

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Bruce Merchant, Grace Kelly, Al & Judy Jordan, Luther Swicegood, Sandra Baker Drewby McQuillen, Mary Davis, Alice Pollock, Jimmy Williams, Mona Myers, Sadie Howard Elmer Sundlie, Dennis Rybicki Jr., Emma Lou Easley, Paul Addy, Paul & Jeanie Jacobs Herman Bouknight, Jane Sexton, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston

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